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Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC 20th December 2022, Hybrid Meeting, 11.30am

Attendees Councillors: - Cllr Eugene Cassidy (Chairperson) , Cllr Joe Bonner , Cllr Tom Behan , Cllr Mike Bray, Cllr Geraldine Keogan

Apologies:

Cllr Gillian Toole

Attendees Sectoral Representatives: - John Curran , Noel Maguire

Officials: Dara McGowan, Larry Whelan, Jarlath Flanagan , Bernadine Carry , David Keyes, Mary Darcy

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 7th October 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Keogan and seconded by Cllr Tom Behan</p>
2.	<p>To receive a presentation in respect of the preparation of a Local Authority Climate Action Plan as required by the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 as well as an update on other climate action initiatives.</p> <p>To receive a presentation in respect of the preparation of a Local Authority Climate Action Plan as required by the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 as well as an update on other climate action initiatives.</p> <p>Mary Darcy provided a comprehensive update on the Council's Climate Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a strong emphasis on a place – based approach to climate action • Deliver and promote evidence-based and integrated climate action by way of adaptation and mitigation measures • Translate and provide strategic direction at local and community levels on the delivery of the National Climate Objective • Climate Action Plan Timeframe : 12 months preparation + 30 days publication. • Plan for Implementation : Activate governance and co-ordinate structures to support implementation. • Track Progress : Devise plan level KPI's



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting Requirements : Internal Reporting – Monitoring & Reporting System – Sectoral Performance. • Community Climate Action Funding Update <p>The members noted the update and acknowledged the progress by the Climate Action Team</p>
3.	<p>To receive a presentation in respect of a number of ongoing and proposed coastal projects including a coastal erosion study of the Meath Coastline and the Shared Island funded project to look at nature-based solutions along the East Border Region coastal counties.</p> <p>To receive a presentation in respect of a number of ongoing and proposed coastal projects including a coastal erosion study of the Meath Coastline and the Shared Island funded project to look at nature-based solutions along the East Border Region coastal counties. David Keys made a verbal presentation in respect of these projects and points made included.</p> <p>Meath Coastline: Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management Study This OPW funded study will assess the vulnerability of our Coastline to coastal erosion and make recommendations on how to mitigate and manage it into the future. This project which is being funded by the OPW enables us to employ a consultant to carry out the following scope of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Assess all existing Studies • Identify Information Gaps & Arrange for Necessary Field / other Surveys • Assessment of Existing Coastal Processes and Coastline Evolution • Prepare Detailed Current & Future Scenario Coastal Change Maps • Detailed Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Assessments • Preliminary Environmental Assessment & Consultation <p>Based on the outcome of the above elements of the study, a detailed options assessment shall be Undertaken. This will enable the Preparation of a Flooding and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Plan The Study will take one year to complete and will begin in January.</p> <p>Exploring Sustainable, Nature Based Solutions to Coastal Erosion in the East Border Region Cross border project where we work with Louth County Council, Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Ards and North Down Borough Council to explore and find solutions to shared Environmental issues of concern that have been identified in our National Plan. Desktop study reviewing current practices of coastal management and gaps in each jurisdiction, Borrow from International Experience and responses that are beyond the range</p>

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	<p>of approaches currently applied in Ireland. Options beyond the traditional and widespread coastal armoring include a range of more environmentally friendly (<i>Nature-Based Solutions</i>) defence options alongside retreat and realignment of existing coastal infrastructure. Works will include the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of coastal demonstration sites in each jurisdiction and subsequent design of coastal monitoring and management programmes • Development of local authority guidelines for nature-based solutions in their coastal management approaches. • Review and disseminate experience to coastal local authorities throughout the island. <p>Ultimately the project will support a final investment project which will be submitted to The Shared Island Fund and/or the PEACE PLUS Programme.</p> <p>10 month programme of work starting February 2023</p> <p>The members discussed further issues including Private ownership of dunes, Extension of boardwalks and Regularised and additional car parking spaces at Mornington.</p>
4.	<p>To receive an update on the preparation of the National River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027</p> <p>David Keyes related to the meeting that the River Basin Management Plan which was on draft display up to the end of March 2022 has not been published to date. We had expected the Plan to issue before the end of 2022.</p> <p>A synopsis of the Plan will be presented at the next SPC meeting.</p>
5.	<p>To receive an update on the preparation of the National Waste Management Plan for A Circular Economy.</p> <p>Larry Whelan provided an update noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined the main provisions of the Circular Economy Act 2022. • Timelines : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalization of Draft Plan Q4 in 2022. ▪ Public Consultation Feb 2023 ▪ Final Plan May 2023 • The Keys and Priority Actions to be provided for in the draft plan. • The imminent introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme <p>The Members noted the situation regarding the preparation of the draft plan</p>



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6.	<p>To receive a report on ongoing environmental education and awareness activities and the recently published report on the Anti-Dumping Initiative.</p> <p>Bernadine Carry provided an update noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-Dumping Initiative :<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Assist LA's and other agencies to work together to tackle illegal dumping▪ Restore sites subject to illegal dumping▪ Prevent and Abate Dumping▪ Awareness• Update on projects in Meath<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cross Carrick Kells2. Emlagh Bog3. Kilcarn Court Railway Walk4. Girley Bog5. Maudlin Vale Trim6. Surveillance Technology7. Bulky Waste Collections <p>The members noted the update and acknowledged the progress.</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>

Recommendation to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

None