CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Carlow County Council to consider the proposed Draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 held remotely on Friday, 2nd July 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Remote: Councillor F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach)

Councillor F. Browne
Councillor J. Cassin
Councillor A. Dalton
Councillor M. Doran
Councillor A. Gladney
Councillor J. McDonald
Councillor C. Murphy
Councillor J. Murphy
Councillor K. Murnane
Councillor B. O'Donoghue

Councillor T. O'Neill Councillor W. Paton Councillor J. Pender Councillor W. Quinn Councillor A. Wallace

In Attendance: Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,

Health & Safety, Security & Economic Development

Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation, Environment

& Water Services, Building Control & Emergency Services

Ms. F. O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Planning

Ms. A. Sweeney, Senior Planner Mr. W. Keogh, Executive Planner

Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach stated that recommendations of the Chief Executive had been circulated to the Elected Members for consideration. He then proceeded to outline the procedures for voting on the amendments.

Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services brought to the attention of the Elected Members the requirement under Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001, in relation to the Disclosure of Interests. He advised that any Member or any connected person

who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest on any item in the subject matter before the meeting must disclose the nature of that interest.

Cllr. Phelan advised the meeting that a relative who is not a connected party under the legislation owned lands in Pembroke, and Cllr. Phelan advised he would abstain himself from a discussion of these lands should the matter arise.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Chief Executive in the document circulated to the Elected Members.

Amendments 1 – 14

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 1-14 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's	Chief Executive's
			Response	Recommendation
	Part 1: Minor Amendments	s – Agreed and	d / or subject to Minor Mo	odification
1.	Add of a list of abbreviations e.g. NPF, RSES etc. to the beginning of the CDP	Cllr. Paton	Agreed	A list will be prepared for inclusion.
2.	Add a list of National Policy documents referred to in the CDP.	Cllr. Paton	Agreed	A list will be prepared for inclusion.
3.	Add a list of Carlow County documents referred to in the CDP.	Cllr. Paton	Agreed	A list will be prepared for inclusion.
4.	CS P1: Support the continued growth and sustainable development of Carlow Town (add the word Town for clarification)	Cllr. Paton	While the paragraph relates to the section on Carlow Town – Key Town there is no objection to including town for clarity.	Include text in Green CS P1: Support the continued growth and sustainable development of Carlow Town.
5.	Amend text Section 5.7 (pg. 109) Tullow (3) – Tesco Car Park (1), Inner Relief Road (2), rear of the Murphy Memorial Hall (2)	Cllr. Paton	Given that the number of charging points is subject to change reference to no. in each settlement to be removed.	Amend text as follows: In 2020, there was a total of 8 Public realm electric vehicle charging points are distributed throughout County Carlow, strategically located in Carlow Town (5), Tullow (2) and Muine Bheag (1).
6.	Data in text and that in Figure 7.4 conflict (pg. 158)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Amend text to reflect most recent data included (2019).
7.	Data in text and that in Figure 7.5 conflict (pg. 159)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Amend text to reflect most recent data included (2019).
8.	Amend - Table labelled twice (pg. 218)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Amend duplicate reference.

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9.	Add Haroldstown Dolmen to Brownshill Dolmen (pg. 230. Section 10)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Include Haroldstown Dolmen to Text.
10.	Amend wording of NHO 1 from 'carry out' to 'prepare' NHO 1: To <u>prepare</u> a County Heritage Plan (pg. 232, Section 10.2)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Change carry out to prepare.
11.	Replace 'work' with 'works' As part of this role the Council works with a variety (pg.259 Section 11.4)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Replace work with works.
12.	Include the word "The"And The Aughananagh (pg.264, Section 11.5.8)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Include word The.
13.	Include Table referenced in Chapter 3 at this point (pg. 478, Section 16.8.2)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed	Include copy of Density Table from Chapter 3
	Part 2: Minor Amendn	nents / Comme	nts – Recommended No Char	nge
14.	Add – Fast charging points, not standard charging points (Pg. 497, Section 16.10.12)	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	This is a matter for the service provider i.e. ESB who own, operate and maintain the network. Describing the type of facility to be provided is outside the remit of the Development Plan process.	No change

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 15

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined details of the proposed amendment no. 15 for the benefit of the meeting.

Number	Proposed Amendments	By	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 2: Minor Amendments / Comments						
15.	In 2019, 149 one off homes were build compared to 1,499 multi-unit houses and flats. Check veracity of statement.	Cllr. Paton	The information has been sourced from the Future Analytics Report. This table requires	Remove text: (Section2.8.5, pg 28)			

Number	Proposed Amendments	By	Chief Executive's	Chief Executive's
			Response	Recommendation
			review prior to	In 2019, 149 one off
			publication. It is	homes were build
			recommended that the	compared to 1,499 multi-
			reference as identified	unit houses and flats.
			in the Draft Plan be	
			removed.	

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no. 15 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. A. Dalton

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 16

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined details of the amendment no. 16 for the benefit of the meeting.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 3: Proposed Amendments— Agreed and / or with Modification						
Chapter 1	: Introduction and Context						
16.	Add a statement to the introduction that makes it perfectly clear that the Council will only have regard to written policies and objectives when making planning decisions are made and not matters contained in the narrative.	CIIr. Paton	The narrative referenced before policies and objectives provides the context for Planning Policies and Objectives and is intended to assist the public / planning agents etc in their understanding of the policies and objectives applicable. Decision making will be informed by the policies and objectives and legislative provisions as provided for in Planning law. Include reference in Section 1.0 linking decision making to policies and objectives.	Agreed with modification Include additional text in green: The new County Development Plan sets out the strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County over the Plan period from 2022-2028. It contains development management standards, policies and objectives and references statutory guidelines which will inform decision making over the period of the Plan.			

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.16 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

Amendments 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 17 - 22 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 3: Proposed Amendments— Agreed and / or with Modification						
Chapter 1	: Introduction and Context						
17.	To include reference to Younger persons in Strategic Objective no. 13 (pg. 15, Section 1.5.6) S O13: Promote, develop and maintain sustainable communities in the County, through the provision of a range of facilities and services to meet the diverse and expanding needs of all residents, thereby supporting community participation and social inclusion, and improving the quality of life for everyone.	Cllr. Phelan	The reference to younger persons in SO13 is considered acceptable.	Agreed. Include additional text in green. S O13: Promote, develop and maintain sustainable communities in the County, through the provision of a range of facilities and services to meet the diverse and expanding needs of all residents including the needs of younger persons thereby supporting community participation and social inclusion and improving the quality of life for everyone.			
Chapter 2:	Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy						
18.	Add Text During the lifetime of the CDP 2022-28 it is possible to switch population targets (outlined in Chapter 2) within the county by resolution of the Council.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Section 2.23 (Pg. 43) contains policy CS P12 (listed hereunder) which provides for the monitoring and review of the Plan. Any changes to the Plan by Resolution must be initiated in accordance with the legislative provisions provided under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended): Monitor and review the operation and implementation of this Plan including housing delivery across all settlements/ tiers of the settlement hierarchy including one off dwellings in the countryside and to adjust as needed to ensure the effectiveness	Agreed with modification Include additional Text in Policy CS P12: Monitor and review the operation and implementation of this Plan including housing delivery across all settlements/ tiers of the settlement hierarchy including one off dwellings in the countryside and to adjust as needed to ensure the effectiveness of its alignment with National and Regional policy objectives. Any Variation required during the lifetime of this Plan will be in accordance with Section 13 of the			

