

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, ON TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 2021 AT 12 Noon.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Joe Murphy, Cathaoirleach 2021/2022 **PRESIDED**

**MEMBERS:** Cllr E. Kelly, Cllr T. Crosby, Cllr D. Kilduff, Cllr M. McDermott, Cllr A. Waldron, Cllr V. Byrne, Cllr L. Callaghan, Cllr J. Cummins, Cllr P. Fitzmaurice, Cllr J. Keogh, Cllr O. Leyden, Cllr M. Mulligan, Cllr J. Naughten, Cllr K. Shanagher, Cllr T. Ward and Cllr L. Fallon.

**OFFICIALS:** Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive  
Claudette Collins, Asst. Staff Officer  
Shane Tiernan, Director of Services  
Patricia Bohan, Meetings Administrator  
Pio Byrnes, A Senior Executive Planner  
Mary Grier, Senior Planner

**Apologies:** Cllr N. Dineen.

**120.21 INTRODUCTION FROM MR. SHANE TIERNAN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES**

The Draft County Development Plan is now at Stage 2 of a 3 Stage process, with the *Chief Executives Report on Submissions* presented to the Members today.

The report is prepared in accordance with S12(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and is submitted to the Members for their consideration today as part of the process for the preparation of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2021 – 2027. The report presents a summary of the submissions and observations received on the Draft Plan and Chief Executives response to these.

The report contains submissions received from the Office of the Planning Regulator, The Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Prescribed Bodied and General submissions.

Due to the wide ranging nature of submissions across multiple themes etc. it was decided to address each individual submission. All submissions have been summarised and responded to and where changes to the Draft Plan are recommended, they are highlighted in the text of the document and recommendations may encapsulate a number of submissions.

Any amendments agreed to the Draft Plan today will be finalised and go for public consultation in three weeks time for a period of four weeks and a further Chief Executives Report on any submissions received will be again presented to the Members for consideration within the prescribed period for a final time.

One hundred and sixty submissions were received for consideration and the Chief Executive has ninety eight recommendations in his report. Thanks to the high level of public engagement and submissions received and to the Planning team led by former Director Martin Lydon and the Chief Executive for his guidance in reaching this stage of the process.

### **121.21 ELECTED MEMBERS PROPOSALS**

It was agreed by the Cathaoirleach following representation from the Members to discuss the Elected Members recommendations in advance of discussing with the Chief Executives recommendations on submissions from the OPR, NWRA and Public Bodies in case of conflict in the proposals.

The Director asked that any proposals from members be put in writing to ensure that all are clear.

#### **121.21a CLLR. FITZMAURICE - AMEND THE PROPOSED ZONING AREA OF CASTLEREA**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to amend the Proposed Zoning Area of Castlerea for Strategic Industrial/Enterprise Zone from 15.4 Ha to 16.82 Ha and to include lands in the south of Castlerea in the Harristown area marked in yellow on map submitted.

In response the Director of Services responded that we have zoned lands for industrial and there are other areas zoned in each of the towns that don't necessarily restrict industrial or commercial development in the outer core so it's not necessary that they have to be zoned industrial and this proposal is acceptable.

#### **121.21b CLLR. FALLON -DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE HOLDING**

Following some debate on the inclusion of a green cert as the sufficient evidence to demonstrate part time occupation in farming -

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to an addition to Table 3.2 on Page 43 of Volume 1:

“Applicants relying on economic needs criteria involving part time occupations in farming or natural resources, related activities will be required to submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate same for example but not limited to a herd number or hours of activity as a farmer”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to add to the first paragraph of S5.4 on Page 64 of Volume 1:

Add to Paragraph 1 – “Indeed the more accurate reflection of the number of farmers in County Roscommon should be based on the number of herd numbers as pertaining to the District Veterinary Office and that figure is recorded as 5535 (Includes all herd numbers).

The Director of Services stated that this is a high level strategy document and there no requirement to be very prescriptive in this matter as it may get too unwieldy to deal with. However we are supportive of agriculture activity and the first proposal is in order.

#### **121.21c CLLR. CUMMINS - LOUGH KEY AREA PLAN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Beirne

It was **AGREED** to amend the rural housing policy content relating to Conservation Zone 2 in the Lough Key Area Plan in Volume II of the Draft RCDP so that it is similar to the policy in ‘Areas under Urban Influence’

and does not hinder those from the Lough Key area building their first home in the Lough Key Plan area, regardless of whether or not they own or previously owned a house elsewhere.

Conservation Zone 2 of the Lough Key Area Plan (page 162, Volume II)

“Or in instances where the landholding requirement in (a) cannot be satisfied, evidence to demonstrate a rural generated housing need specific to the particular locality in which the development is proposed i.e. that the applicant(s) are proposing to build their first home in the Lough Key Plan area for their own long term occupation.....and that there are no alternative lands available to the applicant(s) within the locality, or in close proximity outside the Lough Key Plan area.”

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to propose a minor amendment to the boundary between Zone 1A and Zone 2 in the Lough Key area plan, in the Doon area, so that a small number of existing roadside properties and the associated infill roadside land between two of the properties comes within Zone 2 instead of the currently proposed Zone 1A. As per page 162. Vol I, Zone 1A lands are described as ‘highly vulnerable’. Given the long established nature of the properties and the associated lands, they are not highly vulnerable and would be more appropriate in Zone 2:

Additional text, for inclusion at the end of Zone 2 text, page 162, Volume II (to reflect same stipulations as relate to housing proposals in ‘Areas under Urban Influence’:

Planning Permission will not be granted for a dwelling in the Zones 1, 1A or 2 where an individual has already benefited from a permission for a dwelling on another site in the Plan area or in proximity to the Plan area, or owns and existing property within the Lough Key Plan area or in proximity to the Plan area.

The Director of Services commented that Lough Key and environs is in a environmentally scenic area and the executive is open to this proposal.

#### **121.21d CLLR. MURPHY - LOUGH KEY AREA PLAN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Murphy

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to amend Table LK2 of the Lough Key Area Plan to include the following wording in the title of the table:

(Development proposals are not limited to those outlined below)

#### **121.21e CLLR. FITZMAURICE - CASTLEREA RESIDENTIAL SITES**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to change the Castlerea residential sites under Planning and Land use as follows: Site Pound Street to Knockroe; site Boherbui to Demesne; site Circular Road to Arm and Castlerea Road to Arm Cashel.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to change Castlerea Strategic Industrial/Enterprise Zone from 15.14 Ha to 16.82 Ha in the

Chief Executives Recommendation No. 11.

This reflects the previous proposal of Cllr. Fitzmaurice in relation to additional strategic industrial Enterprise zones in Castlerea (Item No 107.21a in the minutes)

The Director of Services accepted the proposal.

#### **121.21f CLLR. NAUGHTEN - FACILITATION OF EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN KEY TOWNS**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** to include the new policy objective after E6 6.7 Chapter 6 of Volume 1 and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly – to facilitate the future expansion of industrial park/business parks in key towns in circumstances where the existing parks are being substantially complete and occupied and where there is a demonstrable need for further expansion.

Director of Services stated that this is more a matter for Galway County Council but in the context of Roscommon County Council this is acceptable.

#### **121.21g CLLRS. KELLY AND LEYDEN- RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY**

Cllr. Kelly asked for clarification on Page 138 Volume 1 Policy NH 10.8 to preserve and protect sites of county geological importance from inappropriate development where there are designated sites or natural heritage areas and the inclusion of the Killeglan karst landscape on Map 7 of the Blue Book as an area designated favourable for wind development bearing in mind that Killeglan springs is the source of the South Roscommon Water Supply.

In reply Mr. Pio Byrnes confirmed that this is a Strategic map but does not automatically confer planning and all applications have to go through a site specific procedure through development planning. It is correct that there is a policy to protect and preserve sites of geological importance from all development and not just renewable energy sources.

There followed a lengthy debate on renewable energy sources

- There is a contradiction in including Killeglan as a natural heritage area to be protected and its inclusion as an area designated favourable for wind development
- As Killeglan is the source of the SRRWSS, it should be protected at all costs
- There are alternative sources of renewable energy to windfarms, solar, biofuel etc. and these should be explored in more detail
- Wind energy is acceptable but should only be at sea.
- If planning permission is given for wind turbines it may affect turloughs.
- Wind turbines are now of the order of 180 – 200m high.
- What will happen to obsolete turbines?
- The Wind turbine guidelines need to be updated and should have a set-back distance of a minimum of 10 times the height and 1.5km from schools
- Looking at the maps, one quarter of the county of Roscommon is designated “most favourable” for wind power.
- We need to protect the communities we serve i.e. security of energy and have faith in the planning system to deliver where appropriate.

