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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

22nd March 2019 , Buvinda House

Attendees - Councillors: Cllr. Eimear Ferguson (Acting Chair), Cllr Joe Bonner, Cllr Francis Deane, Cllr Wayne Forde, Cllr Michael Gallagher, Cllr Sharon Tolan,

Apologies:

Attendees - Sectoral Representatives: Ms. Karen Mahon, Mr. Tommy Rogers, Mr. Peter Farrelly.
Apologies:

Officials: Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services , Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jarlath Flanagan , Administrative Officer, Ms Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Keyes Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Emmet Conboy Executive Chemist, Mr. Padraig O’Lonaigh Senior Assistant Fire Officer.

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1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd November 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Sharon Tolan, seconded by Cllr Francis Deane
2.	<p><u>Chief Executives Report –relating to Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contents of the report was noted by the members
3.	<p><u>To receive an update on issues relating to the Fire Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Padraig O’Lonaigh provided an update on Fire Service activities. Operational Call Outs : Training : Health & Safety : Fleet : Recruitment & Retirements : Capital Works : Fire Prevention : Community Fire Safety :



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4.	<p><u>To receive a presentation in respect of the Councils draft Climate Action Strategy as well as an update on new initiatives emerging at National, Regional and Local level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caroline Corrigan made a presentation on Climate Change Action Strategy. She noted that MCC submitted proposal to become partner county with Kildare Co Co and 4 other counties submitted proposals and these are being assessed by independent adjudicators, decision due by end of March 2019. MCC are lead partner with Batterstown Sustainable Energies Communities, submission made to SEAI and workshop planned for Q2 to promote climate action and SECs, reps from Batterstown will share their knowledge and story.
5.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the preparation of the Beach Management Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larry Whelan made a presentation in respect of the steps to date on the preparation of the Beach Management Plan and the circumstances surrounding the preparation of the Natura Impact Statement as part of the revised plan and in light of the SEA & SAC designations applying to the Boyne Estuary and River Nanny ends of the plan area. He outlined details of submissions raised during the display period of the draft Plan and briefed members on the proposed restrictions arising from the NIS recommendations in respect of horses and dogs and being measures that are supported by National Parks and Wildlife.• A map showing the areas where such restrictions are to apply was circulated to the Members - he pointed to SPA & SAC areas hatched on this map on the Mornington end where dune protection is an issue and on the Laytown SPA end where rare winter birds are present.• He also pointed out that while the Laytown /Bettystown MD approved of the full list of 29 recommendations arising from the draft plan the proposed restrictions for the dogs and horses will first require revisions to the 2010 Foreshore Bye Laws and where members of the public can make submissions as part of the consultation process which will commence upon receipt of legal advices.• A number of members while welcoming the presentation expressed concerns about the provisions of the draft plan and NIS and specifically in respect of the proposed requirement to have dogs on leads in the Plan area all year round and the proposed ban on horses coming in from the Mornington end and walking on the shoreline in the Laytown SPA area. Points raised in the discussions that followed included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ That the proposed measures relating to dogs and horses were not contained within the second draft of the Plan when it went on public display and thus members of



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	<p>the public did not have the opportunity to comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ That the current Foreshore Bye Laws are more than adequate and including restrictions of horses being on the beach after 11 o'clock – it was suggested that enforcement is the issue ✓ A suggestion that NPWPS data shows an increase in Wildlife on the coastal region in recent years and there is no need for further restrictions ✓ The impact on the long tradition of horses riding out on the beach and media articles referring to the Laytown Races ✓ The need for a full time Beach Warden and especially when the Seaview Tce development is completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW in response pointed to the further opportunities that will exist for the Members and the public to make submissions during the consultation period for the revisions to the Bye Laws but did point out that submissions received to date are more or less equally split and particularly so in relation to the dogs on leads proposals. He confirmed that the proposals if implemented will have no impact on the Laytown Races and that the issue of resources will be addressed in conjunction with the development of the properties at the Seaview Tce entrance.
6.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on current and proposed Environmental Initiatives at local and national level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Whelan provided an update on Environmental Initiatives. • Green Schools : Really Rubbish Film Festival : LAPN : LA21 : Tidy Towns Regional Conference : Anti Litter Action & Initiatives : Bulky Waste Collections : Points raised in the discussion followed. • New Pollinator areas in Navan : GDPR issues relating to CCTV cameras : Glass bottle bins : Mobile recycling dates planned for each Municipal Districts : Notifications to issue to PPN's :



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7.	<p data-bbox="292 371 935 405"><u>National Environmental Enforcement Priorities 2019</u></p> <ul data-bbox="341 439 1394 730" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="341 439 1294 465">• Larry Whelan provided an update on Environmental Enforcement Priorities.<li data-bbox="341 499 1394 600">• Waste : Illegal dumping and unaccounted for waste : Construction and Demolition activity and capacity challenges : Dealing with sites containing illegally deposited waste<li data-bbox="341 633 991 660">• Water : Improving Water Status in all waterbodies<li data-bbox="341 694 1222 721">• Air : To protect Public Health and to improve and maintain Air Quality
8.	<p data-bbox="292 831 1182 864"><u>To receive a presentation on Waste Treatment Capacity for 2019 to 2021</u></p> <ul data-bbox="341 898 1394 1581" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="341 898 1254 925">• Larry Whelan provided an update on current Waste Treatment Capacity.<li data-bbox="341 958 1394 1059">• Waste MSW – based on best available info – there will be adequate capacity for residual waste generated in 2019 but range of potential issues may impact on this e.g. Brexit<li data-bbox="341 1093 799 1120">• Avoid need for further section 56s<li data-bbox="341 1153 1394 1254">• C & D Sufficient outlets in Ireland for inert soil and Stone but certain waste in the category of non-haz, non inert as well as hazardous C & D waste , rubble crushed concrete and C & d fines of more concern and requiring export.<li data-bbox="341 1310 1394 1388">• Irish Cement -10 year planning permission to use an additional 480,000 tonnes per annum of alternative fuels - maximum annual total of 600,000 tonnes<li data-bbox="341 1422 935 1449">• Knockharley Landfill – current SID application<li data-bbox="341 1482 1062 1509">• Increase waste acceptance up to overall total of 440,000<li data-bbox="341 1543 1262 1570">• Includes 150,000 bottom ash, 5,000 stable non-reactive hazardous waste



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9.	<p><u>To receive an update on the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 – to include presentation on the Broadmeadow River Ashbourne –Investigative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emmet Conboy provided a detailed presentation.• He noted the scope of the works were to identify and assess point source pressures that may be cause pollution.• Domestic and Trade Misconnections : Unlicensed Industrial Discharges ; Urban waste Water : Other Urban Pressures
10.	<p><u>To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Frances Deane referred to the SPC in respect of the need for signage to raise awareness of the damaging effects of Lyme Disease</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larry Whelan provided a response noting that Lyme disease is the fastest growing parasite-transmitted disease in the northern hemisphere and the main period of risk in Ireland is between mid-March and mid-October. The risk of coming into contact with ticks is likely to be high in areas where there is a significant number of deer and sheep grazing in rough, non-pasture land.• Cllr Deane noted the impact this has had on a County Meath family.
11.	<u>AOB</u>

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

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