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Transportation SPC
26th July 2018, Swift Room (Room 057), Buvinda House

19th July 2018

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Dear Member,

I wish to confirm that the next meeting of the Transportation SPC will be held on **Thursday 26th July 2018 at 4.00 p.m.** in the **Swift Room – Room 057, Buvinda House, Navan.**

The Agenda is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

Jimmy Young
Senior Staff Officer

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- 1.0 Confirmation of minutes of meeting held 26th April 2018**
- 2.0 Matters arising from the minutes**
- 3.0 To consider if the setting of criteria for the appointment of school wardens is feasible, for inclusion in the Road Safety policy already in place for schools.**
- 4.0 Presentation on Pothole Repair works including details of machinery & crews used**
- 5.0 Notices of Motion**

9.2 Submitted by Cllr Maria Murphy to May full Council meeting dated 14th May 2018

"We call on Meath County Council to employ a horticulturist/arborist who will develop and manage a policy for our trees & hedgerows."

Supporting Information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered.

Meath County Council's staffing complement is informed by a workforce planning process. The aim of this process is to ensure that the Council is appropriately staffed so as to deliver required services.

The appointment of a horticulturist/arborist has not been included the workforce planning process to date. This is in part due to the availability of trained and skilled staff in the Council's Transportation Department. The Council also utilises a framework of contractors in relation to the hedge-cutting programme.

The Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 sets out a number of policies and objectives in relation to hedgerows and trees (NH POL 13, NH POL 14, NH POL 15, NH POL 16, NH POL 17, NH POL 18, NH POL 19, NH OBJ 5, NH OBJ 6, and NH OBJ 7). The



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County Meath Biodiversity Action Plan 2015-2020 sets out a number of objectives and actions in relation to promoting awareness and understanding of county's biodiversity (including hedgerows). Meath County Council organises educational/training events to promote best practice in biodiversity management (e.g. Boyne Valley Natural History Field Club and Community Biodiversity Plans).

It is noted that the national staffing approval requirements remain in place across the local government sector in terms of the creation of new positions. The Council must adhere to this as well as overall budgetary implications.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Maria Murphy** and seconded by **Councillor Enda Flynn**. A lengthy debate took place on the motion, and it was agreed that the matter would be included in the 2019 budgetary discussions. The motion was adopted on that basis, and it was also agreed that it would be brought to the Transportation SPC for discussion.

Notice of Motion adopted at 21st May 2018 meeting Ashbourne Municipal District.

The following motion was adopted and it was agreed to refer it to the Transportation SPC for consideration:

“Regarding winter gritting routes and in light of this year’s adverse weather, can the relevant authorities, Meath County Council, Fingal County Council and the National Transport Authority, ensure that County Meath's gritting routes match up and align with Fingal's Priority 1 and Priority 2 gritting routes.”

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