- Sustainable energy communities is the way forward and there will be 50 designated by 2030.

In response to the proposals the Director of Services stated that the maps are prepared on the methodology that is prescribed to be adopted. There will be no automatic right to planning in the “most favourable” areas. One of the ten national strategic outcomes identified in the NPF is transition to low carbon and a climate resilient society and Roscommon County Council is obliged to set a policy framework to deliver these strategic outcomes and this is reflected in the *Renewable Energy Strategy* in the Draft Plan. As per Government Directions we have to provide clarity on how we will achieve our targets through renewable energy strategies of biomass, solar farms and wind energy.

Elected Members should note that if the maps are amended under resolution today, a direction under S31 of the P&D Act can be expected from the OPR instructing any items at variance with national policy and ministerial order be rectified.

It was confirmed by the Senior Planner that a developer of a windfarm can look for planning permission directly from An Bord Pleanála if it is considered strategic infrastructure.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Kelly

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that map 7 in the Renewable Energy Strategy is reviewed to change the Killeglan Geological area of Dysart/Taughmaconnell from most favourable for wind energy to not favourable based on its unique karst landscape and importance in relation to water supply for South Roscommon.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** That wind turbine developments should only be considered at a minimum distance of 10 times the height of the turbine from residences, schools etc.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** that the Draft County Development Plan should be amended to not permit Bio mass and bio energy developments within 1.5 km of residences.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Waldron

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister of Environment to request an expedition of new windfarm guidelines

#### **121.21h CLLR. MURPHY - DESIGNATION OF LANDS BALLAGHADERREEN, CASTLEREA AND STROKESTOWN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Murphy

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** that the lands circled in blue in the maps provided for Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea and

Strokestown be designated “Urban Agricultural “ and that single unit dwelling be permitted if lands are being farmed and that this zoning be included in the matrix zoning of settlements.

The planner confirmed that the OPR did not request that lands were white lands should be changed to green belt. There was concern from the members that lands could not be used for building houses.

The Director of Services commented that zoning in the draft plan will accommodate a variety of uses and that the matrices that are included clearly show it is not confined to the category that it is defined as and is more flexible than previous zoning. Land for agricultural purposes should be excluded i.e. in the outer core there are a number of uses that can be considered in any application. Lands now identified as green belt lands were previously lands that came under the vacant site levy and stated by the land owners as not lands going to be used for future development. The same principle will have to be applied to all zoned lands and there is a new tax under vacant site levy being introduced.

**121.21i CLLR. FALLON - ATHLEAGUE VILLAGE BOUNDARY - SUBMISSION S2.48**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kelly

It was **AGREED** to accept Submission S2.48 from Rosemarie Hanley to extend the village boundary to include additional backlands located adjacent to the Paddock to the south-east of Athleague Village.

The Director of Services stated the Chief Executives recommendation is that the settlements included in Volume 11 of the Draft Plan is defined by a development boundary where development is encouraged in an orderly sequential manner. The pattern of development aims to consolidate the built environment of the settlements, maximise the efficient use of future and existing infrastructure and promote sustainability and active travel and in this regard no change was recommended.

**121.21j CLLR. FALLON - LANDS AT BARRYMORE SUBMISSION S2.146**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kilduff

It was **AGREED** that Submission S2.146 from Gerard Greene, Marian Fallon, Fintan Shortall and Gerard Birmingham be accepted – a specified plot of land zoned as transitional agriculture be included within the settlement boundary of the Hodson Bay Area Plan that it may be used for residential purposes with a density of 5/6 units per acre.

**121.21k CLLR. WARD - LANDS AT BARRYMORE SUBMISSIONS S2.15 AND S2.60**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Ward

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to include submission S2.15 from Paddy and Phil Kenny – a specified plot of land in Barrymore Td. zoned as transitional agriculture be included within the settlement boundary of the Hodson Bay Area Plan.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Ward

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to include submission S2.60 from Denise Dunning – a specified plot of land in Barrymore Td. zoned as transitional agriculture be included within the settlement boundary of the Hodson Bay Area Plan.

The Director of Services reminded members that the Hodson Bay Area is generally characterised by single

dwellings on individual sites with low density multi-unit residential development within the Plan Boundary. The boundary indicated in the draft plan seeks to consolidate the existing settlement to promote more compact growth. The Tourism Strategy for the area has huge potential and future development should support this approach as it has great potential.

#### **121.21i CLLR. KEOGH - TAUGHMACONNELL SUBMISSION S2.3**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kelly

It was **AGREED** that submission S2.3 from Karl Moore to extend the village boundary of Taughmaconnell along the Athlone Road (L2025) to include the area as per the map submitted.

The Director of Services stated that no change was recommended by the Chief Executive. Taughmaconnell is an elongated development not typical of a village context and a number of community facilities are some distance from what may be perceived as the core.

#### **121.21m CLLR. KILDUFF - VILLAGE CORE KNOCKCROGHERY**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Kilduff

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** that the village core of Knockcroghery be extended to include lands indicated on the map submitted that could support a small housing cluster.

The Director of Services stated that he had no objection to this proposal.

#### **121.21n CLLR. KELLY - KEOGHVILLE HOUSE**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Kelly

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** that Keoghville House, with an address at Carrowkeeran, Brideswell, be removed from the Record of Protected Structures for County Roscommon due to its state of disrepair. The house is located on a farm yard and poses a threat to farm users and visitors secondary to its degradation. The house is not suitable for repurposing as it is surrounded by family dwellings. It would not be financially viable for the landowner or local authority to make the necessary reconstructions on the structure to improve its safety.

The Senior Planner advised that the Council, as part of the process to delist a house as a protected structure, will have to notify the Minister of this as it is a significant matter and may garner strong views from the Department.

#### **121.21o CLLR. SHANAGHER - FOOTPATHS FROM ANTOGHER ROAD TO GOLF LINKS ROAD**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kilduff

It was **AGREED** that in the interest of road safety, to include in the County Development Plan the extension of the existing footpath from Antogher Road onto the footpath at the Golf Links Road junction. There are public lights on this stretch of road. This would provide a safe walking route from the Galway Road to the Golf Links Road and in time onto the Athlone Road when the proposed footpath is completed on the L7055.

This refers to Volume 1 Page 88 Reference 6 in the list of roads for upgrading.

### **121.21p CLLR. KEOGH - LANDS AT BARRYMORE SUBMISSION S2.63**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to accept the submission of S2.63 from Damian Kelly, Vincent Waters and Dermot Keenan regarding lands identified in a map now submitted and referred to as Parcel A should be included in the settlement boundary – white lands and to change the boundary of the Hodson Bay Settlement plan in line with the submitted map. This will change some lands from leisure and tourism to white lands for development purposes.

The Director of Services said this is contrary to the recommendation no 82 of the Chief Executive that has included all of these lands as tourism & leisure but accepts that this change has been approved by the members.

The Members of South Roscommon accept that these lands may go back to leisure & tourism in the future.

### **122.21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RECOMMENDATIONS - SUBMISSIONS FROM OFFICE OF PLANNING REGULATOR, NWRA AND PUBLIC BODIES**

The Director of Services, referring to the motions already agreed, stated that they will be referred to again in relation to the recommendations on the Chief Executive and amended where necessary.

#### **122.21a SUBMISSION NO S2.135 - OFFICE OF THE PLANNING REGULATOR**

The submission from the Office of the Planning Regulator sets out 12 recommendations and 11 observations. The Planning Authority is required to implement or address the recommendations and to action an observation.

The recommendations and observations are made under the following eight themes:

- Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy
- Compact Growth, Regeneration and tiered approach to zoning
- Rural Housing and Rural Regeneration
- Economic Development and Employment
- Sustainable Transport and Accessibility
- Climate Action and Renewable Energy
- Flood Risk Management
- Environment, Heritage and Amenities

#### **Recommendation 1**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to replace the Core Strategy Table (Table 2.2) in the Draft Plan with the recommended revised Core Strategy Table provided in Appendix 2 of this report, to include population figures for the year 2031.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to change the settlement hierarchy table as follows – change self-sustaining growth towns



to self-sustaining growth towns over 2,000 people and self-sustaining towns to self-sustaining towns less than 2,000 people.

