

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council  
held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, at 9.30am – 1pm  
in the Galmont 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. 7**

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

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

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.

### **Chapter 3: Housing & Sustainable Neighbourhoods – Additional Motions submitted by Councillors**

Mayor C. Higgins referred Councillors to the Motion submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

**Chapter 3 Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods 3.9 Specific Objectives add an additional point 9: *Support development of recreational and amenity facilities including playing pitches on lands located in Mincloon north of Ragoon Road.***

Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner responded to queries in relation to this Motion advising that there are traffic concerns in relation to this site and access would be a constraint and that planning permission would be required. Ms. Coleman suggested the word ‘consider’ be used rather than ‘support’. Cllr. P. Keane suggested ‘support and consider’. Cllr. Lyons accepted this wording.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the word ‘support’ be omitted. There was no seconder for this motion, so the motion fails.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

**Chapter 3 Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods 3.9 Specific Objectives add an additional point 9:**

***Support and consider the development of recreational and amenity facilities including playing pitches on lands located in Mincloon north of Ragoon Road in the ownership of Salthill Knocknacarra GAA Club.***

**In Favour: 13    Against: 1    Abstain: 0    Present: 14**

**The Motion was approved by Council.**

Cllr. N. Murphy sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting and requested that any Motions that he had submitted be deferred. This was noted by Council.

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

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

**To accept the text of Chapter 3: Housing & Sustainable Development.**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

### **Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration**

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive’s Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.1 - Context**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Larkin

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.2 – City Centre**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

A discussion took place in relation to 10.3 – Regeneration and Opportunity Sites. Clarifications were provided by Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner and Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed that the submission be accepted, as there was no seconder to same, the motion fails.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response and a vote was taken as follows:

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.3 – Regeneration and Opportunity Sites**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. J. Connolly

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.4 – City Centre Regeneration**

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

**This was approved by Council**

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed a motion relating to 10.6 - Inner Harbour Regeneration Site, to include the wording 'the objective of the City Council plans and strategies...' This was seconded by Cllr. J. Connolly and it was agreed to consider this motion at a later stage.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Larkin

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.6 – Inner Harbour Regeneration Site**

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

**This was approved by Council**

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. I. Byrne

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.7 – Headford Road Regeneration Sites**

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

**This was approved by Council**

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.8 – Sandy Road Regeneration Site**

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

**This was approved by Council**

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.9 – Nun's Island Masterplan**

In relation to 10.9 Nun's Island Masterplan, Ms. C. Phelan and Ms. H. Coleman responded to queries regarding biodiversity and the proposed inclusion of the Bish site in the Masterplan.

The Chief Executive advised that University of Galway - Ollscoil na Gaillimhe (formerly NUIG) has received URDF funding to progress a planning application in relation to the masterplan.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response. This was seconded by Cllr. C. Higgins.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. M.J. Crowe to accept the submission. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

The amendment was considered first as follows:

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

**To accept the submission GLWC-C2-132 NUI Galway – Amend Nun's Island Area Masterplan.**

**In Favour: 11 Against: 2 Abstain: 0 Present: 13**

**This was approved by Council.**

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response for all other submissions except for GLWC-C2-132 NUI Galway relating to Chapter 10.9: Nun's Island Masterplan Area**

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

**This was approved by Council**

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.11 – Crown Square Regeneration Site**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

Mayor. C. Higgins proposed a 15 minute break at 11.15a.m. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons and agreed. The meeting resumed at 11.30a.m.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.12 – Corrib Great Southern Regeneration Site**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

Ms. C. Phelan and Ms. H. Coleman responded to queries and clarifications raised by Councillors in relation to 10.15 – Arch Motors Opportunity Site.

Cllr. P. Keane proposed that submission GLWC-C2-155 Creaven Co-Ownership be accepted. Cllr. T. O'Flaherty requested a Roll Call Vote. This was supported by Cllr. C. Connolly and Cllr. D. Lyons.

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

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Keane

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

**To accept the first submission in relation to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration, 10.15 Arch Motors Opportunity Site GLWC-C2-155 Creaven Co-Ownership – District Centre Boundaries – Clearly Define Boundaries**

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

**Against:** Cllr. C. Connolly & Cllr. O. Hanley

**In Favour: 11 Against: 2 Abstain: 0 Present: 13**

**The Motion was approved by Council.**

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response in relation to the remaining submissions, excluding the first submission C2-155, as already voted upon.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator requested Councillors to indicate if they are 'In Favour', 'Against' or wish to 'Abstain' by raising their hand.