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			of its alignment with National and Regional policy objectives.	Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).			
19.	Add Text - During the lifetime of the CDP 2022-28 new residential and strategic reserve zoning may be swapped by resolution of the Council.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	As per response above.	As per response above.			
20.	As proud Europeans, Carlow County Council will continue to engage with our partners in Europe and actively seek out and apply for EU funding opportunities.	Cllr. Phelan	Policy CS O2 (pg. 43, Section 2.23.2) seeks to secure funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and any other funding streams that may become available to support job creation in rural areas, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in eligible towns and villages throughout the County. This objective can be amended to reflect EU funding opportunities as requested.	Agreed subject to amendment CS O2: Seek to secure EU and National funding opportunities including those made available under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund / Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and any other funding streams that may become available to support job creation in rural areas, contribute to a more sustainable environment, address de-population of rural communities and support improvements in eligible towns and villages throughout the County.			
Chapter 3:	Housing Amend HR P2 (pg.58, Section	Cllr.	Agrand Include refuge	Agreed with			
21.	3.12.3) to the following: Encourage and support, in conjunction with Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, and other relevant agencies, the provisions of Domestic Violence Accommodation or Refuge space in the County which seek to provide appropriate crisis intervention services within the county.	Wallace	Agreed. Include refuge space in wording of policy.	modification Encourage and support, in conjunction with Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, and other relevant agencies, the provisions of Domestic Violence Accommodation or refuge space in the County which seek to provide appropriate crisis intervention services within the County.			
22.	Requests amendment to policy MX P2 (pg.56, Section 3.9) with additional text underlined:	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella	Section 3.9 requires applicants to have regard to both existing and permitted house types and tenures within the	Agreed with modification Include additional text as follows:			

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	MX P2: Encourage mixed and balanced communities in order to counteract undue social segregation in accordance with Part V Guidelines for Planning Authorities by requiring proposers of new developments to submit a report showing the overall scale of social housing in the immediate locale.	and Cllr. Paton	adjoining area and shall clearly demonstrate how the proposed development will add to the housing mix/type located in the area. The requirement to submit a report to demonstrate same is acceptable.	MX P2: Encourage mixed and balanced communities in order to counteract undue social segregation in accordance with Part V Guidelines for Planning Authorities. Developers will be required where deemed appropriate to submit a report showing the overall scale of social housing in the immediate locale.			

Following a discussion the recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Dalton Seconded by: Cllr. A. McDonald

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 23

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 3: Proposed Amendments— Agreed and / or with Modification						
Chapter 3: H	lousing						
23.	Add Text - With regard to all parcels of land zoned for new residential and strategic reserve in key towns, settlement towns, key towns, district towns and small towns (excluding rural nodes) land owners/developers will make at least 20% of the zoned lands available as serviced sites for sale to the public. Such serviced sites will be not less than 0.10 hectares (0.25 acres).	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	The Proposed Draft Development Plan supports the provision of both low-density housing and serviced sites at appropriate locations throughout the County which is supported by NPO 18(b) New Homes in Small Towns and Villages (National Planning Framework) and this will be implemented as part of the Development Management process. Specifying a standard requirement for serviced sites across all zoned residential land is not	Agreed subject to modification Additional text to be included to facilitate serviced sites in towns and villages. Include in Chapter 16 (pg. 478, Section 16.8.2): The Council will support the provision of an appropriate level of serviced sites as part of any residential scheme on zoned land in towns and villages throughout the County to attract persons to			

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			considered appropriate as each area/ site / town will require detailed consideration of the nature of the site, the need / demand for serviced sites in the local area, appropriate mix / type of units together with other site-specific considerations which will require consideration as part of the development management process. Provision to be made enabling the Planning Authority to specify a requirement as may be deemed appropriate.	build their own homes in order to maintain the viability of these settlements and provide an appropriate alternative to one-off housing in the rural countryside.			

Ms. Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, addressed the meeting on this proposed amendment, and the Chief Executive's response and recommendation.

Cllr. Paton proposed an amendment to the Chief Executive's recommendation, to change the word 'support' with 'require' for sites of more than 10 units. This amendment to the Chief Executive's recommendation was seconded by Cllr. Cassin.

Cllr. Murnane proposed the Chief Executive's recommendation and this was seconded by Cllr. Dalton.

Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services, advised that additional text could be included to support and encourage as part of pre-planning, a level of serviced sites. This recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. Doran.

A roll call on the amendment to the Chief Executive's recommendation no. 23 proposed by Cllr. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. Doran was taken as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	$\sqrt{}$			
John Cassin		$\sqrt{}$		
Andrea Dalton	$\sqrt{}$			
Michael Doran	$\sqrt{}$			
Andy Gladney	V			

Thomas Kinsella	√		
Arthur McDonald	V		
John McDonald	V		
Ken Murnane		V	
Charlie Murphy	V		
John Murphy	V		
Brian O'Donoghue	V		
Tom O'Neill	V		
William Paton		V	
John Pender	V		
Fintan Phelan	V		
William Quinn		V	
Adrienne Wallace		V	

The vote resulted in: 13 for 5 against.

The motion was carried.

Amendments 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 24 - 28 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 3: Proposed Amendments – Agreed and / or with Modification						
Chapter 4:	Enterprise and Employment						
24.	Delete Policy TT 07 (pg. 99, Section 4.11): Rationalisation of car parking in Market Square to allow for the provision of outdoor spaces associated with commercial units will be promoted.	Cllr. Paton	The specifics regarding Market Square can be addressed as part of the Local Area Plan and / or any future Regeneration strategy for the town as maybe deemed appropriate and accordingly the reference can be deleted.	Agreed Delete Rationalisation of car parking in Market Square to allow for the provision of outdoor spaces associated with commercial units will be promoted.			

25.	Requests RT P9 (Pg. 96, Section 4.8)to be deleted: <i>Prohibit new retail development that would negatively impact, either individually or cumulatively, on the vitality and viability of existing retail centres within the County.</i> It is indicated that the wording is far too widely drawn and represents an attempt to give a monopoly to existing businesses in the area.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	This policy seeks to reflect a requirement of the Retail Planning Guidelines (2012) that Planning Authorities assess the impact of significant retail applications which due to their scale and/or location may impact on the vitality and viability of city and town centres. The likelihood of any adverse impacts on the vitality and viability is on the town centre as a whole and not on existing traders. Policy to be amended to reflect same.	Agreed with modification Amend Policy: Prohibit significant new retail development that due to its scale and / or location would negatively impact, either individually or cumulatively, on the vitality and viability of existing retail centres within the County town centres.
26.	Amend existing policy RTO 6 (pg. 97, Section 4.9) to read as follows: RTO 6: Prevent over-development of non-retail uses that would detract from the vitality and viability of core retail areas, such as fast food takeaways, sex shops, vaping shops, casinos, amusement arcades discount stores and betting shops.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Section 4.7.5 outlines considerations to apply to Lower Order Retailing / Commercial Uses applying to fast food take away's, amusement arcades, casinos and vaping shops. • The need to safeguard the vitality and viability of the defined core retail area and to maintain a suitable mix of retail uses; • The proliferation of such existing facilities in the area; • The effect on the amenities in the area arising from noise, hours of operation and litter; and • The overall design including treatment of shop front advertising and window display. Policy RTO 6 to cross reference same.	Agreed with modification Amend Policy: RTO 6:Prevent over- development of non-retail uses / lower order commercial uses that would detract from the vitality and viability of core retail areas, such as fast food takeaways and betting offices, amusement arcades, casinos, vaping shops etc. Considerations as outlined in Section 4.7.5 will apply to such development proposals.
27.	Amend text on policy No. CP. P4: (pg. 121, Section 5.14) CP. P4: Ensure that applications for surface car parking are accompanied by landscaping proposals, adequate lighting to deter attempted theft of vehicles, parking signage and spaces for echargers.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Section 16.10.11 Development Management Standards outlines provisions regarding details required which already include the requirement for landscaping. It is acknowledged that in	Agreed with modification Amend Section 16.10.11 (pg. 495) by inclusion of additional bullet point: • Lighting and car park