#### **Recommendation 2**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to replace the Settlement Hierarchy Table (Table 2.3) in the Draft Plan with the revised Table 2.3 contained in Appendix 3 of this report.

#### **Recommendation 3**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to include the following additional policy objective in the Plan, in Volume I, Chapter 2 (Core Strategy and Settlement Policy), Section 2.9 (Housing Requirements), page 31, and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

CS 2.17 – To monitor residential development permitted per settlement types identified in the Settlement Hierarchy, in accordance with any Departmental guidance that may issue.

#### **Recommendation 4**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kelly

It was **AGREED** to amend policy objective CS 2.5 in Volume I, Chapter 2 (Core Strategy and Settlement Policy), Section 2.6 (Settlement Hierarchy) as set out below:

CS 2.5 – Support the regeneration of town centre and brownfield/infill lands along with the delivery of existing zoned and serviced lands to facilitate population growth and achieve sustainable compact growth targets of 30% of all new housing to be built within the existing urban footprint of targeted settlements in the county. At least 40% of all new housing will be targeted within the existing built-up footprint of the Regional Growth

#### **Recommendation 5**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** in conjunction with the CE Recommendation No. 1 to amend the Core Strategy Table (Table 2.2) in the Draft Plan, the amendments shall further include the changes set out in the above text. The overall amended Core Strategy Table is provided in Appendix 2 of this report.

(This is to be amended as per the proposal in Recommendation No 1 from Cllr Fitzmaurice)

#### **Recommendation 6**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to Include the following new policy objective in Volume II, Section 3.8 Ballyleague (pg. 110): Ballyleague DO 5: To consult with Longford County Council and the constituent Regional Assemblies in relation to the future position of Lanesborough / Ballyleague in the respective settlement hierarchies of both County Development Plan.

#### **Recommendation 7**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to correct a typographical error in Volume II, Section 3.8 Ballyleague (pg. 110), to amend an incorrect policy objective number from X DO 4 to Ballyleague DO 4.

#### **Recommendation 8**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** in conjunction with the CE Recommendation No's. 1 and 5 to amend the Core Strategy Table (Table 2.2) in the Draft Plan, the amendments shall further include updated information regarding the residential zoned land requirement. The overall amended Core Strategy Table is provided in Appendix 2 of this report.

(Note – This recommendation should further be read in conjunction with CE Recommendation No. 10).

#### **Recommendation 9**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to include the following Strategic Objectives for Roscommon Town in Volume I, Section 2.7 (Settlement Strategy) of the Plan, in the sub section entitled Key Towns:

Strategic Objectives for the Future Growth and Development of Roscommon Town:

- To ensure that the growth planned for the town up to 2030 and beyond occurs in a sustainable and sequential manner, while prioritising a low carbon, compact, consolidated and connected pattern of development.
- To develop Roscommon as a vibrant and culturally rich town supported by an inclusive sustainable residential community.
- To create a distinct sense of place and community in which people will continue to choose to live, work, do business and visit. Movement, connectivity and permeability to key destinations within the town and wider region will be prioritised and a greater emphasis on safe active transport routes and an enhanced public transport network.
- To deliver and facilitate the regeneration and redevelopment of Core Regeneration Areas in tandem with a radically improved public realm and rejuvenated town centre while having regard to and optimising the heritage assets of the town.
- Enhance and build on Roscommon's role as the primary location in the county for the service and administration sector.

#### **Recommendation 10**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** Include the following Strategic Objectives for Boyle in Volume I, Section 2.7 (Settlement Strategy) of the Plan, in the sub section entitled Self-Sustaining Growth Town:

Strategic Objectives for the Future Growth and Development of Boyle:

- Promote the development of Boyle as a driver of economic growth for the North Roscommon region and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town.
- Support the expansion of a range of services and facilities available to residents and the wider rural hinterland.
- Implement the objectives of the "Boyle 2040" Town Enhancement Plan to deliver and the

regeneration and redevelopment of the town centre.

- Maximise the potential of developing Boyle as a tourist destination by facilitating the expansion of tourist attractions and developing a coordinated tourism product based on existing amenities within the town and its rural environs.

**Recommendation No 11:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to

(a) Amend the Land Use Zoning Maps for each of the four Self Sustaining Towns as detailed in Volume II of the Draft Plan in order to reflect the zoning changes detailed in the Chief Executives Response to (i), (ii) and (iii). In conjunction with the zoning changes, Map 4 – ‘Regeneration and Residential’ in each of the four Settlement Plans will be updated. (Map 4 identifies the extent of lands to which the Vacant Site Levy may apply). The revised Land Use Zoning Maps and Regeneration and Residential Maps are contained in Appendix 4 of the Report.

(b) Amend the Land Use Zoning Matrix in each of the four Settlement Plans to reflect the addition of the ‘Existing Residential’ land use zone.

(c) In conjunction with the land use zoning amendments, amend tables contained in each of the four Settlement Plans containing details of (a) Land Use Zoning Extents and (b) New Residential Lands as set out in the tables for Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea , Elphin and Strokestown.

The changes are subject to amendments agreed earlier.

**Recommendation No 12:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to include the following explanatory footnotes at the end of each revised Land Use Zoning Matrix contained in the Settlement Plans for Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea, Elphin and Strokettown in Volume II of the Plan. (The matrices will be included accompany the revised Land Use Zoning maps in Appendix 4 of the report).

Development Type	Town Core	Outer Core	New Residential	Existing Residential <sup>1</sup>	Strategic Industrial/Enterprise Zone	Greenbelt
Single residential unit	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Red	Red
Multi residential development	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red	Red
Retail <sup>2</sup>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
General Services <sup>3</sup>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Commercial <sup>3</sup>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Community <sup>3</sup>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Cultural <sup>3</sup>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Recreation and Leisure	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow <sup>4</sup>
Light Industry	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Red
Heavy Industry	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Red
Infrastructure and Utilities	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow

<sup>1</sup> Existing communal open space shall remain undeveloped.

<sup>2</sup> The vitality of the Town Core shall not be compromised. Retail proposals arising outside the Town Core must demonstrate adherence to the sequential approach to retail development, in accordance with the *Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (DECLG, 2012). This does not preclude the expansion of existing facilities.

<sup>3</sup> Open for consideration based on the provision of local services.

<sup>4</sup> Low intensity recreational uses only.

### **Recommendation No 13**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Waldron

It was **AGREED** to insert the following policy objectives relating to **Active Land Management** on page 25 of Volume I of the Plan, following existing Policy Objective CS 2.5, and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

CS 2.(TBC) - To promote, support, and facilitate the re-use of under-utilised or vacant lands, or lands identified for regeneration, through a co-ordinated approach to active land management between the Council and stakeholders.

CS 2.(TBC) - To establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites and to promote and monitor their re-development, as part of an active land management process.

### **Recommendation 14:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to include the Planning and Infrastructure Assessment which is provided in Appendix 5 of this report as an Appendix to the Plan

### **Recommendation 15:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to Amend Table 2.2 (Core Strategy) contained in Volume I, Chapter 2 (Core Strategy and Settlement Policy), page 23 to reflect the variable density level applicable to Athlone, as per RPO 3.7.17 of the *RSES*.

### **Recommendation 16:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to insert the following policy objective after PPH 3.6 in Section 3.6 (Dwelling Mix and Tenure) on page 37, and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

PPH 3.7 - Support the development of quality residential schemes with a range of housing options having regard to the standards, principles and any specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) set out in the 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2009) and Circular NRUP 02/2021 Residential Densities in Towns and Village.

### **Recommendation 17:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Callaghan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Cummins

It was **AGREED** to amend Map 2.1 (Core Strategy Map) as detailed in Volume I of the Draft Plan to reflect the inclusion of the Rural Housing Policy areas in the Lough Key Area Plan. The amended map will be included in Appendix 6 of this report.

### **Recommendation No 18:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to insert an additional policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 3, pg. 45 of the Draft Plan, after Policy Objective PPH 3.17 (and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly):

PPH 3.18 - Support the ongoing monitoring of new rural housing to ensure that 20% of all new rural housing is located on brownfield sites.

**Recommendation No 19:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** Include the following additional text in the introductory section of Section 6.4 Retail Strategy, (Volume I, Chapter 6 (Economic Development), pg 74):

The priority for the location of retail development is in town and village centres in line with the sequential approach to retail development. The delineation of core town retail areas in the Settlement Plans for the four Self-Sustaining Towns contained in Volume 2 of the Plan establishes the framework from which the sequential approach can be applied. The same principle will apply in subsequent Local Area Plans.

Retail policies contained below should be read in conjunction with the County Roscommon Retail Strategy which forms part of this Plan.

**Recommendation No 20:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to Include the following additional policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 6 (Economic Development), Section 6.4 (Retail Strategy), pg. 74 and amend all subsequent policy objectives numbers accordingly:

Conduct a review of the County Roscommon Retail Strategy within two years of the adoption of the County Development Plan.

**Recommendation No 21:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to include the following retail specific footnote into the Land Use Zoning Matrix included in each of the four Settlement Plans in Volume II:

“Retail \*

\* The vitality of the Town Core shall not be compromised. Retail proposals arising outside the Town Core must demonstrate adherence to the sequential approach to retail development, in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DECLG, 2012). This does not preclude the expansion of existing facilities.

**Recommendation No 22:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Ward

It was **AGREED** to Include the following new content (including baseline information and new policy objectives) relating to modal share and sustainable transport in a new sub-section in Volume 1, Chapter 7 (Infrastructure, Transport and Communications). The new content will be included after Section 7.6 (Cycling and Walking) and will be numbered Section 7.7, with subsequent sub-sections and policy objectives re-numbered accordingly.

**Section 7.7 Modal Share and Sustainable Transport** It is important to identify current mode share in order

to plan for the future. Fig 7.1 sets out the modal share for Co. Roscommon based on Census 2016 data. The data identifies a high dependency on the private car as a mode of choice

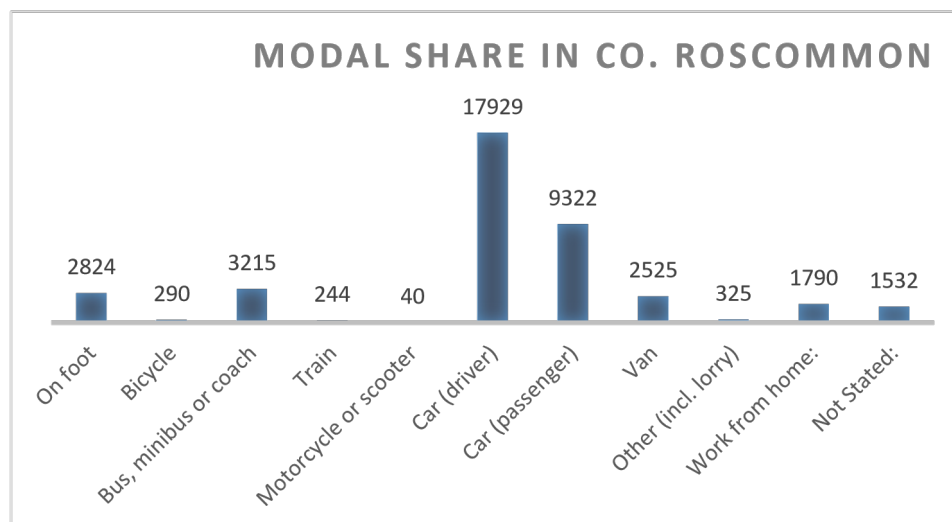


Figure 7.2 Modal Share in Co. Roscommon

A key aim of Smarter Travel is to ensure that walking and cycling become the mode of choice for local trips. This not only supports active health initiatives and healthy communities, but also encourages the transition to sustainable modes of travel.

Although the existing countywide modal share is heavily reliant on the private car for commuter/school journeys, there is an opportunity to achieve a modal shift to sustainable transport within the county's compact urban settlements. The Council will work with the National Transport Authority through the preparation of Local Transport Plans (LTPs) and Active Travel Plans in identifying potential targets for a shift to sustainable modes of transport.

LTPs are to be prepared based on the Area Based Transport Assessment guidance produced by the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland for Roscommon town, Carrick-on-Shannon and Boyle as part of the Local Area Plan process. The LTPs will be identify opportunities for each settlement in terms of public transport infrastructure and services, cycle investment, improvements to the pedestrian environment, EV infrastructure and road enhancements.

As part of LTP preparation, the '10 Minute Town' concept will be incorporated as a key tool to support permeability, accessibility, active travel and public transport. The policies, objectives and measures which emerge from the LTPs will be incorporated into the relevant LAPs for each Town. The Council will also prepare Active Travel Plans for the each of the other towns, over the lifetime of the Plan

Infrastructure, Transport and Communications Policy Objectives:

It is a policy objective of Roscommon County Council to:

ITC 7.(TBC) - Prepare Local Transport Area Plans for Roscommon town, Carrick-on-Shannon and Boyle based on the Area Based Transport Assessment guidance of the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

ITC 7.(TBC) - Prepare Active Travel Plans for the towns of Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea, Elphin and Strokestown over the lifetime of the Plan.

ITC 7.(TBC) - Re-examine the modal share data following the completion of Census 2022 and identify targets to achieve a modal shift to sustainable transport on foot of this.

**Recommendation No 23**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to Insert the following policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 7 (Infrastructure, Transport and Communications), Section 7.4 (Road Transportation and Movement), page 89, and renumber all policy objectives accordingly:

To implement the recommendations of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) in relation to urban streets and roads within the 50/60 kph zone.”

**Recommendation No 24**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to insert the following table in Section 6.5 of the *Renewable Energy Strategy*:

Designation	Description
Most Favoured	Wind farm development will be considered favourably, subject to compliance with all necessary siting and design standards.
Less Favoured	Wind farm development will be considered, but the sensitivities revealed in these areas would render exploitation more problematic and therefore these areas are less favoured for wind energy development.
Not Favoured	Wind farm development will not be considered favourably in these areas.

Note: within all three areas due regard shall be taken of listed views and prospects and any development that would contravene objective NH10.21 of the Plan.

**Recommendation 25:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to amend policy objective CAEE 8.5 in Volume I, Chapter 8 (Climate Action, Energy and the Environment), page 107 as follows:

Facilitate wind energy developments primarily in areas designated in the Renewable Energy Strategy as “Most Favoured” and secondarily in areas designated as “Less Favoured” in the Renewable Energy Strategy, subject to normal planning criteria and having regard to the Wind Energy Guidelines (DECLG, 2006) and any update to the Guidelines that may issue during the lifetime of this Plan.

**Recommendation 26:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** Include the following additional text in the 2<sup>nd</sup> introductory paragraph of Section 3 (Renewable Energy in County Roscommon) in the *Renewable Energy Strategy* accompanying the Plan.

At present there is 112 MW of renewable energy being generated in County Roscommon, with the potential for 262 MW to be produced. The figure for potential generation was taken from research undertaken by the Western Development Commission and included in their report “Making the Transition to a Low Carbon Society in the Western Region” (2020). The target of potential generation capacity includes connected, contracted and

ECP processed developments. While it should be noted that capacity is not available at all times, the currently connected renewable generation is well above the average county demand.” Future

developments should include renewable energy projects put forward by Sustainable Energy Communities.

**Recommendation No 27:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to Revise Map 1 - Land Use Zoning in each of the Settlement Plans for the 4 no. Self Sustaining Towns, in Volume II, to include the Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) identified in Section 9.3 of Volume I in the Draft Plan. The revised maps will be included in Appendix 4 of this report.

**122.21b SUBMISSION NO S2.34 - NORTHERN AND WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Recommendation No 28**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to include the following Strategic Objectives for Athlone in Volume I, Section 2.7 (Settlement Strategy), pg. 28 of the Plan, in the sub-section entitled Regional Growth Centre.

Strategic Objectives for Athlone

-To support the role of Athlone as a Regional Growth Centre and to facilitate the continued expansion and growth of the town based on the principles of balanced, sustainable development that enables the creation of employment, supports economic investment, and creates an attractive living and working environment.

-To support the continued growth of Athlone as a regional economic driver and to facilitate any infrastructural investment or employment generating sustainable development that will strengthen the role of the town and maintain its competitiveness.

-To promote Athlone as a sustainable transport hub, of national and regional importance.

-To support the development of Athlone as a key tourism destination in the midlands, building on Fáilte Ireland's Hidden Heartlands brand and the forthcoming Shannon Tourism Masterplan to develop the recreation and amenity potential of waterways.

