

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Transportation Policy / Mobility Management and Water Services held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020**

**Present:** Cllr. Matt Doran (Chairman).

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Michael Delaney, Cllr. Pat O’Neill, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

Mr. Barry Lynch, Mr. Gary Graham, Mr. Gerard Ferris, Mr. Jim Mulhall.

**In Attendance:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services; Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer, Ms Anne Marie Shortall, Administrative Officer Roads & Water Services.

Tim Butler opened the meeting. Tim welcomed and introduced Jim Mulhall, IFA to all the SPC members.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of previous meeting of SPC 2 held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020 were adopted. Proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney and seconded by Mr. Barry Lynch.

**2. Schools Safety Programme**

Seamus Kavanagh updated the committee on the Schools Safety Programme. There are 75 schools in total with all surveys expected to be completed by October, 2020. Proposed works to include periodic signage and road lining on approaches, dedicated parking where possible and annual electronic equipment maintenance programme. It was outlined that a plan will be put in place for the 2021 Road Works Scheme for the schools safety programme.

**3. Hedge Cutting**

Seamus Kavanagh outlined details of the National Report on hedge cutting and Kilkenny County Council procedure. He presented the Hedge Cutting Policy for Kilkenny which explains the legislation, challenges, compliance and annual targets for hedge cutting in County Kilkenny. It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and seconded by Cllr. Pat O’Neill that the policy be presented to the Council for approval.

**4. Road Safety Plan**

Seamus Kavanagh updated the committee on the Road Safety Plan. Each Local Authority will publish a Road Safety Action Plan and publish an annual review on progress. Following the launch of the new National Road Safety Plan in Q1 2021, it is intended that work will commence in Q2 of 2021 on the new Road Safety Plan for Kilkenny.

He outlined that a speed limit review will take place in 2021 and that it will be discussed with each Municipal District. Seamus Kavanagh answered a number of questions for the members in relation to speed limits and explained that there are national guidelines set for speed limits.

It is intended to establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at local level.

#### **5. Water and Waste Water Capacity**

Tim Butler presented to the meeting the current situation with regard to water and waste water capacity in the County. The tables presented detailed schemes where treatment plants are at capacity or where there is limited capacity for development. It highlighted capacity deficits for water on schemes including Bennettsbridge, Castlecomer, Goresbridge, Gowran and Paulstown. He explained also how the lack of capacity for water or waster schemes and networks impact on where future development can take place.

#### **6. AOB**

Cllr. Matt Doran acknowledged all the work being done and thanked all those concerned. Date and time of next meeting agreed for 9.30 am the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting.