



**Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes**

**Environment and Emergency Services SPC**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 , Buvinda House**

**Attendees - Councillors:** Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair), Cllr. Eimear Ferguson, Cllr Wayne Harding , Cllr. Claire O’Driscoll, Cllr Sharon Tolan, Cllr Francis Deane,

**Apologies:**

**Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:** Ms. Karen Mahon, Mr. Tommy Rogers  
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**Officials:** Mr. Kevin Stewart, Director of Services , Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jarlath Flanagan , Administrative Officer, Ms Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Bernadine Carry, Environmental Awareness Officer.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Sharon Tolan, seconded by Cllr Tommy Reilly</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b><u>Chief Executives Report –relating to Environment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contents of the report was noted by the members</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b><u>To receive a presentation in respect of submissions received during the display of the Councils draft Climate Action Strategy as well as an update on new initiatives emerging at National, Regional and Local level.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caroline Corrigan made a presentation on Climate Change initiatives and briefed the members on the up to date situation regarding National, Regional and Local actions. Larry Whelan presented details of the submissions received during the display of the draft Climate Action Strategy. Points raised in the discussion that followed.</li> <li>The need to integrate green procurement provisions and in accordance with</li> </ul>

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	<p>templates produced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to integrate the Economic Strategy and the Climate Action Strategy.</li> <li>• If the draft Strategy can be reviewed to take account of new provisions relating to climate change such as the revised EPA guidelines</li> <li>• A suggestion that CO2 footprints can easily be assessed.</li> <li>• The need for greater attention to the transport area.</li> <li>• A suggestion that a number of pending court judgments may impact on climate change requirements.</li> <li>• If coastal protection forms part of the Climate Action Strategy.</li> <li>• Concerns about the slow roll out of electric cars charging points and other infrastructure.</li> <li>• Suggestions around actions surrounding wrapping paper and sale of fruits and vegetables.</li> <li>• The importance of school initiatives in getting climate change message across.</li> </ul> <p>The Officials responded to the issued raised.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>To receive a presentation on the Councils Anti Dumping Campaign which has been intensified over recent months.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernadine Carry provided a comprehensive update on the various anti dumping activities. All the members noted the excellent work with particular emphasis on the work in identifying the “man in the van” and the social media coverage of same.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on the roll out of the Brown Bin and including compliance rates of Collectors in County Meath</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Whelan advised that in light of disappointing data emerging which indicates that Waste collectors are not rolling out the brown bins in agglomerations as required in the Legislation the Department have called on all Local Authorities to undertake enforcement action and including the initiation of prosecutions for non-compliance with the Regulations and for the National Waste Collection Permit Office to initiate the review of waste collection permits.</li> <li>• LW confirmed that MCC are targeting a specific Collector operating in the East Meath Area where roll out is not happening. The Members noted the situation.</li> </ul>



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6.	<p data-bbox="292 369 1396 436"><b><u>To receive an update on the preparation of the Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste ) Bye Laws 2018</u></b></p> <ul data-bbox="339 465 1396 705" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="339 465 1396 645">• Larry Whelan confirmed that the Council at the full meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 resolved to adopt the draft Bye Laws and which came into effect on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. He outlined the main provisions of the Bye Laws and particularly the powers given to Local Authorities to target persistent offenders who do not have appropriate arrangements in place for waste disposal.</li><li data-bbox="339 674 790 705">• The Members noted the position.</li></ul>
7.	<p data-bbox="292 743 1396 810"><b><u>To receive an update on the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021</u></b></p> <ul data-bbox="339 840 1396 1377" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="339 840 1396 974">• Larry Whelan advised that the Plan which came into force in April 2018 outlines the measures the State and other sectors will take to improve water quality in Ireland's groundwater, rivers, and lakes, estuarine and coastal waters over the next four years.</li><li data-bbox="339 1008 1396 1142">• The 726 water bodies including 9 in County Meath form part of a total of 190 Areas for Action which has been prioritised nationally for particular attention during this cycle (2018–2021) and where multidisciplinary and cross-agency approaches will be involved.</li><li data-bbox="339 1205 1396 1377">• A regional integrated Catchment Management Programme for the Midlands and Eastern region was recently published and setting out the areas prioritised for action and the schedule for commencing works by the Catchments assessment team and how communities and other stakeholders will be engaged with and included.</li></ul>
8.	<p data-bbox="292 1444 1228 1476"><b><u>To receive an update on the preparation of a draft Beach Management Plan.</u></b></p> <ul data-bbox="339 1505 1348 1608" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="339 1505 1348 1608">• Larry Whelan advised that a report on the submissions will be presented to the Laytown/Bettystown MD in December and then to be brought to the Full Council in January 2019 for adoption.</li></ul>
	<p data-bbox="292 1706 347 1738"><b><u>AOB</u></b></p>



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### **Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)**

- The committee held a very detailed discussion in relation to the submissions received in relation to the draft climate Action Strategy.
- A report on the submissions received for the Draft Beach Management Plan will be presented to the Laytown/Bettystown MD in December.