**Recommendation No 29**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Cummins

It was **AGREED** to include the following policy objective in Volume I, Section 10.13 of the Draft Plan, after NH 10.21, and re-number all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

NH 10.(TBC) - To co-ordinate with all adjoining Local Authorities in reviewing Landscape Character Assessments (LCAs) to ensure consistency in classification and policy in adjoining areas of similar character. A targeted review of the LCA shall be undertaken following the completion of the National Landscape Character Assessment, and any associated statutory Guidelines as well as the Regional Landscape Character Assessment to be completed by the Regional Assembly.

**Recommendation No 30**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to Revise policy objective ITC 7.31, contained in Volume I, Section 7.7 (Water Services) as set out below:

**ITC 7.31:** Protect both ground and surface water resources including taking account of the impacts of climate change, support the implementation of the Rural Water Programme and to support Irish Water in



the development and implementation of Drinking Water Safety Plans and the National Water Resources Plan.

**Recommendation No 31**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. McDermott

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Waldron

It was **AGREED** to amend policy objective PPH 3.18 (Volume I, Chapter 3, pg. 47 as set out below:

PPH 3.21 - Promote the provision of serviced sites, supported by Irish Water infrastructure, in order to provide opportunity for people to build their own home and live within the existing footprint of villages and self-sustaining towns.

**Recommendation No 32**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Naughten

It was **AGREED** to Include the following content after the second paragraph in Volume 1, Chapter 5, Section 5.3 (Rural Economic Development), pg. 63 of the Draft Plan:

Our Rural Future, Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025, published in March 2021, sets out a blueprint for the development of rural Ireland over the next five years. The policy will be implemented through 150 commitments which will address the challenges facing communities and deliver new opportunities for people living in rural areas. The policy will also help rural areas recover and create more resilient rural economies and communities for the future.

**Recommendation No 33**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to Amend Policy Objective RD 5.1 in Volume I, Chapter 5, Section 5.3, pg. 63 as follows:

Work with all relevant stakeholders to implement the recommendations of the CEDRA Report on *Energising Ireland's Rural Economy and Our Rural Future, Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025* to develop economic, social and cultural benefits for the rural community.

**Recommendation No 34**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Callaghan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to Include the following additional policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 9 (Built Heritage), Section 9.8 (Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex), pg.132 of the Draft Plan and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

BH 9.(TBC): To support the Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex, as a historic landscape with viable land-use practices and a viable population, by continuing to support initiatives such as the Farming Rathcroghan European Innovation Partnership and the Royal Sites of Ireland application to Ireland's World Heritage Tentative List and progression to designation of the Royal Sites of Ireland as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**122.21c SUBMISSIONS FROM PRESCRIBED BODIES S2.6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Recommendation No 35**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to update Section 9 of the SEA Environmental Report once recommendations are integrated

into the Plan and policy/objective reference numbers are available.

#### **122.21d SUBMISSIONS FROM PRESCRIBED BODIES - S2.22 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF IRELAND**

##### **Recommendation No 36:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to amend the incorrect policy objective number from ED 6.17 to ED 6.18 (this refers to the final policy objective listed on page 75 of Volume I, Chapter 6, Section 6.5 (Extractive Industry)).

Amend the text of renumbered policy objective 6.18 as set out below:

Require appropriate restoration of quarried lands and encourage the reuse of worked out quarries for ecological and geological benefit and / or for recreational, educational and agricultural purposes.

#### **122.21e SUBMISSION S2.24 - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND**

##### **Recommendation No 37**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to Amend the text in the third paragraph of Section 7.4 (Volume I, Chapter 7, page 86, (after the sub-section entitled 'Smarter Travel') to include reference to the N83 as follows:

Due to its location in the centre of the country, Roscommon and its urban centres are well served by a hierarchy of roads including sections of motorways, national roads, regional road and local roads. The M6, N4, N5, N60, N61, N63 and N83 traverse the county, providing important linkages and networks within, into and out of the county.

##### **Recommendation No 38**

Revise policy objective ITC 7.15 in Volume I, Chapter 7, page 89 of the Draft Plan as follows: Protect the national road network from **inappropriate** new access points and the intensification of existing accesses onto or adjacent to National Roads in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.5 of Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DECLG, 2012) in order to maintain traffic capacity, minimise traffic hazard and protect and maximise public investment in such roads.

##### **Not AGREED**

##### **Recommendation No 39**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Naughten

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to revise policy objective ITC 7.26 in Volume I, Chapter 7, page 91 of the Draft Plan as follows: Design pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards set out in the National Cycle Manual, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, the TII publication 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads' and any subsequent revisions with a focus on a high level of service and encourage a modal shift from the private car to cycling and walking.

##### **Recommendation No 40**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Kelly

It was **AGREED** to include the following new sub-section entitled Workplace Travel Plans in Volume I, Chapter 12 (Development Management Standards), Section 12.24, page 186 of the Draft Plan:

### **Workplace Travel Plans**

Work Place Travel Plans (Mobility Management Plans) seek to reduce the demand for the car by increasing the attractiveness of alternative modes of transport. Developments that will generate significant trip demand such as new schools or developments with in excess of 100 employees will be required as part of a planning application, to prepare a Work Place Travel Plan.

Other considerations, which may trigger the requirement for these Plans, include the location of the development e.g. town centre, the employment type, and the shift pattern associated with the development. The requirement for the preparation of a Work Place Travel Plan for such developments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Work Place Travel Plan shall include measures to promote a modal shift towards public transport, walking, cycling in addition to car sharing and flexible working if feasible. This can be achieved by providing facilities such as showers, locker rooms, and cycle parking for walkers and cyclists, the promotion of car sharing between employees, and providing information in relation to public transport availability and walking and cycling routes. The following information should be provided with any Work Place Travel Plan:

- Details of vehicular and cyclist parking provision;
- Links between the development and public transport;
- Cyclist and pedestrian facilities;
- How the needs of people with impaired mobility will be met; and
- How people will be encouraged to use sustainable modes of transport.

#### **Recommendation No 41:**

**On the PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to Include the following additional bullet point in Volume I, Chapter 12 (Development Management Standards), Section 12.15 (Commercial Developments), page 176, under the sub-section entitled 'Service Station':

Proposals for new on-line or off-line motorway service facilities will be assessed in accordance with the guidance set out in the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities, DECLG (2012).

#### **Recommendation No 42:**

**On the PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Cummins

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to include the following additional paragraph in Volume I, Chapter 12 (Development Management Standards), at the end of Section 12.17 (Advertising) on page 178:

Signage on National Roads will be strictly controlled and will generally be only permitted in accordance with the provisions set out in Section 3.8 of the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines (2012) and the TII Policy on the Provision of Tourism and Leisure Signage on National Roads (2011).

#### **Recommendation No 43:**

**On the PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Murphy

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to amend the boundary of the Termonbarry Village Plan. The amended Village Plan is contained in Appendix 7 of this report.

#### **122.21f SUBMISSION S2.47 - FÁILTE IRELAND**

**On the PROPOSAL** of Cllr Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr Keogh

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive Recommendations:

**Recommendation No 44**

- Include a new Policy Objective in Volume I, Chapter 6 (Economic Development), Section 6.7 (Tourism), page 80, as follows:  
ED 6.28 - Support the preparation and implementation of Regional Tourism Plans in the County Development Plan, to support the continued collaboration with Fáilte Ireland and tourism stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and delivery of these tourism plans.

**Recommendation No 46**

- Include the following paragraph in Volume I, Chapter 4 (Towns and Villages), Section 4.9 (Town Centre Living), pg. 58:  
The Night-Time Economy is a significant contributor to the economic performance of town centres, however, its full potential to the vitality and viability of town centres has, traditionally, been underutilised owing to rigid trading hours and singularity of uses operating during the day. The Council recognises the need to encourage a range of vibrant uses to promote the evening economy, whilst also taking into consideration the recreational and amenity needs of local residents.

**Recommendation No 47**

- Include the following new policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 4 (Towns and Villages), Section 4.9 (Town Centre Living), page 59 and amend all subsequent policy objective numbers accordingly:  
Support proposals for development involving evening and late-night commercial, retail, cultural, food and beverage or entertainment uses within, or immediately adjacent to, town centres where it can be demonstrated that the development will enhance the character and function of the area.

**Recommendation No 48**

- Make the following amendments to the introductory paragraph of Section 6.7 (Tourism) in Volume I, Chapter 6 (Economic Development), page 77:  
County Roscommon is rich in history and heritage, and benefits from a range of popular attractions such as the Rathcroghan Archaeological Complex, Lough Key Forest and Activity Park, The Beara Breifne Way, Roscommon Castle, Clonalis House, Arigna Mining Experience and Strokestown Park House, Gardens and National Famine Museum, attracting both national and international visitors.

**Recommendation No 49**

- Make the following amendments to paragraph 5 of Section 6.7 (Tourism) in Volume I, Chapter 6 (Economic Development), page 77:  
In 2018 Fáilte Ireland launched Ireland's Hidden Heartlands regional tourism brand. Working with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Roscommon County Council will build on the tourism assets of the county to create key visitor experiences and unique tourism offerings for the visitor. The implementation of the Shannon Tourism Master Plan and the Tourism Masterplan for the Beara-Breifne will enable the development of these two key resources within the wider region, both of which traverse County Roscommon. The Council will continue to work Working with all partners and the industry, to further increase the brand recognition of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands will become a recognisable brand, with both domestic and international appeal."

**Recommendation No 45**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Shanagher  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** to include the following new policy objective Volume I, Chapter 4 (Towns and Villages), Section 4.2 (Placemaking), page 52 and amend all subsequent policy objective numbers accordingly:

TV 4.6 - Promote enhanced and increased public realm opportunities including the shared use of spaces, for outdoor experiences, with a priority on pedestrian usage and designs to accommodate people with disabilities

**122.21g SUBMISSION S2.64 - EIRGRID PLC**  
**Recommendation No 50**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Callaghan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** to revise policy objective CAEE 8.9 (in Volume I, Chapter 8, page 107) as follows:

Work in collaboration with EirGrid and other service providers and statutory bodies to facilitate a modern electricity network within the county, including the 'North Connacht Project', in line with recognised best practice. The Council will require comprehensive studies to be undertaken for all technical and environmental considerations, to inform the assessment of proposed transmission routes.

**122.21h SUBMISSION S2.70 - NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fitzmaurice

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 51:**

Insert additional text in Volume I, Chapter 12 (Development Management Standards), page 88, to provide more guidance in relation to bicycle parking standards as follows:

Provision of secure cycle storage facilities is essential in order to support the promotion and development of cycling as a more sustainable mode of transport. High quality secure cycle storage at origins and destinations is considered to be a key element of any strategy aimed at encouraging cycling. Bicycle parking should be located in an accessible location close to the entrance to buildings (or internally within the building), it is secure, overlooked, lit and sheltered. In particular, long-term parking (e.g. for staff) should be secure and sheltered. Consideration should also be given to the provision of locker, shower and changing facilities in the design of new developments.

**Recommendation No 52:**

Include the following new policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 7 (Infrastructure, Transport and Communications), Section 7.6 (Cycling and Walking), page 91 and renumber all subsequent policy objectives:

ITC 7.(TBC) - To support the retrospective provision of walking and cycling infrastructure in existing settlements, where feasible, to achieve growth in sustainable mobility and strengthen and improve the walking and cycling network.

**122.21i SUBMISSION S2.71 - IRISH WATER**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 53**

Amend general text in Section 7.7 (Water Services) in Volume I, Chapter 7, page 92 as follows:

7. 7 Water Supply - In general, there is sufficient water supply treatment capacity in the county to meet the needs of the target population identified in the Core Strategy. The public water supply in Roscommon is split into nine water resource zones (WRZs). Monksland is supplied by South Roscommon WRZ while Roscommon town and Cortober are supplied by Roscommon Central WSS and Boyle Regional WRZ respectively. The recently adopted National Water Resources Framework Plan will provide a framework for developing new water supply assets to improve the reliability, sustainability and resilience of the water supply over future investment cycles. A water resources plan for the north-west region is being prepared which will identify plan-level approaches to address identified needs in a sustainable manner.

**Recommendation No 54**

Amend policy objective ITC 7.34 (Volume I, Chapter 7, page 93) as follows:

Ensure that new development proposals connect into the existing public water mains, where available. These will be subject to a connection agreement with Irish Water.

**Recommendation No 55**

Amend policy objective ITC 7.42 (Volume I, Chapter 7, page 93) as follows:

Support the improvement of storm water infrastructure to improve sustainable drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in urban environments.

**Recommendation No 56**

Revise Appendix 4 (Wastewater Treatment Capacity) in Volume I (page 198 and 199) as follows:

Roscommon	5,900	<b>Adequate Capacity for anticipated growth over the Plan period.</b> The current wastewater treatment plant has capacity for approximately 9,550 Population Equivalent (PE) and currently has sufficient capacity to meet the demands of existing development.
Strokestown	825	<b>Adequate Capacity for anticipated growth over the Plan period.</b> The wastewater treatment plant has a design PE (population equivalent) capacity of 3,020.

**Recommendation No 57**

Remove reference to *Irish Water's 2014-2016 Capital Investment Plan* in the SEA and NIR and replace with *Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020-2024*. The Environmental Reports will also be updated to refer to 2020 Annual Environmental Reports.

**122.21j SUBMISSION S2.92 - DEPT. OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVT AND HERITAGE (DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNIT)**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 58:**

Amend policy objective NH 10.2 (Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage), page 135, as follows:

Support the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained in the National Biodiversity Action Plan, including no net loss in biodiversity, and the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.”

**Recommendation No 59:**

Amend policy objective NH 10.12 (Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage), page 140, as follows:

Ensure that hedgerows that are required to be removed in the interests of traffic safety or where breaches to hedgerows occur in compliance with relevant legislation, are replaced by the applicant/developer with suitable native species to the satisfaction of the Council.

**Recommendation No 60:**

Include the following additional policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage), page 135 and amend all subsequent policy objective numbers accordingly:

NH 10.4 - Proposals where woodland, tree or hedgerow removal is proposed will be required to demonstrate a sufficient level of protection to Annex IV species, such as Bats and Otter, in accordance with the Habitats Directive

**Recommendation No 61:**

Include the following additional policy objective in Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage), page 135 and amend all subsequent policy objective numbers accordingly:

NH 10.5 – Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) will be required for proposed developments likely to significantly impact on natural habitats and/or species, and which are not subject to Environmental Impact Assessment.

**Recommendation No 62:**

Amend policy objective NH 10.13, (Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage)), page 140, as follows:

Protect and enhance the valuable peatland resource in County Roscommon whilst protecting the heritage and environmental value of these peatland areas. Support the aims of the National Peatlands Strategy and the implementation of the National Raised Bog Special Areas of Conservation Management Plan 2017-2022 and the Enhanced Decommissioning Rehabilitation and Restoration Scheme. Proposals for developments on peatlands must comply with the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), with respect to environmental assessment.

**Recommendation No 63**

Amend policy objective NH 10.15, (Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage) Section 10.9 (Wetlands), page 141, as follows:

Ensure that the county's watercourses are retained for their biodiversity and flood protection values and to conserve and enhance where possible, the wildlife habitats of the County's rivers and riparian zones, lakes, canals and streams which occur outside of designated areas to provide a network of habitats and biodiversity corridors throughout The Council shall be available to engage with the NPWS with the objective of facilitating the monitoring and surveying of wetland sites in Roscommon

**Recommendation No 64**

Amend policy objective NH 10.16 (Volume I, Chapter 10 (Natural Heritage), Section 10.10 (Inland Waterways), page 142, as follows:

Protect waterbodies and watercourses from inappropriate development, including rivers, streams, associated undeveloped riparian strips, wetlands and natural floodplains. To this effect, consideration should be given to Inland Fisheries Ireland's guidance document Planning for Watercourses in the Urban Environment (2020).

**Recommendation No 65**

Amend policy objective CAEE 8.5 (Volume I, Chapter 8 (Climate Action, Energy and Environment), Section 8.5 (Integrating Climate Action into County Roscommon), page 107, as follows:

Facilitate wind energy developments in areas designated in the Renewable Energy Strategy as “Most Favoured” primarily, subject to normal planning criteria and having regard to the Wind Energy Guidelines (DECLG, 2006) and any update to the Guidelines that may issue during the lifetime of this Plan. This will include consideration of carbon benefit analysis, as appropriate

**Recommendation No 66**

Amend policy objective ITC 7.43 (Volume I, Chapter 7 (Infrastructure, Transport and Communications), Section 7.8 (Surface Water Drainage), page 95, as follows:

Ensure new development is adequately serviced with surface water drainage infrastructure which meets the requirements of the Water Framework Directive, associated River Basin Management Plans and CFRAM Management Plans. Furthermore, the Council will undertake its obligations under the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017.

**Recommendation No 67**

Prepare the following updates to the Natura Impact Report accompanying the Plan:

- Add reference the Article 12 reports under the Birds Directive in Section 1.3.
- To include reference to barrier effects, explaining that they have been considered, at relevant parts of the final AA Natura Impact Report

**122.21k SUBMISSION S2.93 - AN TAI SCE THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR IRELAND**

**Recommendation No 68:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Cummins

It was **AGREED** to insert the following content after the 4th paragraph on page 111 in the Agriculture subsection of Section 8.5 (Integrating Climate Action into County Roscommon), in Chapter 8 of Volume I:

**AGRICULTURE**

In 2019, the agricultural sector in Ireland was identified as responsible for the highest level of Greenhouse House Gas (GHG) emissions, at 35.3% nationally.....

One of the main challenges facing the agriculture sector is to reduce its overall GHG emissions in order to meet the National Policy Position on Climate Action which aims to achieve carbon neutrality, without compromising its capacity for quality in food production.

The EU Farm to Fork Strategy and EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 are key policy documents in the development of sustainable agriculture and the protection integration and management of wildlife habitats. This Draft Plan will continue to support the agriculture industry and will promote any changes to farming practices that will adapt to climate change and provide more sustainable methods of production.

**122.21l SUBMISSION S2.120 - ESB**

**Recommendation No 69:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** to amend the Development Management Standards text relating to Electric Vehicles (Volume I, Chapter 12, Section 12.24 (Roads and Transportation), page 188, as follows:

**ELECTRICAL VEHICLES** All developments should provide facilities for the charging of battery operated cars at a rate of at least 20% of the total car parking spaces. The remainder of the parking spaces should be constructed so as to be capable of accommodating future charging points, as required. Rapid Charging points should be provided within centres of commercial activity in collaboration with ESB networks.



## **122.21m SUBMISSION S2.147 - OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Fallon

**SECONDED** by Cllr Cummins

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

### **Recommendation No 70:**

Update the SFRA to include flood zone mapping for smaller settlements.

### **Recommendation No 71:**

Include the following description of historical groundwater flooding in SFRA Table 2:

Historic groundwater flood map: The historic groundwater flood map is a national-scale flood map presenting the maximum historic observed extent of karst groundwater flooding. The map is primarily based on the winter 2015/2016 flood event, which in most areas represented the largest groundwater flood event on record. The map was produced based on the SAR imagery of the 2015/2016 event as well as any available supplementary evidence. The floods were classified by flood type differentiating between floods dominated by groundwater (GW) and floods with significant contribution of groundwater and surface water (GWSW). In addition to the historic groundwater flood map, the flood mapping methodology was also adapted to produce a surface water flood map of the 2015/2016 flood event. This flood map encompasses fluvial and pluvial flooding in non-urban areas and has been developed as a separate product.

### **Recommendation No 72:**

To include the following description of predictive groundwater flooding in SFRA Table 3: Predictive groundwater flood map: The predictive groundwater flood map presents the probabilistic flood extents for locations of recurrent karst groundwater flooding. It consists of a series of stacked polygons at each site representing the flood extent for specific AEP's mapping floods that are expected to occur every 10, 100 and 1000 years (AEP of 0.1, 0.01, and 0.001 respectively). The map is focussed primarily (but not entirely) on flooding at seasonally inundated wetlands known as turloughs. Sites were chosen for inclusion in the predictive map based on existing turlough databases as well as manual interpretation of SAR imagery. The mapping process tied together the observed and SAR-derived hydrograph data, hydrological modelling, stochastic weather generation and extreme value analysis to generate predictive groundwater flood maps for over 400 qualifying sites. It should be noted that not all turloughs are included in the predictive map as some sites could not be successfully monitored with SAR and/or modelled.

### **Recommendation No 73:**

To update recommended measure no. 2 from Section 4.3 of the SFRA Report as follows:

Protect Flood Zone A and Flood Zone B from inappropriate development and direct developments/land uses into the appropriate Flood Zone in accordance with The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2009 (or any superseding document) and the guidance contained in Plan Appendix 3.

Site-specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) is required for all planning applications in areas at risk of flooding (fluvial, coastal, pluvial or groundwater), even for developments appropriate to the particular Flood Zone. The detail of these site-specific FRAs will depend on the level of risk and scale of development. A detailed site-specific FRA should quantify the risks, the effects of selected mitigation and the management of any residual risks. The assessments shall consider and provide information on the implications of climate change with regard to flood risk in relevant locations. The 2009 OPW Draft Guidance on Assessment of Potential Future Scenarios for Flood Risk Management (or any superseding document) and available information from the CFRAM Studies shall be consulted with to this effect.

Where a development/land use is proposed that is inappropriate within the Flood Zone, then the development proposal will need to be accompanied by a Development Management Justification Test in addition to the site-specific Flood Risk Assessment.

Where only a small proportion of a site is at risk of flooding, the sequential approach shall be applied in site planning, in order to seek to ensure that no encroachment onto or loss of the flood plain occurs and/or that only water compatible development such as Open Space would be permitted for the lands which are identified as being at risk of flooding within that site. In Flood Zone C, where the probability of flooding is low (less than 0.1%, Flood Zone C), site-specific Flood Risk Assessment may be required and the developer should satisfy themselves that the probability of flooding is appropriate to the development being proposed. The County Plan SFRA datasets and the most up to date CFRAM Programme climate scenario mapping should be consulted by prospective applicants for developments in this regard and will be made available to lower-tier Development Management processes in the Council. Applications for development in flood vulnerable zones, including those at risk under the OPW's Mid-Range Future Scenario, shall provide details of structural and non-structural risk management measures, such as those relating to floor levels, internal layout, floodresistant construction, flood-resilient construction, emergency response planning and access and egress during flood events.

**Recommendation No 74:**

To update recommended measure no. 5 from Section 4.3 of the SFRA Report as follows (new text in bold):  
Work with other bodies and organisations, as appropriate, to help protect critical infrastructure, including flood risk management, water and wastewater infrastructure, within the county, from risk of flooding and to ensure the sustainable development of flood risk management infrastructure and practices.  
Actively work with the CFRAM Programmes and catchment-based Flood Planning Groups, including where catchments go beyond the Council's administrative boundary, in the development and implementation of catchment-based strategies for the management of flood risk - including those relating to storage and conveyance.  
Co-operate with the Office of Public Works (OPW) in the delivery of Flood Relief Schemes

**Recommendation No 75:**

To reference the following Arterial Drainage Schemes under SFRA Table 3 under "Benefitting lands":  
Ballyglass (Knockcroghery), Boyle, Corrib-Clare & Moy Arterial Drainage Schemes

**Recommendation No 76:**

To insert the following text into the SFRA under a new subsection titled 'Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems':  
Urban developments, both within developments and within the public realm, should seek to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flood risk (as provided for Plan policy objective ITC 7.44). All new large scale developments should be required to provide 'Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems' (SUDS) as part of their development proposals (as provided for Plan policy objective GPO5). The integration of nature based solutions, such as amenity areas, ecological corridors and attenuation ponds, into public and private development initiatives, is applicable within the provisions of the Plan and should be encouraged (as provided for Plan policy objective CAEE 8.23). Where multiple individual proposals are being made SUDS should be integrated where appropriate and relevant.

A Green Infrastructure Strategy for the county shall be prepared and implemented in partnership with key stakeholders and the public (as provided for by Plan policy objective NH 10.24). This Strategy should address the above SUDS issues as relevant. Further to the above, proposals for development should consider Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study documents in designing SUDS solutions, including the New Development Policy, the Final Strategy Report, the Code of Practice and Irish SuDS: guidance on applying the GSDS surface water drainage criteria.

**Recommendation No 77:**

To update the reference to [www.cfram.ie](http://www.cfram.ie) in the SFRA to [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie).

**122.21n SUBMISSION S2.148 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Recommendation No: 78**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Shanagher

It was **AGREED** to amend policy objective SCCD 11.15 as follows:

Work in collaboration with the Department of Education and Skills, to ensure that adequate serviceable land is available in appropriate locations to meet current and envisaged future educational requirements beyond the Plan period. The expansion of existing school sites in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area will also be supported.

