

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council  
held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, at 10am  
in the Hardiman Hotel, Galway and online via zoom platform.  
Consideration of the Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Chief  
Executive's Report on the Draft Development Plan Consultation Process  
Meeting No. 6**

<b>Presiding:</b>	Cllr. C. Higgins, Mayor of the City of Galway Cllr. M. Cubbard, Deputy Mayor of the City of Galway
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b> A. Cheevers, J. Connolly, M.J. Crowe, O. Hanley, E. Hoare, P. Keane, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis & N. Murphy
<b>Present Virtually:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b> I. Byrne, C. Connolly, F. Fahy, N. Larkin, D. Lyons, M. O'Connor & T. O'Flaherty
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Mr. B. Barrett, A/Director of Services Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner Ms. K. Moloney, A/Executive Planner Ms. M. Kilgarriff, Assistant Staff Officer Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator Ms. S. King, Assistant Staff Officer
<b>In Attendance Virtually:</b>	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive Ms. R. McNally, Director of Services Ms. S. Watson, Senior Staff Officer Ms. M. Harrington, Executive Planner

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intention to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection. A presentation was then made with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning:

- Ethics Framework
  - o Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service
  - o Code of Conduct for Councillors advising chapters on Conflict of Personal and Public Interest and Planning
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation
- Code of Conduct and Regulation of Lobbying information

Councillors were advised that they are individually responsible for being compliant and that it is an offence if you fail to comply with some sections of the Ethical Framework.

The Meetings Administrator advised Councillors that they will be requested to indicate if they are 'In Favour', 'Against' or wish to 'Abstain' when making a resolution by raising their hand. She advised that this will be done for each resolution taken at the meeting. This was noted by Council.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. M. Cubbard welcomed all to the meeting.

Councillors agreed to continue with the discussion in relation to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) Submissions and Recommendations.

It was agreed to defer the Motion submitted by Cllr. M.J. Crowe in relation to Recommendation No. 6 until he joined the meeting. Councillors discussed OPR Recommendation No. 7.

Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner explained the City Council's response to the OPR. She advised that there are a number of areas where co-operation exists between Galway City Council and Galway County Council, including the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS), Galway Airport, and the Joint Metropolitan Retail Strategy. The Galway City Council and the Galway County Council Planning Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) met recently and discussed same. She added that Galway City Council made two submissions to the Galway County Development Plan and the OPR will have been privy to the submissions.

The Chief Executive advised that the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) are commissioning a study on the monitoring of the MASP/RSES area. Concerns have been brought by Galway City Council to Galway County Council in relation to proposed development in the MASP area. He advised that Galway City Council are joint owners of Galway Airport and Galway County Council have been requested to provide any eventual proposed plans to Galway City Council for review and discussion to consider further when considering the NWRA submission. Councillors discussed the OPR Recommendation no. 7.

Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner and the Chief Executive responded to queries and clarifications raised by Councillors.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. Murphy      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive's Response in relation to OPR Recommendation 7 - Co-ordination with Galway County Council Having regard to section 9(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and to the requirement for a sustainable settlement and transportation strategy under section 10(2)(n), the planning authority is required to coordinate the objectives of the development plan with those of Galway County Council to:**

- (i) review land use zonings on the edge of and contiguous to the boundary of the city council in accordance with the principles of compact growth; and sequential approach to development, and tiered approach to zoning; and**
- (ii) prepare a joint Local Area Plan or at the least a joint strategy to form part of the draft Plan, including a transport strategy and/or local transport plan for the connected metropolitan settlements of Ardaun, Gaurran (County) and Briarhill (County). This should also involve engagement with all other relevant stakeholders, particularly TII, NTA, IW, and OPW.**

**In Favour: 16    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 16**

**This was approved by Council.**

Mayor C. Higgins referred Councillors to a motion proposed by Cllr. M.J. Crowe on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

Councillors discussed same.

Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner advised that the wording as outlined in the Chief Executive's Response to OPR Recommendation No. 6 allows for full assessment of all criteria set out

in the Urban Density and Building Height Study (UDBH) study. The wording 'will only apply' would be considered too restrictive.