			certain circumstances provision of lighting, signage etc. maybe required but not necessarily in all development proposals. Accordingly, text to be included in Section 16.10.11 to reflect the potential requirement for lighting, signage etc. The issue of EV Charging Points is addressed in Section 16.10.12 which requires a minimum of 10% of total car parking spaces to be provide with EV Charging Points.	signage as deemed appropriate by the Planning Authority.
28.	Continued investment into and promotion of the county is critical for sustaining and growing jobs and economic development activity. It is essential therefore that state agencies, in particular the IDA and Enterprise Ireland, responsible for inward investment and the development and growth of Irish enterprises, support and promote Carlow County Council's vision for economic development through their service provision thereby growing our economy and increasing employment in the County.	Cllr. Phelan	Response ES P1 (Section 4.4 pg. 78): broadly references the content of this submission, however reference can be included to Carlow County Council's vision for economic development. ES P1:Work in partnership with Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, adjoining local authorities, the Regional Assembly and all other relevant agencies to proactively pursue sustainable enterprise and economic development in line with the policies and objectives set out in national, regional and local strategies.	Agreed with modification ES P1:Work in partnership with Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, adjoining local authorities, the Regional Assembly and all other relevant agencies to proactively pursue sustainable enterprise and economic development in line with the vision of Carlow County Council together with policies and objectives set out in national, regional and local strategies.

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. T. Kinsella

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part 3: Proposed Amer	ndments – Ag	reed and / or with Modification	on
Chapter 5:	Sustainable Travel and Transport			
29.	To support the move to increased public transport use Carlow council should endeavour to work with larnród Éireann and the relevant local authorities across the South East to encourage the redevelopment of the Limerick-Waterford-Wexford rail link. (pg. 107, Section 5.5.1)	Cllr. Wallace	Section 5.5.1 addresses the importance of Rail transport and notes that improvements to frequency and timetabling would improve Carlow's rail connectivity with wider eastern and southern region. Reference can be included acknowledging the potential future redevelopment of the Limerick-Waterford-Wexford rail link to more sustainable travel patterns within the Southern Region.	Include additional text in Section 5.5.1 as follows: The Council supports the Strategic Rail Review which will examine the rail network across Ireland to improve sustainable connectivity, enhance regional accessibility and support balanced regional development. Any upgrade of the Dublin – Waterford rail line and any potential future redevelopment of the Limerick-Waterford- Wexford rail link would support more sustainable travel patterns within Carlow and the wider Southern Region.

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to recommendation no. 29 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

Amendments 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 30 - 35 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part 3: Proposed Amer	ndments – A	Agreed and / or with Modification	
Chapter 7:	Climate Action and Energy			
30.	Support the establishment of cooperatives in Bio-energy plants, Bio-gas plants and co-operative wind farms. (pg. 157, Section 7.7.2)	Cllr. Wallace	Policy CA P 5: to be amended to include reference to co-operatives.	Agreed Amend Policy CA P5 as follows: CA P5:Promote and encourage positive community and / or cooperative led climate action initiatives and projects that seek to reduce emissions, improve energy efficiency, enhance green infrastructure and encourage awareness on climate change issues.
31.	Add new policy CCP2 (pg. 286, Section 12.4) CC P2: To support Sustainable Energy Communities initiatives.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Agreed subject to inclusion of compliance with planning and environmental considerations.	Agreed with modification CC P2: To support Sustainable Energy Communities initiatives subject to compliance with planning and environmental considerations.
Section 10	: Natural and Built Heritage			
32.	Amend objective to NHO 1 (pg. 232, Section 10.2) to carry out during the life time of this plan a county heritage plan and biodiversity action plan to ensure the protection and appreciation of heritage and nature at local level including recognition of rich biodiversity of designation of existing special areas of conservation i.e. Blackstairs Mountains, Slaney River Valley and river Barrow and river Nore SAC.	Cllr. C. Murphy	The amendment proposed is in line with the overall objective.	Agreed. Include additional text in Green: To prepare during the life time of this plan a county heritage plan and bio-diversity action plan to ensure the protection and appreciation of heritage and nature at local level including recognition of rich biodiversity of designation of existing special areas of conservation i.e. Blackstairs Mountains, Slaney River Valley

				and river Barrow and river Nore SAC.
33.	Further to wet land policy promote voluntary construction of new wet lands where ecological schemes allow. (Section 10.8, Pg 240)	Cllr. C. Murphy	Agreed	Agreed with modification Include additional Policy IW P4 subject to additional text: To promote voluntary construction of new wet lands where deemed in accordance with proper planning and environmental considerations and where same maybe facilitated by ecological schemes.
Chapter 11	: Tourism and Recreation			
34.	To reference in the Draft Plan a motion passed by Carlow County Council "to engage with other local authorities' stakeholders etc and engage with Waterways Ireland to begin process to develop a river blueway through County Carlow "	Cllr. O'Neill	Section 11.6 (pg. 266) addresses Greenways and Blueways with the following policies to support same: GB P1:Promote and facilitate the development of greenways and blueways at appropriate locations in the County, through the utilisation of disused transport links and routes and/or existing linear open spaces such as riverbanks, as well as opportunities to integrate and link such routes with towns, villages, and communities in the County and existing/proposed such routes outside of the County, subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria. GB P3: Support the development of a tourism masterplan for the River Barrow which sets out an integrated framework for tourism development along the River Barrow. It is recommended that policy GB P1 be amended to reflect requirement for engagement with stakeholders including Blueways Ireland.	Amend Policy GB 1 with inclusion of text in Green: GB P1:Facilitate engagement with relevant stakeholders including Waterways Ireland to promote the development of greenways and blueways at appropriate locations in the County, through the utilisation of disused transport links and routes and/or existing linear open spaces such as riverbanks, as well as opportunities to integrate and link such routes with towns, villages, and communities in the County and existing/proposed such routes outside of the County, subject to compliance with planning and environmental criteria.

Chapter 12	2: Urban Design and Placemaking			
35.	Add new policy SHF P1 and SHF P2 SHF P1: To support the retention / repair of traditional Irish Shopfronts. SHF P2: Save in exceptional circumstances to require the use of traditional Irish Shopfronts in areas where such shopfronts are the vernacular.	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Section 16.9.7 encourages the preservation of authentic traditional shopfronts and that the Council will seek to retain the remaining traditional shopfronts of townscape importance there is no objection to inclusion of policy to reflect the intent of this submission.	Agreed with modification Include after Section 12.8.12 It is the policy of the Council: SF P1: To encourage the preservation of authentic traditional shopfronts and particularly those deemed of townscape importance which contribute to visual amenity and character of the area. SF P2: To promote and encourage high quality public realm through the design of shopfronts including where appropriate the use of traditional Irish shopfronts (where such are vernacular to the immediate area) Shopfront designs including the provision of good quality contemporary designs where appropriate shall be in accordance with the design standards as contained in Section 16.9.7.

