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TO EACH MEMBER OF WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Administrative amendment to the
Waterford City and County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2015-2021**

The current Waterford City and County Council Development Contribution Scheme was adopted by the Members of Waterford City and County Council on the 12th February 2015.

The scheme was intended to apply for a period of six years with a full review scheduled for 2021 following a statutory review of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011–2017, the Dungarvan Town Development Plan 2012–2018 and the Waterford City Development Plan 2013–2019.

Section 13 of the 2015-2021 Development Contribution Scheme states that:

This Development Contribution Scheme applies until 11th February 2021, unless the Planning Authority reviews the Scheme in the interim. Any review will have regard to circumstances prevailing at the time.

However, since the adoption of the 2015 Development Contributions Scheme, a full review of the County, City and Dungarvan Development Plans was deferred, in accordance with the provisions of sections 11A and 11B of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), pending the adoption of a new Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy by the Southern Regional Assembly. The new Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Southern Region came into effect in early 2020 and work has since commenced on the preparation of new Draft City and County Development Plan for the period 2022-2028.

Given that a local authority's Development Contributions Scheme relates directly to the funding of objectives outlined in the relevant Statutory Development Plan, I recommend that Section 13 of the 2015-2021 Development Contribution Scheme be amended to state that:

The Waterford City and County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2015-2021 shall continue to have effect until it is replaced by a new scheme, in accordance with the provisions of section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), following adoption of the unitary Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

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