Word changes to the motion were suggested. Following discussion, Cllr. M.J. Crowe proposed the original motion he submitted.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

Para 2 on page 47, delete ...'based on outstanding architectural design...'

Para 4 '...will only apply'...

Para 4 '...include for exceptional design...'

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin & Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Against:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour: 7    Against: 10    Abstain: 0    Present: 17**

**The Motion was defeated.**

As the amendment Motion was defeated, it was proposed by Cllr. O. Hanley to accept the Chief Executive's Response.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to OPR Recommendation 6**

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin & Cllr. D. McDonnell

**In Favour: 10    Against: 7    Abstain: 0    Present: 17**

**This was approved by Council.**

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that discussion in relation to OPR Recommendation No. 8 be deferred until Chapter 11. This was seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy.

Following comments from Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner and on the understanding that this Recommendation is separate from issues arising in Chapter 11, Cllr. D. Lyons withdrew the Motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response in relation to OPR Recommendation 8 – Rural Housing, with the following text in italics**

- *A demonstrable economic and/or social need to locate on these lands, supported by documentary evidence of an acceptable nature, will be required.*
- Uses as set out in Section 5.9 Agricultural Lands *in compliance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005)*

Cllr. J. Connolly proposed the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation with an amendment to exclude the text in italics. Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. Connolly      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**To accept Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation in relation to OPR Recommendation 8 – Rural Housing, excluding the following text in italics:**

- *A demonstrable economic and/or social need to locate on these lands, supported by documentary evidence of an acceptable nature, will be required.*
- Uses as set out in Section 5.9 Agricultural Lands *in compliance with the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2005)*

**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

**In Favour:** 13    **Against:** 4    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

Cllr. E. Hoare expressed his disappointment on the process of input by the Office of the Planning Regulator and that this be noted.

It was agreed by Council to take a break at 11.35a.m for 15 minutes and the meeting resumed at 11.50a.m.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation to OPR Submission Recommendation 9 – Traveller Accommodation.**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**To accept Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation to OPR Submission Recommendation 10 – Joint Retail Strategy.**

**In Favour:** 16    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 16

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, advised that Recommendation No. 11 had been agreed under chapters previously discussed, as it overlapped.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to OPR Submission Recommendation 11 – Renewable Energy.**

**In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16**

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner responded to queries raised by Councillors.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation to OPR Submission Recommendation No. 12 - Flood Risk.**

**In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16**

**This was approved by Council.**

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation in relation to OPR Submission Recommendation 13.

Cllr. N. Murphy suggested an amendment be added that the website inventory will be updated within one year of adoption of the Plan. Cllr. D. Lyons accepted this.

Councillors discussed the Motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**Seconded by:** Cllr. F. Fahy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation to OPR Submission Recommendation 13 - Public Rights of Way to include a specific objective to continue the phased recording of Public Rights of Way in accordance with OPR good practice guidance and make publically available by inclusion in the website inventory and by use of the Plan variation process. And not to include the list in the Development Plan until the appropriate statutory process has been undertaken and to include a provision that the website be updated within one year of the adoption of the plan.**

**In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16**

**This was approved by Council.**

## Office of the Planning Regulator Observations

A discussion took place in relation to the Chief Executive's Proposed Amendments (PA) to OPR Submission Observations.

Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner, advised that the Submission Observations were not Recommendations from the Planning Regulator and a reason would not be required if Councillors decided to reject any of the observations.

Councillors discussed Observation no. 1. Cllr. O. Hanley proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation in relation to Observation 1 – Development Management Standards. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed an Amendment to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation but to remove the word 'generally' from the text in relation to Observation No.1.

A discussion took place in relation to this and Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the amendment first.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. F. Fahy

**To accept Chief Executive's Recommendation for Observation 1 – Development Management Standards with the removal of the word 'generally'**

Amend Section 11.3.1 (d) Overlooking by including for additional text in italics:

- Residential units shall ~~generally~~ not directly overlook private open space or land with development potential from above ground floor level by less than 11 metres minimum.