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Neill Seconded by: Cllr. A. Dalton

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 3: Proposed Amendments – Agreed and / or with Modification						
Chapter 13	: Rural Design Guidelines						
36.	Delete first line in 13.1 and replace with: This rural design guide is not a prescriptive guide to designing houses in rural areas and will not be interpreted as such by the Council's Planning Department. (Pg. 300, Section 13.1)	Cllr. Paton & Cllr. Doran	It is stated in the first paragraph that "This rural design guide is not intended to be prescriptive". Additional text to confirm that the Planning Department will use same as an advisory document in the consideration of future one-off rural applications.	Agreed with modification Amend as follows: This rural design guide is not intended to be prescriptive but will be used by the Planning Department as an advisory document in the consideration of future planning applications. Each development proposals will be considered having regard to site location and characteristics of the local rural area and will be considered on a case by case basis.			
	Remove reference to uPVC in design guide:			Agreed			
	In Rural Design Guide (pg. 314 and 315 Key Principles)						

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.36 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. T. Kinsella Seconded by: Cllr. C. Murphy and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 37 - 42 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part 3: Proposed A	mendments – Ag	reed and / or with Modification	on
Chapter 13				
37.	Add to Key Principles: (pg.306, Section 13.4.3) There is no limit on the height of a house rather the house design should be of an appropriate height and scale relative to the site.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton Key principles (pg. 306) references considerations which will inform the appropriate height of a dwelling in a rural area. Section 13.4.2 stages "As a result of modern demands for larger houses and building regulations which require higher ceiling height, rural houses have become larger in scale. This includes: - Ensure that the house design is of an appropriate scale relative to the site Ensure that the scale and height of the building is appropriate to the existing character and buildings of the locality Ensure that the height of the building does not lead to obtrusive impacts in the local landscape.		Agreed with modification Amend Paragraph 13.4.2 to reference no prescribed height restriction; "As a result of modern demands for larger houses and building regulations which require higher ceiling height, rural houses have become larger in scale. While there is no prescribed height restriction for rural dwellings sufficient care must be taken in mitigating the impact larger scale dwellings which may appear out of context with surrounding traditional buildings and with the wider landscape.
Chapter 15	5: Town and Village Plans / Settl	ement Boundarie	es	
38.	Requests consideration be given to putting a road (along the Fennagh Road up t the Primary School) along the old rail line in Borris to open up backlands to facilitate development.	Cllr. Quinn	The area identified currently in the amendment is subject to consideration as part of the Barrow Valley Greenway Feasibility Study. Any consideration for use of the old rail line in advance of the outcome of this study would be premature. Additional text to be included to facilitate potential access points to backlands along main street.	Agreed with modification Amend Policy BO P 15 as follows: BO P 15: Maintain and improve where appropriate the local road (street) network to ensure a high standard of road quality and safety in the town and to seek to facilitate new access points / road infrastructure as

					appropriate to
					backland areas along
					the main street in order to improve
					accessibility and
					permeability to
					strategic backlands
					within the town.
3	39.	Add to Chapter 15 introduction:	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Section 10(8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)	Agreed with modification
		Where a landowner has		provides as follows:	Include additional text
		residential or new residential			(pg. 341, Section 15.0)
		zoning on land for eight years		There shall be no	subject to rewording
		or more and has not		presumption in law that any	which reflects
		developed the zoned land, the residential or new residential		land zoned in a particular development plan	requirements of
		zoning may be removed.		(including a development	legislation:
		Zorning may be removed.		plan that has been varied)	In accordance with
				shall remain so zoned in	Section 10(8) of the
				any subsequent	Planning and
				development plan.	Development Act 2000
				Reference to same can be	(as amended) it should be noted that
				included in Section 15.0	there shall be no
				Introduction	presumption in law
					that any land zoned in
					this
					development plan
					(including any variation thereof) shall
					remain so zoned in
					any subsequent
					development plan.
4	10.	Myshall (Pg. 440)	Cllr. C. Murphy	The zoning of land from	Agreed. Amend
		New Residential area and associated land to the north		new residential to community / education	mapping to community / education to facilitate
		(formerly part of Sliabh Ban		acquired by the School to	expansion of the school
		housing estate) acquired by		facilitate future expansion	and amend Policy MY
		the school to be changed from		is deemed acceptable and	P9:
		New Residential to		appropriate.	0 1 11 1 1
		Community Education.			Seek the completion upgrade of the Sliabh
					Ban (X no. units)
					housing estate with an
					enhanced access and
					environment for existing
					residents (road,
					footpath, maintenance, lighting etc).
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4	11.	Rathvilly (pg. 345)	Cllr.	While the zoning of lands at	Agreed
		Requests a change in zoning	O'Donoghue	this location would provide	
		from Enterprise and		additional alternatives to	Rezone lands from
		Employment to agriculture		accommodate further	enterprise and
		south of the N81 close to Bough/Cuckoo Corner in		employment opportunities, it is considered that the	employment to agriculture.
		order to encourage more		other enterprise and	agriculture.
		compact growth close to the		employment and town	
		village centre on lands zoned		centre lands can facilitate	
		for enterprise and		employment opportunities	
		employment and town centre		over the plan period.	
		uses.			

12 Add text (ng. 472 Section	Cllr Doran	The Planning Department	Agreed with
Add text (pg. 472, Section 16.1.1) Pre-planning meetings are available all year round by contacting the Council's Planning Department and making an appointment. There is no charge for this service. Applicants will be given a copy of any advice given during the Pre-planning meetings.	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	The Planning Department operates statutory requirements regarding pre-planning meetings including making available minutes to applicants as indicated in the submission.	Agreed with modification Amend Section 16.1.1 Pre-planning consultations are facilitated and encouraged by the Planning Authority prit to the making of a formal planning application in accordance with Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 200 (as amended). Meetings are facilitated by appointment following receipt of preplanning application form and accompanying detail Following the meeting a minute of the advice provided will be made available to the applicant / agent as appropriate. There is currently no statutor fee for pre-planning meetings (Note: this

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 37, 38, 39, 40 and 42 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. B. O'Donovan Seconded by: Cllr. W. Paton

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

A discussion took place in relation to amendment no. 41. Cllr. O'Donoghue proposed that the lands be zoned as recommended by the Chief Executive from Enterprise and Employment to Agriculture. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Murnane.

Cllr. Pender proposed that the zoning of the lands remain as Enterprise and Employment and be placed on public display. Cllr. Pender's proposal was seconded by Cllr. Paton.

A roll call vote was taken on the Chief Executive's recommendation that the lands be rezoned to agriculture as proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. Murnane as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne		V		
John Cassin	$\sqrt{}$			
Andrea Dalton			V	
Michael Doran	$\sqrt{}$			
Andy Gladney				V
Thomas Kinsella				V
Arthur McDonald		V		
John McDonald		V		
Ken Murnane	V			
Charlie Murphy	V			
John Murphy	V			
Brian O'Donoghue	V			
Tom O'Neill	V			
William Paton		V		
John Pender		V		
Fintan Phelan		V		
William Quinn			V	
Adrienne Wallace			V	

The vote resulted in: 7 in favour, 6 against, 3 abstained, 2 absent

The motion was carried.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
Part 4: Pro	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan						
Chapter 1:	Introduction and Context						
43.	Include the Sustainable Development Goals into the CDP as Carlow County Council is a SDG Champion	Cllr. Paton	The SDGs are included in the Proposed Draft Section 1.4.4 refers and SDG 1 notes that it is the policy of the Council to contribute, as practicable, via this plan, towards achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The drafting of the Plan has been carried out having full regard to the ethos of the SDGs as applicable to the relevant chapter.	No change However, Draft Plan following publication to be referred to Environment Department to review for potential further alignment of the Plan with SDG Goals.			

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no. 43 was:

Proposed by: Clir. W. Paton Seconded by: Clir. A. Wallace

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendments 44 and 45

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 44 - 45 together.

