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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 19th October 2021, Training Room, Room 128, Buvinda House, Navan at 3.30 pm (by Zoom)

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs T Golden, P Meade, G O’Connor, N French, P McCabe, S Tolan, W Harding, A Smith, D Geraghty Smyth, M Gallagher

Attendees – (Sectoral Representatives): F Clarke, A Watson, P Farrelly

(Officials): M Murray, N Whyatt, J McGrath, G Murphy, F Beers, G Hurson, J Young

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th May 2021 were approved. Proposed by Cllr S Tolan and seconded by Cllr P McCabe.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u></p> <p>Cllr Tolan raised the following issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on programme for safety audit of rural school locations & prioritisation of safety works which was discussed at the May SPC meeting. <p>Officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walkability audits are being carried out by An Taisce and a plan being prepared for each school selected. The Council’s Active Travel Officer will look at other set of schools re some safety issues. No works planned in this school year.
3.0	<p><u>Winter Gritting Plan 2021/2022</u></p> <p>Gabriel Hurson, Executive Engineer made a presentation on the Winter Gritting Plan for 2021-2022.</p> <p>Following the presentation the Members raised the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome expressed to Gabriel Hurson in his new role and appreciation to Andrew Bagnall for his work on previous Winter Gritting Plans. - A welcome and appreciation was expressed for the increase in the number of roads and the inclusion of the regional roads in the winter gritting plan for 2021/2022. - Can roads that are bordering with other counties and which may be gritted by these counties on their side be looked at for example Drumconrath to Carrickmacross. - Request that Local Roads that are considered strategic routes ie. L2803 Moynalty to Bailieborough road be identified that can be included in the winter gritting programme. - Can we consider using farmers to grit the roads in the event of severe weather.



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	<p>The officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The increase in the numbers of routes added to the Winter Gritting Plan involved more than just adding extra routes. It involved rejigging the existing routes, discussing proposed changes with drivers and optimising existing resources. All National, Secondary and now all Regional routes are included. - The Council will now be gritting approx. 22% of all roads in the county which is above the national average of 18% and is investing heavily in the road network. - This involves an additional road length of 155km. - The Council has identified (under MEM) auxiliary (third party) services that it can avail of for the more severe weather events. - Before considering adding further roads to the gritting network there is a need to let the current gritting network bed down. <p>It was proposed by Cllr G O'Connor and seconded by Cllr N French that the Winter Services Plan 2021/2022 as presented, be endorsed by this committee.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>CIS 2022/2023</u> J McGrath made a presentation on the CIS 2022/2023.</p> <p>Following the presentation the members raised the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledged how successful the scheme was. - Can a list of the roads which was sent to the Department of Transport be issued to the members. - What is the position of the Department of Transport precluding Cllrs from contributing to the scheme. - Success of scheme is where members are contributing to the scheme and schemes will fall through if this is not allowed. <p>Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A list of schemes submitted to the Department of Transport can be circulated but it should be noted that this list is not yet approved by the Department. - The issue of precluding members from directly contributing to the scheme would have arisen from the Local Government Audit Services.
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>Area Based Transport Studies</u> N Whyatt made a presentation on Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) which is an assessment process to ensure that Transport Demand and the associated impact of development is taken account of Local Area plans, Masterplans and other planning schemes (such as SDZs).</p> <p>There were no questions from the members.</p>



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6.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The members raised the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hedgecutting on roads in particular where branches are overhanging roads. Some landowners that received notices have not cut their hedges. A notice published in newspaper should help.- Overgrown hedges owned by Coillte along R150 and in Kells MD area.- Bus shelter at Carnaross. <p>The Council officials responded as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hedgecutting notices are issued by the Council. If there are specific locations that are an issue, the Transportation Department can be notified.- The issue of the overgrown hedges along the R150 has been raised with Coillte and this will be followed up.- There is a schedule of works planned for bus shelters and it will be checked when the Carnaross bus shelter works can be carried out.
	<p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Winter Gritting Plan 2021/2022 as presented, is endorsed by this committee.