Amend Section 11.3.1 (f) Distance between Dwellings for New Residential Development by including for text in italics.

- The distance between side gables and side boundaries of dwellings shall ~~generally~~ be a minimum of 1.5 metres.
- Within all other residential developments, including apartment buildings and large dwellings, (greater than 200m<sup>2</sup>), the distance between buildings shall ~~generally~~ be greater unless deemed acceptable under specific site ***performance based criteria***, this is to provide a good layout and context for the development.

Amend Section 11.3.2 Established Suburbs section 11.3.2 (b) Amenity Standards by including for text in italics:

Shall be as per Outer Suburbs except in certain circumstances where the established form and layout would deem a reduction in these standards appropriate, in the interests of sustainability, architectural quality and urban design. ***These will be assessed on performance based criteria.***

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. D. Lyons & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M. J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

**In Favour:** 4    **Against:** 12    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 16

**The Motion was defeated.**

As the amendment was defeated, a vote took place on the original proposal.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive's Recommendation for Observation 1 – Development Management Standards:**

Amend Section 11.3.1 (d) Overlooking by including for additional text in italics:

- Residential units shall **generally** not directly overlook private open space or land with development potential from above ground floor level by less than 11 metres minimum.

Amend Section 11.3.1 (f) Distance between Dwellings for New Residential Development by including for text in italics.

- The distance between side gables and side boundaries of dwellings shall **generally** be a minimum of 1.5 metres.

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**In favour:** Cllr. I. Byrne, J. Connolly, Cllr. M. J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis, N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Against:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. D. Lyons & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour:** 12    **Against:** 4    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 16

**The Motion was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**To accept Chief Executive Response for OPR Submission Observation 2.**

**In Favour:** 16    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 16

**This was approved by Council.**

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation for OPR Submission Observation 3. A discussion took place in relation to the wording of the Chief Executive's Recommendation regarding OPR Submission Observation 3, Cllr. J. Connolly suggested additions and Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner, suggested amended wording. Cllr. D. McDonnell accepted this wording.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive's Recommendation for OPR Submission Observation 3 - Distribution of Employment Lands with amendments in italics:**

Apply active land use mechanisms to facilitate development of lands at Ragoon / Knocknacarra through a co-ordinated approach in conjunction with the Council, landowners, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Irish Water, National Transport Authority **to include third level institutions and the Department of Trade and Employment** other stakeholders.

**In Favour:** 17    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

Deputy Mayor M. Cubbard concluded the meeting for lunch at 13.00p.m.

Mayor C. Higgins joined the meeting and proceedings resumed at 14.00p.m.

Councillors discussed OPR Submission Observation 4 with matters raised including placemaking and the process of the Galway Transport Strategy review

Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner and Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner responded to queries and provided context for the Chief Executive's Recommendation for OPR Submission Observation 4.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. I. Byrne      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Recommendation for OPR Submission Observation 4 – Sustainable Transport**

Having regard to section 10(2)(n) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the planning authority is requested to review the Transport Demand Management Measures (Section 4.5) and sections 11.9 and 11.10 of the draft Plan to strengthen the policy framework to ensure that employment opportunities at edge of centre locations such as Ballybrit, Dangan, Parkmore and Oranmore are consistent with sustainable mobility and the protection of the capacity and efficiency of the national roads network.

**In Favour:** 14    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 14

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner advised that the Chief Executive's Recommendation relating to OPR Submission no. 5 as follows 'Amend Policy 2.2.5 – omit strikethrough text and insert text in italics was approved during Chapter 2: 'Prepare and make a five year Local Authority Climate Action Plan in accordance with the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021 and future supporting guidelines. ~~and consequently~~ Review the Development Plan to ensure alignment **consistency with *the Local Authority Climate Action Plan and future climate action policy and guidance and if required bring forward a variation of the plan.***' was approved by Council during Chapter 2 discussions held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive's Response for OPR Submission Observation 5 – Climate Action**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**To accept Chief Executive's Response for OPR Submission Observation 6.**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner gave an overview of Observation no. 7 – Implementation and Monitoring.