Number	Propos	ed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation	
Part 4: Pro	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan					
Chapter 2:	Core Str	ategy and Settlement Strat	egy			
44.	a)	Large-scale residential development should endeavour to include complementary amenities and facilities to support community needs in tandem with residential development thereby seeking to minimise disadvantage and in turn creating more sustainable inclusive communities.	CIIr. Wallace	a) Policy DP P5 (Pg. 54, Section 3.7) addresses the intent of this submission which states: "Require that all new residential development applications of 50 units or more in larger urban centres (Tier 1 and 2), 20 units or more in smaller towns (Tier 3) and 10 units or more in	No change	

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			serviced villages (Tier 4 and 5) are accompanied by a Social Infrastructure Assessment (SIA) to determine if social and community facilities in the area are sufficient to provide for the needs of the future residents."	
	b) This council Commits to monitoring and evaluating work at all stages of development and delivery.		b) Monitoring of development is governed under a separate code provided for under The Building Control legislation. The Building Regulations outline the legal requirements which promote good practice in the design and construction of buildings in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of people who use buildings. Inspection of buildings and works can be carried out by the Building Control Section of Carlow County Council in accordance with the legislative provisions with prosecution available for non-compliance. Monitoring and evaluating delivery of the services is outside the remit of the Development Plan process.	
45.	Requests inclusion of addition text in Section 2.14 underlined "Carlow Town has the physical and social infrastructure capacity to cater for additional development arising from this adjustment, however, the lack of zoned land for new Council led social housing developments is a matter of concern".	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	While the content of the submission is noted there is no provision in law to differentiate residential zoning between public residentially zoned land and private land. The Plan has zoned sufficient land to accommodate future residential needs which has been informed by a Housing Strategy and a Housing Need Demand Assessment. Estimates of social housing demand over the period of the Plan and the manner in which the council will seek to deliver over the plan period are addressed in the proposed Draft Plan.	No change

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 44 and 45 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cassin

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
Part 4: Pro	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan						
Chapter 2:	Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy						
46.	Requests addition of new objective as follows: CS 013: Encourage the completion of infrastructure at incomplete housing estates in order that such estates may be taken in charge by Carlow County	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	This is a matter more appropriate to Development Management. Section 16.8.10 outlines requirements regarding taking in charge of residential developments and references Councils	No change to CS O13 but reference to content of amendment can be included in Section 16.8.10.			
	Council. (pg. 44, Section 2.24)		policy document regarding same.				

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.46 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 47 - 52 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
Part 4: Pr	oposed Amendments- No Change I	addressed in Draft Plan		
Chapter 3:	: Housing			
47.	That rural families born in rural areas whether from a farming background or a working-class background will be able to build their family home on their own land or site that they buy subject to planning as long as they are within the guidelines of the Development Plan. (Section 3.16, pgs. 61 – 65)	CIIr. Quinn	The rural housing policy as contained in Section 3.16.2 recognises the requirements for rural generated housing which is linked to a functional social or economic need to live in the rural area. Social need includes persons who have lived in the rural area for the appropriate period of time and as such would be deemed eligible for consideration of a rural one-off dwelling subject to siting, design, environmental considerations etc.	No change
48.	At least 50% social housing requirement should apply to private schemes in excess of 9 units where the land is zoned for	Cllr. Wallace	Up to 10% requirement for the provision of Social Housing is prescribed in law (Section 94(4)(c) under Part V of the Planning and	No change

49.	housing or a mix of uses to include housing. Quality Design and Placemaking add new policy - DP P6: (pg. 54, Section 3.7) DP P6: To require all new residential developments to support and enhance existing or new Active Travel Measures.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	Development Act 2000. The Planning Authority is bound by these current legislative provisions. 10% is provided for under Policy HS P5. The housing strategy estimates that 926 households will require social and affordable housing which is addressed through appropriate policy in the proposed Draft. This section references the relevant design standards for urban roads and streets which includes residential schemes. Further policies to support sustainable mobility / modal shift and active travel measures are contained in Section 5.3 of the Proposed	No change
Chapter 5:	Sustainable Travel and Transport		Draft Plan.	
51.	That the CDP ensure that there will be a proper daily transport system set up as a matter of urgency to cater for local community and tourists. Add new policy WC. 08: WC. 08: The addition of a second pedestrian bridge from the Thomas Traynor Road to the Ballymurphy Road, Tullow via the Thomas Traynor Memorial Park.	Cllr. Quinn	The provision of a bus service is outside the remit of the Development Plan however the proposed draft plan supports and encouraged the improvement and expansion of rural transport initiatives and bus shelters in conjunction with other statutory agencies. (Ref: Policy PT.05, pg. 109) The inclusion of the proposed policy is not considered appropriate pending completion of a Mobility Management Plan for Tullow which has been funded by the NTA. The Mobility Plan will be conducted in parallel with the Local Area Plan and policies and objectives arising from same will be included in the Local Area Plan as appropriate.	No change No change
Chapter 6:	Infrastructure and Environmental M	/lanagemen	t The provision of water and	No change
	sites in towns and villages that all privately owned developments be upgraded regarding the waste water treatment plants and water supply for the area so that more private housing could be built in towns and villages e.g. Ballymurphy, Tinnahinch, Glynn and St. Mullins	Quinn	wastewater is the responsibility of Irish Water. The proposed draft contains a policy to work in conjunction with Irish Water to protect existing water and associated drainage infrastructure and to promote investment in the water and drainage network to support	

	environmental protection and facilitate the sustainable growth of the County. (Ref: WS P1, pg. 126, Section	
	6.1.6).	

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. W. Quinn

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 53

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part 4: Proposed A	s - Agreed with modification		
Chapter 6:	Infrastructure and Environmental M	Managemen	t	
53.	To recognise the importance of the head waters on Croughan for Human, aquatic and animal health and as such protect and enhance this environment.	Cllr. Wallace	Water quality is addressed in Section 6.9.1 – 6.9.8 of the Proposed Draft Plan and includes requirements to protect / improve water quality and to comply with the River Basin Management Plan. Policy WQ P1 (pg. 142, Section 6.9.8) requires that "Development proposals shall not have an unacceptable impact on the water environment, including surface waters, groundwater quality and quantity, river corridors and associated habitats".	Suggested inclusion of headwaters in the text. "Development proposals shall not have an unacceptable impact on the water environment, including headwaters, surface waters, groundwater quality and quantity, river corridors and associated habitats".

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.53 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cassin

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation		
Part 4: Pro	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan					
Chapter 6:	Chapter 6: Infrastructure and Environmental Management					
54.	Recycling facilities: support the provision of bottle banks in any new large retail or residential developments.	Cllr. Wallace	Section 16.11.8.2 (pg. 500) requires the following "Bring bank facilities will generally be required in conjunction with significant new commercial developments or extensions to same and in conjunction with large scale residential and mixed-use developments".	No change		

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.54 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cassin

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendments 55 and 56

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 55 - 56 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
Part 4: F	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan						
Chapter 7	7: Climate Action and Energy						
55	To strengthen the WES by making Mt Leinster and the Blackstairs a no-go area for wind farm development, including industries such as lithium open cast mining.	CIIr. Quinn	The Renewable Energy Strategy addresses landscape and visual capacity with reference to wind energy proposals. Direct cross reference is made in this strategy to the provisions of the Landscape Character Assessment as contained in appendix VII. The Mount Leinster area is designated as one of the the most sensitive landscape character areas, is recognised as highly sensitive to change and is designated as having a low capacity to absorb wind turbines particularly in upland areas. Numerous	No change			

views and prospects within and in the environs of the Mt. Leinster Range are protected ensuring that new developments are not inappropriately located.

