



Transportation, Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6th September, 2021 at 2.00pm
Via MS Teams

Present:	Cllr. Paddy Bracken (in the Chair), Cllr. Willie Aird, Cllr. John Joe Fennelly, Mr. John Talbot, Ms. Deirdre Hopkins -O'Connell	Laois County Council Laois County Council Laois County Council Farming Sector Trade Union Sector
In Attendance:	Mr. Simon Walton, Mr. Adrian Barrett, Ms. Louise McEvoy, Mr. Rory O'Callaghan Ms. Derval O'Rourke	Director of Services Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation Administrative Officer, Roads and Transportation Senior Executive Engineer , Environment A/Administrative Officer , Environment
Apologies:	Cllr. Noel Tuohy Cllr. Ben Brennan Mr. John Killeen,	Laois County Council Laois County Council Construction Sector

1. Quorum present.

Confirmed

2. Confirmation of Minute of SPC Meeting held on 14th June 2021

On the proposal of Cllr. Willie Aird and seconded by Cllr. John Joe Fennelly, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021 were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

4. Director of Services' Progress Report

Mr. Simon Walton advised that much of his report will be covered by today's presentations. There was discussion on Membership of the Placenames Committee to include Members from Heritage Forum , Laois Tourism , Tidy Towns .

5. Draft policy for naming of infrastructure

The Draft Laois County Council Policy housing and infrastructure naming policy was circulated to SPC Members in advance of the meeting and following consideration and in-depth discussion was approved by SPC Members. The agreed policy will now be forwarded to full Council meeting for approval.

6. Local Improvement Schemes

It was agreed at the June meeting to provide a detailed analysis of the LIS applications with a view to formulating a policy to distribute Local Improvement Scheme funds from 2022 onwards. Louise McEvoy A.O. gave a presentation on the current position with Local Improvement Schemes i.e. the numbers of applications on hands broken down into the three Municipal Districts . Three options were presented to the SPC Members with further options invited

- Option A- Distribute allocation county wide by date order. – This is how the monies were allocated in 2021 . With a projected allocation of €250,000 p.a. approx. 6 schemes per year will be completed . Most of 2018 list would be cleared in 2022
- Option B -Distribute allocation equally between Municipal Districts and proceed by way of date order - This means each Municipal District receives equal funding . The downside to this option is that some newer applications on the list may proceed ahead of applications with older dates e.g. 2018 no open applications for Portlaoise M.D. so funding would be given to 2019 applicants
- Option C - Distribute allocation (weighted on number of applications) and proceed by way of date order. This means the monies are divided pro rata based on the number of applications on hands. E.g. With a projected allocation of €250,000 Borris in Ossory/Mountmellick receives €105,000 or 42% of the budget.

Following broad discussions the SPC Members agreed on Option C. The agreed option will now be forwarded to full Council meeting for approval.

7. Environment-Draft Litter Management Plan 2022-2024

Rory O’Callaghan SEE Environment and Derval O’Rourke A/A.O. Environment presented the Draft Litter Management Plan 2022-2024 to the SPC Members. There was some discussion on litter management generally and the efforts of Laois County Council Staff and Local Tidy Towns committees were acknowledged.

8. Correspondence

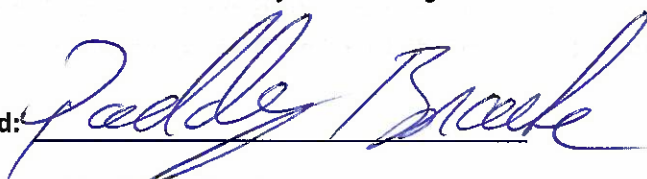
None

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6th December at 2.00pm

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:



Cllr. Paddy Bracken
SPC Chairperson

Date:

