



10th November, 2020.

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED STANDING ORDERS
REMOTE MEETINGS**

Dear Councillor,

Due to restrictions being implemented nationally to deal with the Covid-19 Pandemic, legislation have been enacted to enable local authorities to allow for meetings to be held remotely. Any decision made or vote taken or other act done at such a meeting shall have the same effect as a decision made or vote taken if the meeting had been held in person.

The relevant legislation is contained in the Civil Law & Criminal Law *[Miscellaneous Provisions]* Act 2020. In accordance with Section 29 of this Act, the Minister is required to designate the bodies to whom the holding of remote meeting applies by order. The order was made by Minister Darragh O'Brien on the 20th October, 2020 designating all Local Authorities.

The law governing local authorities meeting is contained in Part 6 and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001. Each local authority makes their own Standing Orders in accordance with the Act. Therefore, amendments are now required to our adopted Standing Orders to regulate remote meetings.

I attach, herewith, draft Supplementary Standing Orders which are added as an Appendix to the adopted Standing Orders agreed in July 2019. There are a few minor amendments required to the adopted Standing Orders and it is opportune now to incorporate these amendments. The changes are outlined in the attached document *[changes are highlighted in red]*.

It is recommended to the Members that the amended Standing Orders be approved and adopted by the Members of Kilkenny County Council.

Signed:

Tim Butler,
Director of Services

Encl.