Section 9.8 (pg. 222) further outlines Council policies (LA P1 – LA P11) for the protection of landscape within the County. Criteria outlined include:

Protection and maintenance of the integrity of the landscape ensuring development does not unduly damage or detract from features that contribute to its value, character, distinctiveness and sensitivity;

- Ensuring development will not have a disproportionate landscape or visual impact on sensitive areas;
- Presumption
 against
 development on
 elevated or
 visually exposed
 sites where
 landscape cannot
 accommodate
 such development
 without
 appropriate
 mitigation;
- Ensuring
 development on
 steep slopes will
 not be
 conspicuous or
 have a
 disproportionate
 impact;
- Requirement for landscape / visual impact assessment within or adjacent to sensitive landscapes; and
- Protecting and preserving the established appearance and aesthetic attributes of views and prospects that contribute to the

			inherent quality of the landscape. Furthermore, it is an objective of the Council that the management and assessment of development takes account of the Landscape Character Area, Landscape Types, Landscape Sensitivity and the schedule of views, prospects and scenic routes. On the basis of the foregoing, sufficient policies and objectives are contained within the Proposed Draft Plan to protect and control future development proposals in the Mount Leinster area.	
56.	Considering the delicate environmental sensitivities and the protected scenic views, alongside the value in tourism and recreation, and in order to align with Wexford's development plan the Blackstairs Mountains should be declared a no-go zone for the development of wind farms.	Cllr. Wallace		No change

During a discussion on amendment no.'s 55 and 56 Cllr. C. Murphy proposed the following amendment – "That windfarm development would not normally be permissible on upland areas as shown on figure 6 Landscape Types of the Landscape Character Assessment as contained in Appendix 7. This provision will not apply to microgeneration projects as provided for in section 7.10.3.5 where deemed appropriate and in accordance with proper planning and environmental considerations".

The amended proposal to the Chief Executive's recommendation was:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Murphy Seconded by: Cllr. A. Wallace

Amendments 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 57 - 61 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation		
Part 4: Pr	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan					
Chapter 7:	Climate Action and Energy					
57.	To close off all 14 areas of the previous WES that is still open for consideration for Wind Energy, to protect the tourism sector going forward.	Cllr. Quinn	The Renewable Energy Strategy as contained in Appendix VI does not contain mapping as referenced identifying areas permitted or open for consideration.	No change		
58.	Amend policy SE P1 (pg. 163) with inclusion of underlined text; SE P1: Favourably consider the redevelopment of brown field sites for solar PV projects <u>up to 50 MW</u> subject to proper planning and environmental considerations.	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	It is considered inappropriate and contrary to national policy to impose an upper restriction on the scale of solar projects. Each application must be considered on its merits having regard to the individual site characteristic, opportunities and constraints and proper planning and environmental considerations.	No change		
Chapter 8:	Community Development					
59.	Support the provision of a scrambler track in an appropriate location that does not impose on residents.	Cllr. Wallace	Policies CF P1 – CF P6 supports the provision of the broad remit of community facilities and not individual projects/uses, it further encourages the siting of community facilities in suitable locations and supports a flexible approach for community facilities within a wide variety of land use zonings subject to proper planning considerations.	No change		
60.	Add new policy EF P9 (pg. 198, Section 8.10) EF P9 – The establishment of an ASD Unit in Tullow Town	CIIr. Paton	Policy EF P2: Supports and facilitates as appropriate the development and expansion of education facilities and services in the County. The establishment of an ASD Unit is a matter for consideration as part of the Tullow LAP in consultation with the Department of Education and Skills.	No change		

61.	Add new policy HF P6 (pg. 200,	Cllr.	Policy HF P1: Seeks to	No change
	Section 8.12)	Paton	support the HSE and other	
			statutory and voluntary	
	HF P6 – Support the		agencies in the provision of	
	establishment of a Primary Health		appropriate healthcare	
	Care Centre for Tullow to serve		facilities, including the	
	East Carlow		development of both the	
			system of hospital care and	
			the provision of community –	
			based primary care facilities.	
			Further considerations	
			regarding healthcare	
			facilities can be considered	
			as part of the Tullow LAP.	

Following a discussion on the Chief Executive's recommendation no.'s 57, 59, 60 and 61 they were:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Quinn Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

A discussion took place in relation to amendment no. 58 whereby the issue of distances from residential houses was raised. Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner, advised that a provision would be included providing for the need to protect the residential amenities of adjoining properties at page 504 of the Development Management Standards.

Cllr. Wallace proposed an amendment to the Chief Executive's recommendation as follows: "to recognize need to protect residential amenities of adjoining properties Section16.12.4". This was seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

An amendment to the Chief Executive's recommendation no. 58 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Wallace Seconded by: Cllr. J. McDonald

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 62

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part	4: Proposed	d Amendments	
Chapter 8:	: Community Development			
62.	Add new section 8.18 LGBTI+ Community with the following policies (i) To support the "Carlow Pride Festival" and	Clir. Paton	While the County Development Plan is a spatial land use plan the content of this amendment will be subject to more detailed consideration as part of the review of the forthcoming Carlow Local	As agreed by the Elected Members text as proposed to be included in Chapter 8.

(ii)	To support the	Economic and Community	
	publication of "The	Plan which deals with	
	Out Mag" magazine	community issues including	
(iii)	To support the	inclusivity etc.	
	implementation of	-	
	the key		
	recommendations of		
	"LGBTI Voices in		
	Carlow"		

The recommendation of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.62 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. A. Wallace

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendments 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 63 - 75 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation		
Part 4: Pro	Part 4: Proposed Amendments- No Change Recommended as submission sufficiently addressed in Draft Plan					
Section 10	: Natural and Built Heritage					
63.	To make all areas of the Blackstairs and Mount Leinster a SAC to protect all animals and wildlife that live and grow in the area.	Cllr. Quinn	The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is responsible for the designation of conservation sites in Ireland in compliance with European and National Legislation. These designations are based on scientific criteria. The designation of these areas is outside the remit of the Development Plan process.	No change		
64.	To protect and improve Annex 1 habitats outside SAC under Article 10 - this is common practice in other councils and is an acknowledgement of the existence of such habitats.	Cllr. Wallace	Section 10.5 of the proposed draft provides for the protection of habitats outside designated areas as referenced in this submission. Policy ND P1 seeks to conserve existing flora, fauna and wild habitats including rare and threatened plant, animal and bird species, through the preservation of ecological corridors and ecological corridors and ecological networks. Policy ND P2 seeks to ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on rare and threatened species, including those listed in the Wildlife Act	No change		