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response in relation to the remaining submissions relating to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.15 – Arch Motors Opportunity Site *excluding* GLWC-C2-155 Creaven Co-Ownership – District Centre Boundaries – Clearly Define Boundaries as already voted upon. To omit as an Opportunity Site but to include within Westside District Centre.**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.16 – Shantalla Road Opportunity Site GLWC-C2-198 Walter King - Lands at Shantalla Road- Opportunity Site- Amendment to Site Specific Description for 0.62 Ha site.**

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response regarding 10.16 Shantalla Road Opportunity Site. This was seconded by Cllr. C. Higgins.

Cllr. P. Keane proposed to accept the submission GLWC-C2-198 Walter King - Lands at Shantalla Road- Opportunity Site- Amendment to Site Specific Description for 0.62 Ha site.

Cllr. T. O'Flaherty requested a Roll Call Vote and this was supported by Cllr. C. Connolly and Cllr. D. Lyons. Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote as follows.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Keane

**To accept submission Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration 10.16 – Shantalla Road Opportunity Site GLWC-C2-198 Walter King - Lands at Shantalla Road- Opportunity Site- Amendment to Site Specific Description for 0.62 Ha site.**

**In favour:** Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. Larkin & Cllr. D. McDonnell

**Against:** Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

**In Favour:** 3    **Against:** 11    **Abstain:** 0    **Present:** 14

**The Motion was defeated.**

As the amendment failed, a vote took place on the original Motion to accept the Chief Executive's Response.

Councillors were requested to raise their hands if they are 'In Favour', 'Against' or wish to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.16 – Shantalla Road Opportunity Site GLWC-C2-198 Walter King - Lands at Shantalla Road- Opportunity Site- Amendment to Site Specific Description for 0.62 Ha site.**

**This was agreed and approved by Council.**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.17 Doughiska Road Opportunity Site**

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

**This was approved by Council**

Councillors discussed 10.21 Knocknacarra District Centre (North) Opportunity Site.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O' Flaherty

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.21 Knocknacarra District Centre (North) Opportunity Site**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

Councillors discussed 10.23 – Salthill raising matters including potential extension and long term management of the promenade, reference to the Habitat's Directive and seating at Salthill promenade and Salthill Park was commended.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to carry out an environmental improvement scheme for Salthill including the upgrade of the promenade. This was seconded by Cllr. C. Higgins. It was agreed by Council to consider the Motion at a later stage.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.23 – Salthill**

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

**This was approved by Council**

Councillors discussed 10.24 – Westside. Ms. H. Coleman and Ms. C. Phelan responded to queries raised.

The Meetings Administrator displayed an enlarged map of the map that was distributed to Councillors in documentation, and also a map on google maps for ease of reference.

Cllr. P Keane proposed to an Amendment to the Chief Executive's Recommendation to extend the boundary of the Seamus Quirke Road Regeneration site to include the remainder of CI lands directly to the north east. He added that this was on the map displayed to extend the block to the Old Seamus Quirke Road.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. P. Keane

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

**To accept and amend the Chief Executive's Recommendation regarding Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration 10.24 – Westside GLWC-C2-235 Bernadette & James Cornican - Include lands at Seamus Quirke Rd (0.67 Ha) into Westside Regeneration and Opportunity Site and to extend the boundary red line to include the additional area coloured blue to include a number of other buildings - Entire site area 1.288Ha.**

**In Favour: 12 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 Present: 13**

**This was approved by Council.**

A discussion took place in relation to the times for the meeting to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Proposed by:** Cllr. C. Higgins

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

**That the meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 take place from 14.00p.m. to 22.00p.m.**

**In Favour: 12    Against: 2    Abstain: 0    Present: 14**

**This was approved by Council.**

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

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

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.25 – Ardaun LAP**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

Councillors discussed 10.26 – Murrough Local Area Plan, matters raised included the securing of Urban Regeneration and Development Funding and Irish Rail access.

Ms. H. Coleman and Ms. C. Phelan responded to queries raised.

In relation to 10.26 – Murrough Local Area Plan, Cllr. T. O'Flaherty proposed to change the word 'the' to 'this' in the sentence 'Prepare a Local Area Plan for Murrough within the period of ~~the~~ this plan'. The Chief Executive agreed with this recommendation and this wording was accepted by Council.

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

**Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Larkin

**To accept the Chief Executive's Response to Chapter 10: Compact Growth & Regeneration relating to submissions 10.26 – Murrough LAP**

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

**This was approved by Council.**

The meeting concluded at 12.59p.m. Mayor Higgins advised that the next meeting will take place at 14.00p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 in the Hardiman Hotel.