

File Ref: Env/SPC	Date/Time: 18 th September 2023 at 2.30 pm	Executive Conference Room Áras an Chontae
Subject:	Transportation, Environment & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee	
Present:	Cllr John Joe Fennelly, Chair Cllr William Aird Cllr Paddy Bracken (online) Cllr Marie Touhy	Mr. John Talbot, Agricultural Rep Ms. Deirdre O'Connell
In attendance:	Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Engineer Mr. Adrian Barrett, Senior Engineer (online) Ms. Fiona Skehan, Administrative Officer	Mr. Anthony Tynan, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Apologies:	Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services Cllr Ben Brennan Mr. John Killeen, Construction Rep	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION REQUIRED
1	Quorum Present Cllr Fennelly opened the meeting by welcoming the committee and advised quorum was in place.	
2.	Confirmation of Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 12th June 2023 Proposed by Cllr Aird Seconded by Mr. J. Talbot	
3	Matters arising Mr. Tynan advised that the industrial dispute was over and following suspension of the strike on 14 th August agreement had been reached. The challenge for the fire service will be to implement the various actions within the agreement and recruitment. The new roster will allow for a work life balance which will see week on/week off for fire staff. The fire stations currently will implement local arrangements as we wait for national policy. The new deal will make the fire service more attractive as a career including career opportunities and promotion. Members asked if the age profile, medical or training for the fire service has any changes? Mr. Tynan advised that there is a strict medical standard already in place, for the safety of the staff and public. However, there is an action within the agreement to look at technology for example hearing aids. The age profile is flexible and once the medical is passed you may apply up to the age of retirement which is currently 60 years. We will where possible assist and encourage candidates to apply.	

4	<p><u>Progress Report from Director of Services</u></p> <p>(a) Pedestrian Crossings Mr. McLoughlin briefed and circulated the draft pedestrian crossings policy. The members agreed to send their feedback within 2 weeks. The final draft will be before the full council by the end of the year.</p> <p>(b) Street Cleaning Review Mr. Barrett gave a presentation on the cost of street cleaning, levels of service across the county and on projections/resources for budget 2024 at €1m.</p> <p>(c) Road Safety Plan 2023 - 2026 Mr. McLoughlin advised that Road Design is undertaking a review of the existing plan; researching neighbouring county council's and draft will be at the next SPC meeting for comment and consideration.</p> <p>(d) CCTV – National Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (no date) No update on legislation. The Department prepared an overarching analysis/data report regarding prosecution of illegal dumping by the 32 local authorities. The report was sent to the Data Protection Commission and was returned with 15 queries. They are working through the queries.</p>	Updates for next meeting
5	<p><u>Correspondence</u> No correspondence received.</p> <p>Cllr Bracken spoke to the committee with regard to Ash dieback and to consider developing a policy in particular road safety, due to the fact that the removal of the ash is with the landowner.</p> <p>In response Mr. McLoughlin advised that a draft Tree policy which details the management of trees on county council land and understands where Cllr Bracken is coming from. However, the council has no issue with landowners seeking our assistance and should a national initiative regarding Ash dieback be put in place the council will comply or if funding is made available.</p>	
6	<p>Date of next Meeting Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 2pm This concluded the business of the meeting.</p>	FS to book EC room

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cllr. John Joe Fennelly
SPC Chairperson