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			1976 (as amended), the Birds Directive 1979, the Habitats Directive 1992 and the Flora (Protection) Order 1995.	
65.	Support proposed Natural Heritage Areas in County Carlow in becoming designated as Natural Heritage Areas.	Cllr. Wallace	The Proposed Draft Plan supports the protection of both proposed NHAs or any NHAs designated by the NPWS and seeks to restrict development within these areas to development that is directly related to the areas amenity potential subject to the protection and enhancement of natural heritage and visual amenities.	No change
66.	To respect and uphold Heritage Objective 5: - This seeks to support the protection of habitats and species covered by EU Habitats Directive and protects flora and fauna protected by law.	Cllr. Wallace	These requirements are provided for under proposed policy ND P2 to ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on rare and threatened species, including those listed in the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended), the Birds Directive 1979, the Habitats Directive 1992 and the Flora (Protection) Order 1995.	No change
67.	To respect and uphold Heritage Policy 2 – this ensures no project can give rise to significant adverse direct, indirect effects on the integrity of any European site.	Cllr. Wallace	This is provided for under policies NS P1 – NS P3 which support the conservation and enhancement of the Natura 2000 network, outlines requirements for Appropriate Assessment and prevents development that would adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 site located within or adjacent to the County.	No change
68.	Include additional text at end of Section 1WP3: (Pg. 240, Section 10.8) Ensure that ecological impact assessment is carried out, where appropriate, for development proposals involving, drainage, reclamation, or infill of wetland areas. Wording at end "except where improving or maintaining farm land".	Clir. C. Murphy	The Planning Legislation provides exemptions for certain drainage / reclamation works for agricultural purposes as follows: Article 8 B (Planning and Development Regs 2001 (as amended) provides the following exemption Works consisting of field drainage for agriculture, other than drainage and/or reclamation of wetlands, shall be exempted development. In circumstances where planning permission is not required submission of	No change

			ecological impact assessment would not apply. Where planning permission is required the policy provides discretion to the Planning Authority to request an ecological report where deemed appropriate. An ecological report may not be required in all cases but equally maybe necessary on certain sites in order to mitigate impacts and facilitate the development proposed.	
Chapter 11	1: Tourism and Recreation			
69.	Requests that land be zoned for camping facilities in the South Carlow Area.	Cllr. Quinn	Chapter 11 supports the provision of tourism-based development in existing settlements while also acknowledging there may be a specific requirement for certain developments outside settlements. This policy framework will facilitate consideration of such facilities at appropriate locations throughout the County.	No change
70.	That the Council create Borris as a major tourism hub for Carlow and that the Bank of Ireland would be an ideal location for this to happen.	Cllr. Quinn	Policy BO P11 of the proposed draft states that it is the policy of the Council to "advance Borris as a tourism hub and support further growth by harnessing the built and natural heritage characteristics of the town including the provision of walking and heritage trails throughout the town".	No change
71.	To make sure that the River Barrow Valley is protected as a tourist gem.	Cllr. Quinn	Section 11.5.8 acknowledges the importance of the River Barrow to the tourist industry. The River Barrow as a designated SAC is provided protection through the inclusion of policies as contained in Section 10.3 (e.g. support conservation of SAC's, prevent development that would adversely affect the integrity of an SAC etc).	No change
72.	Recognising the important role public transport plays in bringing tourists into any area. This council will support the delivery of suitable bus bays in Carlow town	Cllr. Wallace	Policy TD P5 addresses the content of this submission wherein it: seeks to support sustainable travel in the tourism sector by the	No change

	and county to accommodate tour buses. The council should also endeavour to develop greater links with the tourist industry in neighbouring counties.		promotion of public transport use and by facilitating, where appropriate, proposals to improve access for existing tourism sites and facilities and visitor attractions throughout the County.	
Chapter 12	: Urban Design and Placemaking			
73.	Add new policy TVC P6 (pg. 286) TVC P6 – Require all new commercial / retail developments to have independent access to upper floors.	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	The internal layout of buildings is a matter for the property owner and subject to the requirements of the Building Control legislation and outside the remit of the Development Plan.	No change
Chapter 15	: Town and Village Plans / Settlem	ent Boundari	ies	
74.	Requests that industrial lands be zoned in Borris for serviced sites that could be sold to local entrepreneurs to set up business in the area.	Cllr. Quinn	A significant landbank has been zoned in Borris for enterprise and employment. Policy PTO1 supports investment (subject to resources) in property solutions which provides for the content of this amendment.	No change as amendment will be considered as part of the Economic Strategy
75.	Borris needs a new green field community centre close to the town centre that would provide car parking facilities for the community.	Cllr. Quinn	Noted in this regard Policy BO P 23 would support same. It seeks to support existing public, community, sporting and recreational groups in Borris, in the provision of enhanced facilities to meet the needs of the residential population and that of the surrounding hinterland.	No change

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Doran Seconded by: Cllr. A. Wallace

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

An Extension of time to the meeting was:

Proposed by: Cllr. W. Paton Seconded by: Cllr. A. Wallace

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 5: Proposed Amendments – Not Agreed						
Chapter 3:	Housing						
76.	Requests inclusion of wording in Plan to help young couples who have been born in towns and villages in order for them to buy a site to build a home outside the town or village to raise a family.	Cllr. Quinn	The content of the amendment is noted which seeks to provide an option to persons to build their own home. Facilitating such persons to build in the rural area who do not comply with the rural housing policy would be unsustainable and contrary to national and regional policy. The NPF and RSES seeks to accommodate persons who have a functional or social requirement to reside in the rural area. In recognition of the need to provide an alternative to such persons, Section 3.8 identifies that lower densities and serviced sites will be facilitated on appropriate sites within smaller towns and villages in compliance with the programme for 'new homes in small towns and villages'. This policy seeks to provide an alternative in order to attract people to build their own homes in small towns and villages. It is recommended that additional text be included in Chapter 16 to support the provision of serviced sites.	Not Agreed - however additional text to included to facilitate serviced sites in towns and villages. Refer Submission no. 23 above.			

It was noted by the meeting that amendment no. 23 was also relevant to the discussion.

Ms Anita Sweeney, Senior Planner outlined details of the proposed amendment. A discussion took place on this issue during which Cllr. Quinn indicated that he was not in a position to support the Chief Executive's recommendation. Following a further discussion Mr. Michael Rainey, Director of Services proposed that a workshop would be held during the next stage of the County Development Plan process to consider the issues raised. Based on this proposal the Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to amendment no. 76 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Murnane Seconded by: Cllr. F. Browne

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
	Part 5: Proposed Amendments – Not Agreed						
Chapter 3:	Housing						
77.	Add Text - Areas immediately adjoin towns and village boundaries, which are under strong urban influence will be favourably considered for low density planning without the need to meet rural policy guidelines.	Cllr. Doran, Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	As per response to item no. 76 above.	As per recommendation to item no. 76 above.			

The Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to amendment no. 77 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Doran Seconded by: Cllr. W. Paton

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 78

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation		
	Part 5: Proposed Amendments – Not Agreed					
Chapter 3	3: Housing					
78	(i) Include additional Text the Council will manage sustainable growth in designated 'Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence' and facilitate the provision of single houses in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, siting and design criteria for rural housing and compliance with statutory guidelines and plans, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements. The aim is to support the desire of individual applicants with strong links and a need to settle in that area and to encourage people with no such links to settle in the identified	Cllr. Doran Cllr. Kinsella and Cllr. Paton	(i)The content of this text subject to amendment is generally acceptable and complies broadly with the provisions of the NPF (NPO 19) and the RSES (RPO 27). The following amendments however are proposed in order to fully align with statutory requirements:- include reference to functional economic and functional social requirement in lieu of strong links; removal of reference to rural node as applicants for individual one-off dwellings in such locations are required to comply with local need	(i)Amendment partially agreed subject to modification. the Council will manage sustainable growth in designated 'Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence' and facilitate the provision of single houses in the countryside based on the core consideration of demonstrable economic or social need to live in a rural area, siting and design criteria for rural housing and		

extensive network of towns, villages and rural nodes. Such persons would normally have spent substantial periods of their lives living in the rural area as part of the established rural community e.g. people employed in the rural area including farmers and their sons and daughters, people originally from the rural area and wishing to return, people wishing to reside near elderly parents to provide security and care, elderly parents wishing to live near other family members, people who would have grown up in rural areas seeking to build their home close to other family members, people working in rural areas such as doctors or teachers in rural schools.

due to the unserviced nature of these nodes; omission of examples outlined and reinstatement of Criteria 1 and 2 as contained in the Proposed Draft Plan. Criteria 1 and Criteria 2 provide for persons who have a functional economic need i.e. persons in agriculture, horticulture, forestry or other similar rural based occupation, or those demonstrating a commitment to operate a full-time business dependent on and intrinsically linked to the rural area from their proposed house) or those with a functional social requirement which includes persons who can demonstrate that they are living or have lived full-time in the local area for a minimum of 7 consecutive years including returning migrants) in a rural area. The Criteria as drafted comply with the provisions of the NPF and RSES, comply with the requirements of the Flemish Decree (i.e. no reference to blood lines) and provides a sustainable rural housing policy that will cater for genuine rural need based on social and economic requirements. The examples presented would not be precluded for consideration of a one- off dwelling where compliance can be demonstrated with functional social (i.e. having lived in the rural area for 7 years and within 8km of the site) or

functional economic requirement.