**123.21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS - GENERAL SUBMISSIONS**

**123.21a SUBMISSION S2.29 - CLLR PASCHAL FITZMAURICE**

**Recommendation No 79**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to Change the land use zone from 'New Residential' to 'Greenbelt' on lands marked as "B" on the map submitted with the submission

**Recommendation No 80**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to extend the settlement boundary to include the lands marked as "E" on the map submitted with the submission and zone these lands as 'New Residential.'

**123.21b SUBMISSION S2.33 - PAULA MCCORMACK AND ANNETTE KIELTY**

**Recommendation No 81**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Fitzmaurice

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that the two structures which currently constitute RPS No. 01600122 are deleted from the Record of Protected Structures.

**123.21c SUBMISSION S2.63 - DAMIAN KELLY, VINCENT WATERS AND DERMOT KEENAN**

**Recommendation No 82:**

Submission previously amended and agreed in item No. 121.21p

**123.21 SUBMISSION S2.65 - COUNTY ROSCOMMON HERITAGE FORUM**

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On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Shanagher

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 83:**

include the following policy objective in Section 10.2 (Biodiversity) of Volume I, Chapter 10, and amend all subsequent policy numbers accordingly:

Require all new developments in the early pre-planning stage of the planning process to identify, protect and enhance ecological features by making provision for local biodiversity (e.g. through provision of swift boxes, bat roost sites, green roofs, etc.) having regard to the recommendations outlined in the Habitat Mapping in Co. Roscommon, 2011 and the County Roscommon Swift Survey, 2020.

**Recommendation No 84:**

Include the following structure on the Record of Protected Structures:

<b>Location</b>	<b>RPS Ref:</b>	<b>Protected Structure</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>OS 6" Map Ref:</b>
<b>Tulsk</b>	02200001	Benchmark	Knockavurrea, Tulsk	Benchmark carved into stone pier	22

**Recommendation No 85:**

Amend policy objective BH 9.13 in Volume I, Chapter 9 (Built Heritage), page 119, as follows:

Secure the preservation (i.e. preservation in situ or, as a minimum, preservation by record) of all archaeological monuments included in the Record of Monuments and Places as established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994, and of sites, features and objects of archaeological interest generally. In securing such preservation Roscommon County Council will have regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Section of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”

**123.21e SUBMISSION S2.72 - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation No 86:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to amend the text in Volume I, Chapter 11, Section 11.10 (Fire Station Services), page 160, as follows: In addition, Westmeath County Council provides the service, by Agreement, in the southern part of the county

**123.21f SUBMISSION S2.89 - ROSCOMMON PPN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 87**

Amend policy objective PPH 3.6 in Volume 1, Chapter 3 (People, Places and Housing), Section 3.6 (Dwelling

Mix and Tenure), page 37, as follows:

Require new residential developments in excess of 10 residential units to include a minimum of 10% universally designed units, in accordance with the requirements of 'Building for Everyone: A Universal Design' published by the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design.

**Recommendation No 88**

Amend the opening paragraph of Section 4.3 (Town and Village Vision) in Volume I, Chapter 4 (Towns and Villages), page 53 as follows:

The vision for the towns and villages throughout Roscommon is to develop them to their full economic and social potential in order to support both the resident/hinterland community and enhance sustainable economic development, employment base and the development of inclusive communities.

**Recommendation No 89**

Amend the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph in in the Decarbonising subsection of Section 8.5 in Volume I, Chapter 8(Climate Action, Energy and Environment) as follows:

Roscommon County Council has selected Roscommon town as the first Decarbonisation Zone in the county, which will serve as an exemplar model for best practice in the context of decarbonisation, green infrastructure and energy efficiency.

**123.21g SUBMISSION S2.113 - CLLR. LEYDEN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Keogh

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 90:**

Revise the text in Section 5.4 (Agricultural Activity and Diversification) in Volume I, Chapter 5 (Rural Development and Natural Resources), page 64 as follows:

**5.4 Agricultural Activity and Diversification**

Agriculture remains an important part of the economic life of the county. Census 2016 figures recorded a total of 2,311 persons identifying their occupation being in the industrial category of 'agriculture, fisheries and forestry'. However, this figure does not capture the full extent of engagement in the sector, given that it does not record those with multiple occupations including part time occupations in rural resourced based activities.

The Council seeks to ensure the continuity of agriculture for reasons which are not solely economic. This sector has important cultural significance, is the predominant land use in the county and has essentially shaped the landscape and settlement pattern of the County. For these reasons and for the economic benefits for the County, the Council's rural development strategy is centred on facilitating the continuity of

agriculture as well as supporting agriculture by maintaining the integrity of viable farming areas.

**Recommendation No 91:**

Include the following additional policy objective in Section 5.4 (Agricultural Activity and Diversification) in Volume I, Chapter 5 (Rural Development and Natural Resources), page 64 and renumber all subsequent policy objectives accordingly:

RD 5.2 - Support the agricultural sector and the development of agriculture to facilitate the development of sustainable agricultural activities.

**123.21h SUBMISSION S2.121 - SANDRA TURNER, COUNTY LIBRARIAN**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Fallon

It was **AGREED** to approve the following Chief Executive recommendations:

**Recommendation No 92:**

Amend the text in Section 11.11 (Library Services) of Volume I, Chapter 11, page 161 of the Draft Plan as follows:

Roscommon County Council Library Service operates a comprehensive, modern and accessible service through a network of 6 library branches and a mobile library service. The library service provides for the information, cultural, educational, recreational and learning needs of the people of County Roscommon It offers a mix of traditional and modern services including reading and literacy, services to schools, local studies, research study spaces, events programmes, sensory resources, free Internet and Wifi, 3D printing and a wide range of eResources including eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

**Recommendation No 93:**

Amend policy objective SCCD 11.20 in the above referenced Section 11.11 as follows:

Support, develop and improve library facilities across the county on an ongoing basis, as resources allow, through the provision of a high standard of modern, innovative and accessible library services.

**123.21i SUBMISSION S2.137 - GAS NETWORKS IRELAND**

**Recommendation No 94:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

It was **AGREED** Include the following paragraph after the subsection titled "Bus" in Section 7.3 (Public Transport) in Volume I, Chapter 7, page 85:

**Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)**

CNG is natural gas that has been compressed to fit into a vehicle's tank and is particularly suitable for use in commercial vehicles. The development of CNG Infrastructure will enable fuel switching from diesel to CNG for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and buses. CNG is an established technology that is used in many countries around the world. CNG vehicles can be run on 100% renewable gas. This is a clean, renewable and carbon neutral fuel, produced using Anaerobic Digestion (AD) technology from existing waste streams and a variety of sustainable biomass sources, including grass, animal waste, crop residues and food waste.

Infrastructure development for CNG is already underway in Ireland, with 14 fast fill CNG stations being installed across the Core TEN-T road network.

**123.21j SUBMISSION S2.138 - EILISH FEELEY SECRETARY, MOTE PARK CONSERVATION GROUP**

**Recommendation No 95:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** to amend the detail in Table 6.1 (Walking and Cycling Routes in County Roscommon), Volume I, Chapter 6, page79, refer to the length of the trails as 20km and not 1.5km as stated.

**123.21k SUBMISSION S2.143 - ELPHIN TIDY TOWNS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Recommendation No 96:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. Leyden

It was **AGREED** that the following amendments shall be made to the text of the Elphin Settlement in Volume II of the Draft Plan:

- Replace 'Parish' with 'Diocese' (page 48);
- Replace 'GAA Club' with Gaelic Football Club (pg. 50)

**123.21l SUBMISSION S2.153 - MARY LEYDEN**

**Recommendation No 97:**

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Leyden  
**SECONDED** by Cllr. McDermott

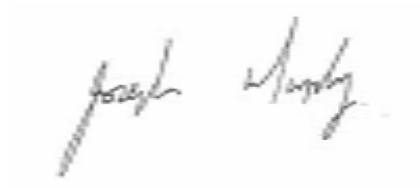
It was **AGREED** to include the following structures on the RPS:

Location	RPS Ref:	Protected Structure	Address	Description	OS 6" Map Ref:
Fuerty	03900001	Post Box	Fuerty, Roscommon	Cast Iron Past Box	39
Fuerty	03900002	Look out building for Flax crop/linen bleaching	Fuerty, Roscommon	Look out building for Flax crop/linen bleaching	39
Castlecoote	03900003	Black's Bridge	Creemully and Aghagad Beg, Castlecoote	Road Bridge	39

**This concluded the business of the Special Meeting.**

**The foregoing Minutes are Confirmed and Signed:**

  
 Meetings Administrator

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