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Special Infrastructure Meeting 16th November 2009, Council Chamber

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor William Carey, presided.

Members Present:

Councillors Joseph Bonner; Ray Butler, Shane Cassells, Jimmy Cudden, John V Farrelly, Jim Holloway, Eoin Holmes, Joe Reilly, Francis Deane, Anne Dillon Gallagher, Regina Doherty, Brian Fitzgerald, Oliver Fox, Wayne Harding, Noel Leonard, Tracy McElhinney, Niamh McGowan, Jenny McHugh, Maria Murphy, Tommy Reilly, Catherine Yore.

Officials in Attendance:

County Manager: Tadhg McDonnell (Deputy)

Directors of Service: Kevin Stewart, Eugene Cummins, Liam Henry, Brendan McGrath; Michael Killeen.

Meetings Administrator: Bill Sweeney

Infrastructure Staff: Martin Rogers; Charlie McCarthy; Nicholas Whyatt; Gerry Boyle, Adrian Hobbs.

Apologies:

Councillors Sirena Campbell, Suzanne Jamal, Nick Killian, Eugene Cassidy, Jimmy Fegan, Seamus O'Neill, Bryan Reilly.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 19th October 2009.

The minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 19th October 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Cassells

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Special Housing Meeting held on 22nd October 2009.

The minutes of the Special Housing Meeting held on 22nd October 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Farrelly seconded by Cllr Dillon Gallagher.

3. To receive presentation on Infrastructure Programme.

The attached presentations were made to the meeting by senior staff from Infrastructure Dept. E Cummins emphasised the huge quantum of work outlined in the presentations despite the inadequate staff numbers in the department. The situation in 2010 in terms of inadequate staff and financial resources would reduce the ability of the department to respond to Councillors and the public.

In response to issues raised by Councillors he replied as follows:

An explosion in land prices and contractors cost were responsibly for the significant budget overruns on Regional Roads

Winter Gritting cannot be undertaken outside schools or other locations. The current routes will remain the same.

Tendering by the Council complies with procurement regulations.

A briefing would be given to the next Slane Area meeting on the proposed bypass

The taking in charge of public lighting related to the M3 is a statutory requirement



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Assurances have been received from ESB in relation to public lighting provision and maintenance

While there has been a significant reduction in the employment of consultants this year there are always circumstances where their engagement is necessary.

4. To receive report on 3 year Capital Programme.

B Lynch made the attached presentation to the Council outlining the capital programme for the next 3 years.

K Stewart clarified the provision of €15m to provide a significant landbank for an enterprise park in Navan. The sum is an estimate of the cost of acquiring and servicing a site.

E Cummins confirmed that significant progress had been made in discussions with the Dept of Tourism and Sport on funding for Navan Park

This concluded the business of the meeting.