Not Agreed

As per response to (i) above. The provisions provided in Category 1

compliance with statutory guidelines and plans, having regard to the viability of smaller towns and rural settlements.

The aim is to support the desire of individual applicants with a functional economic requirement or functional social requirement to settle in that area and to encourage people with no such links to settle in the identified extensive network of towns and villages.

(ii)
As per (i) above retain
Criteria 1 and 2 for
consideration of one off rural housing policy
in compliance with the
NPF and the RSES.

which define requirements for functional economic and functional social need and replace with new policy:

Delete Criteria 1 and Criteria 2

(ii)

It is the policy of the Council to permit residential development in areas defined "Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence" subject to the following circumstances:

- 1. Persons who are actively engaged (either full time or part time) in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, equine, aquaculture and bloodstock industries,
- 2. Members of farm families seeking to build on the family farm,
- 3. Landowners for this purpose being defined as persons who own the land 5 years prior to the date of planning application,
- 4. Persons employed locally whose employment would provide a service to the local community e.g. doctors, nurses, primary and secondary school teachers, veterinaries, veterinary nurses, members of the clergy, smiths, forge workers, pharmacists, gardeners, green keepers, local tourism personnel etc. (this is not an exhaustive list).
- 5. Persons who have personal, family or economic ties within the area, including returning emigrants,
- 6. Persons who wish to return to farming and who buy or inherit a substantial farm holding which is kept intact as an established farm unit, will be considered by the Council to be farmers and will be open to consideration for a rural house, as farmers.

Where there is already a house on the holding, refurbishment or replacement of this house is the preferred option.

The local area for the purpose of this policy is defined as the area generally within a 10km radius of the applicant's family home.

(iii) Replace RH1

RH P1: Manage the demand for single houses in the countryside of County Carlow in accordance with the Rural Housing Policy Zones shown on Map Ref. 3.1 and the corresponding criteria listed in Section 3.16.2.

Documentary proof of compliance with the criteria listed must be submitted with a planning application.

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and 2 above do not preclude the categories of persons listed in the submission or other such persons who may not be listed subject to adequate demonstration of compliance with either social or economic requirement.

(iii)
The proposed replacement policy does not reflect the requirements of the NPF and RSES which require that criteria cater for functional economic and functional social need and not just social links as referenced in the proposed policy.
Furthermore, there is a requirement to manage rural housing provision in accordance with

policy zones as outlined in map 3.1. which is not

(iii) Not Agreed

To accommodate demand from individuals for permanent residential development in defined "Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence" who have strong links to the area and who are an intrinsic part of the rural community, subject to good planning practice, environmental carrying capacity and landscape protection considerations. (iv) RH P2: Restrict the first occupancy of a rural house as a permanent place of residence for a period of 7 5 years to the applicant/occupant who demonstrate compliance with the rural housing policy criteria	referenced in the proposed amended policy. (iv) The proposed 7 year occupancy condition reflects the recommendation as contained in the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines. However, provision exists in certain circumstances for sale of the property subject to agreement with the Planning Authority	(iv) Not Agreed
(v) RH P4: Recognise that local exceptional circumstances may require a person to live in a particular location. This includes (i) exceptional health needs, where supported by relevant documentation from a registered medical practitioner consultant, or (ii) exception personal needs such as the requirement to sell a rural house on foot of a court order (e.g. following a divorce or legal separation), where supported by relevant documentation from a registered legal practitioner.	(v) The intent of the wording remains with the revised text. Accordingly, there is no objection to the proposed change.	(v) Agreed

Cllr. Paton advised the meeting that he was withdrawing amendment no. 78.

Amendments 79 and 80

It was agreed by the meeting to group amendment no.'s 79 -80 together.

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation
	Part 5: Pro	posed Ame	endments - Not Agreed	
Chapter 1	5: Town and Village Plans / Settler	ment Bound	aries	
79.	Borris Requests consideration to the zoning of land towards the townlands of Old Yard and Kilcoltrim given unavailability of	Cllr. Quinn	No lands have been identified in the submission, but it appears to reference lands at a significant remove from the settlement. The	

	land to build a family home in the town of Borris for person from the town.		section 28 Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2007) contain factors in determining zoning	Not Agreed
80.	Amend to include additional new residential on the Ballymurphy Road (past cemetery/GAA) and the Kilcoltrim Road to accommodation for private housing.	Cllr. Quinn & Cllr. Paton	including the sequential approach where 'zoning should extend outwards from the centre of an urban area, with undeveloped lands closest to the core and public transport routes being given preference (i.e. 'leapfrogging' to more remote areas should be avoided)'. These lands remote from the town would be contrary to the foregoing provisions. Zoning of these lands would also be contrary to the overriding objective of the Plan to support the development of towns and villages, would be contrary to policies to support compact growth and would constitute unsustainable development on unserviced lands leading to the introduction of a suburban development in a rural area.	

The recommendations of the Chief Executive in relation to amendment no.'s 79 and 80 were:

Proposed by: Cllr. K. Murnane Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Neill

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

Amendment 81

Number	Proposed Amendments	Ву	Chief Executive's Response	Chief Executive's Recommendation			
Part 6: Additional Proposed Minor Amendments - Agreed							
Chapter 5:	Chapter 5: Sustainable Travel and Transportation						
81.	Include additional text referencing Bagenalstown in Policy PT P1 (Section 5.5.2, Pg 108): PT. P1:Promote the sustainable development of the county by supporting and guiding national agencies in delivering improvements to the public transport network / services and associated infrastructure, promoting integrated services and to seek to ensure that public transport services provide an	CIIr. McDonald	Agreed amend policy PT P1 to include reference to Bagenalstown. Carlow town also to be referenced in Motion	Agreed PT. P1:Promote the sustainable development of the county by supporting and guiding national agencies in delivering improvements to the public transport network / services and associated infrastructure including services and infrastructure at the			

attractive and convenient		rail stations at
alternative to the car.		Bagenalstown and
		Carlow Town, thereby
		promoting integrated
		services which seek to
		ensure that public
		transport services
		provide an attractive and
		convenient alternative to
		the car.

The Chief Executive's recommendation in relation to amendment no. 81 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. A. McDonald Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doran

and agreed following a show of hands via Microsoft Teams

It was proposed by Cllr. Murnane and seconded by Cllr. Browne that the draft Carlow County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 be placed on public display. A roll call was taken as follows:

Member of Carlow County Council	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Fergal Browne	V			
John Cassin				V
Andrea Dalton	V			
Michael Doran	V			
Andy Gladney	V			
Thomas Kinsella	V			
Arthur McDonald	V			
John McDonald	V			
Ken Murnane	V			
Charlie Murphy	V			
John Murphy	V			
Brian O'Donoghue	V			
Tom O'Neill	V			
William Paton	V			
John Pender	V			
Fintan Phelan	V			

William Quinn	V		
Adrienne Wallace	$\sqrt{}$		

The result of the vote was 17 in favour and 1 absent.

The motion was carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.