**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**To accept Chief Executive’s Recommendation for OPR Submission Observation 7 – Implementation and Monitoring.**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response for Observation 8 – Standardised Zoning Objectives**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

### **Submissions from the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) including recommendations & Observations.**

It was agreed to discuss the Chief Executive’s proposed Amendments in response to the North Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) Submission Recommendations and the Chief Executive’s Responses.

Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. N. McNelis declared that they are members of the NWRA.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Response to NWRA Recommendation 1**

**In Favour:** 17    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. I. Byrne

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Response to NWRA Recommendation 2**

**In Favour:** 17    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendation to NWRA Recommendation 3.**

Amend Section 6.1 Context insert text in 15th paragraph – outlined in italics as follows:

This shift towards Ireland’s regions is supported by the enhanced development of the four regional cities of Galway, Limerick, Cork and Waterford. The NPF sees the regions as being supported by these cities and the cities being strengthened in their role as accessible centres of high value employment and

services and focal points for investment to enable them to have the widest possible regional influence. ***It is noted that National Policy Objective NPO 1c of the National Planning Framework has a target growth of around 115,000 additional people in employment i.e. 450,000 (0.45m) in total in the Northern and Western Region by 2040.*** The NPF gives recognition in particular to Galway City's key role as a growth centre and driver for investment and identifies several key growth enabler projects for the Galway MASP area which can support and enhance Galway's economic role.

**In Favour: 17    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 17**

**This was approved by Council.**

Councillors discussed NWRA Recommendation 4.

Cllr. A. Cheevers proposed a motion in relation to NWRA Recommendation 4 'That Galway City Council have full consultation with Galway City Council Public Representatives in any plan for Galway Airport Site.' The Chief Executive cautioned that Galway City Council cannot impose conditions in the Development Plan on the County Council in relation to the Airport site as it is outside of the City Council's functional area. It was agreed that this matter could be discussed at an Ordinary Council meeting and Cllr. A. Cheevers withdrew the Motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis      **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**To accept Chief Executive's Recommendation to NWRA Recommendation 4.**

Amend Section 6.3.2 Industrial Sector to include in the second paragraph text outlined in italics and to delete text as a strikethrough as follows:

Another key opportunity site for industrial and enterprise use is the former Galway Airport site. These lands were purchased by Galway City and Galway County Council when the airport function ceased with a vision to re-use for economic purposes. This 46 ha site is identified in the NPF as a growth enabler and being located in the MASP area the Plan includes an objective to unlock the potential of the lands in the lifetime of the strategy. An analysis of this site has been undertaken by Galway County Council which includes a framework for the potential redevelopment of the site for economic benefit of the wider Galway region. ***The Framework will inform the preparation by both councils of a masterplan for the Airport Site in consultation with all relevant stakeholders including the NTA, TII and Irish Water.*** A supporting objective for this ~~framework~~ **masterplan** is included in the current Draft Galway County Development Plan 2022-28.

**In Favour: 17    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 17**

**This was approved by Council.**

### **Northern & Western Regional Assembly Observations**

The NWRA observations were then considered. Responses to queries were given by Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. I Byrne

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to NWRA Observations 1-3.**

**In Favour: 15    Against: 2    Abstain: 0    Present: 17**

**The Motion was approved by Council.**

In relation to observation 4, Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the words ‘where appropriate’ be removed from the Chief Executive recommendation. Following discussion, Cllr. Connolly withdrew this motion.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendation to NWRA Observation 4.**

Chief Executive’s Response:

*This observation is noted. A number of amendments are proposed arising from the recommendations of the OPR including the removal of many of Specific Development Objective maps in Chapter 11. It is recommended that the remaining small maps in Chapter 11 be reviewed and improved with reference to areas of zoned land and cross referenced to the building heights study where appropriate.*

Chief Executive’s Recommendation:

*Review Specific Development Objective maps in Chapter 11 with reference to areas of zoned land and cross referenced to the Urban Density and Building Height Study where appropriate.*

**In Favour:** 17    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response to NWRA Observation 5**

**In Favour:** 17    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 17

**This was approved by Council.**

It was proposed by Mayor C. Higgins, seconded by Cllr. C. Connolly and agreed to take a break for 10 minutes at 15.20p.m. The meeting resumed at 15.30pm

## **Chapter 1 – Introduction, Strategic Context & Core Strategy**

The Chief Executive’s Responses in relation to Chapter 1 – Introduction, Strategic Context & Core Strategy were then considered.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive’s Responses to Introduction/Strategic Vision**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons      **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive’s Responses to 1.3 – Strategic Policy Context**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell    **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept Chief Executive’s Responses to 1.4 - Core Strategy Context**

**In Favour:** 14    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 14

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons    **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response to 1.5 – Settlement Capacity Audit**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell    **Seconded by:** Cllr. J. Connolly

**To accept Chief Executive’s Response to 1.9 – Core Strategy Map and Core Strategy Table**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

## **Chapter 1: Chief Executive Recommendations:**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons    **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to include the following in ‘Strategic Policy Framework’ text added in italics**

- *UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)*
- *Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021 – 2025*

**In Favour:** 16    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 16

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons    **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to Amend Section 1.2 Strategic Goals text in italics**

Protect and enhance the distinctive and diverse natural environment in the city and strengthen the green **and blue** network and linkages, recognising the biodiversity value of the amenity, the range of recreational benefits this provides, the potential for facilitating active and healthy lifestyles, the effect it can have on the quality of general health and well-being and the value it has for providing good place making and an attractive city setting. (pg. 14)

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Section 1.2 Strategic Goals. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons.

Cllr. J. Connolly proposed that 'linguistic' be added. This was seconded by Cllr. N. McNelis. The Chief Executive suggested the wording 'including linguistic heritage'. This wording was accepted.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept and amend the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Section 1.2 Strategic Goals to include for text in italics:**

Achieve a high quality of life for all citizens through the provision of a good quality, attractive, built environment, through the protection of *the unique cultural heritage, including linguistic heritage, built heritage* and natural environment and through facilitation of key economic, cultural and social supports.

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend text in Section 1.2 Strategic Goals new text in italics**

Commit to climate action and *pursue* the national targeted reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through proactive measures in line with EU and national commitments as included for in to enable a just transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich and climate neutral economy and society, in particular through specific promotion, adaptation and mitigation measures."

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 1    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 14

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Section 1.2 Strategic Goals and insert text in italics: *Integrate* the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable *Development to better support the localisation of the SDGs and to contribute to their achievement internationally*, particularly where they relate to the uses of land, buildings, water, energy, waste and through the encouragement of sustainable modes of transport and the integration of transportation with land use.**

**In Favour:** 15    **Against:** 0    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 15

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend text in Policy 1.3 and insert text in italics **Policy 1.3.1 Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP):****

Recognise the importance of the Galway Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) in the delivery of strategic growth with critical mass that supports the development of the city and existing surrounding settlements as strong, attractive urban places, supported by a level of services and infrastructure that creates successful, sustainable, *universally accessible and* socially inclusive communities and which

harnesses the strengths associated with scale to maximise economic opportunities and supports investment.

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. C. Phelan gave details of the Core Strategy Map.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. Cubbard

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend the Core Strategy Map Figure 1.6 Amend the core strategy map to insert *an icon for the District centre at Westside.***

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

### **Chapter 3 – Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods - Chief Executive's Responses**

The Chief Executive's Responses to submissions in relation to Chapter 3 – Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods were discussed.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.1 – Context**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

In relation to Section 3.2, the Chief Executive responded to queries in relation to housing policy, the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and legislation.

Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services advised that the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy is under review and will come to the full Council for consideration at the September Ordinary Meeting.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.2 – Housing Strategy**

**In Favour: 13 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 13**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.3 – Traveller Accommodation**

**In Favour: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 14**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.4 – Sustainable Neighbourhood Concept**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.5 – Sustainable Neighbourhoods – Outer Suburbs**

**In Favour: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 14**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.6 – Sustainable Neighbourhoods – Established Suburbs**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.7 – Residential Neighbourhood Regeneration Areas**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.8 – Inner Residential Areas**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.9 – City Centre Residential Areas**

**In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept Chief Executive's Response to Section 3.10 – Specific Objectives**

**In Favour: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 14**

**This was approved by Council.**

### Chapter 3 – Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods - Chief Executive’s Recommendations:

The Chief Executive’s Recommendations in relation to Chapter 3, Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods was discussed.

Queries were raised in relation to Chief Executive’s Recommendation No. 1 and whether this would increase costs for developers. Ms. C. Phelan responded to queries and advised that the Recommendation No. 1 is affirming what is already in Chapter 11.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to Amend Section 11, Part B Development Standards and Guidelines to include text in italics as follows:**

***Statement of Housing Mix***

***All planning applications involving developments of 25 or more shall be required to include a Statement of Housing Mix detailing the proposed mix and demonstrating that it provides a sufficient range in unit sizes and types to satisfy community mix including the demographic trend of reduction in average household sizes.***

***The Statement of Housing Mix shall outline how the scheme has been designed for the needs of older people and/or persons with a disability and/or lifetime homes.***

***Plans shall clearly identify proposed units that are designed as universal homes.***

**In favour:** Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

**In Favour: 5    Against: 10    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

**The Motion was defeated.**

Cllr. N. McNelis proposed to accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to Amend Policy 3.1 Housing Strategy to insert additional text in No. 5. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

Cllr. N. Murphy proposed amended wording in relation to policy 3.1 Housing Strategy to include ‘cost rental housing’. Cllr. O. Hanley proposed the insertion of ‘will be prioritised’ and Cllr. N. McNelis and Cllr. D. McDonnell agreed to same.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to Amend Policy 3.1 Housing Strategy to insert additional text in No. 5 - text outlined in italics as follows:**

Work in collaboration with the Land Development Agency to enhance delivery of the long term strategic needs for social, affordable and cost rental housing in the city. ***The delivery of social, affordable and cost rental housing on public lands will be prioritised.***

**In Favour: 14    Against: 0    Abstain: 1    Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**



**Proposed by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. McNelis

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Section 3.4 Sustainable Neighbourhood Concept - Streets and Movement – insert text outlined in italics as follows:**

Design principles and measures should consider the following:

Connectivity and Permeability: Provide *universal* convenient access to places, particularly to schools and places of work. Routes within the area should be accessible for everyone including the needs of all users, including the elderly and people with a disability, and should be as direct as possible.

**In Favour: 15    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. J. Connolly

**Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Policy 3.6 Sustainable Neighbourhoods: Inner Residential Areas, to insert no. 3 - outlined in italics as follows:**

*Prioritise the provision of new homes on designated Regeneration and Opportunity Sites in the Inner Residential Areas at appropriate scales to enable the development of new sustainable communities.*

**In Favour: 14    Against: 1    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

In relation to Section 3.7 Sustainable Neighbourhoods: Inner Residential Areas, Cllr. C. Connolly requested that Munster Avenue be included in the text. This was accepted by Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. D. Lyons.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend Section 3.7 Sustainable Neighbourhoods: Inner Residential Areas last paragraph to insert text outlined in italics as follows:**

...Other strategic projects such as the Corrib go C osta Galway Flood Relief Scheme will ensure neighbourhoods, in particular the Claddagh, *Munster Avenue and surrounding areas*, are resilient to the impacts of climate change.

**In Favour: 15    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

**To accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to Amend in Chapter 3, Table 3.1 Indicative Neighbourhood Areas in Galway, to include Bowling Green as a city centre residential area.**

**In Favour: 15    Against: 0    Abstain: 0    Present: 15**

**This was approved by Council.**

Mayor C Higgins advised that next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am in the Galmont Hotel.

The meeting ended at 17.30p.m.