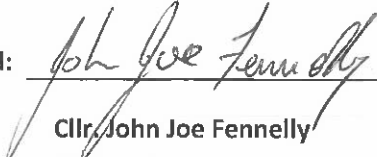


File Ref: Env/SPC	Date/Time: 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 2 pm	Executive Conference Room Áras an Chontae
Subject:	<b>Transportation, Environment &amp; Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee</b>	
Present:	Cllr John Joe Fennelly, Chair Cllr William Aird Cllr Paddy Bracken Cllr Marie Touhy	Mr. John Killeen, Construction Rep Mr. John Talbot, Agricultural Rep Ms. Deirdre O'Connell
In attendance:	Mr. Simon Walton, Director of Services Mr. Paul McLoughlin, Senior Engineer Mr. Adrian Barrett, Senior Engineer Ms. Fiona Skehan, Administrative Officer	Mr. Declan Power, Chief Fire Officer
Apologies:	Cllr Ben Brennan	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1	<b>Quorum Present</b> Cllr Fennelly opened the meeting by welcoming the committee and advised quorum was in place.	
2.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b> Proposed by Cllr Bracken Seconded by Mr. J. Talbot	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> Cllr Aird asked for the Mr. Power, CFO for update on the roster that was in place in Portlaoise Fire Station.  Mr. Power advised that from tomorrow industrial action would commence on a rolling basis and until such time as an agreement is reached the roster is temporarily stood down. The Fire Service priority is to provide a service to the public and crews will be available.  Cllr Aird asked currently, how many vacancies are in the Fire Service. Mr. Walton advised that the full complement of staff is 75 and there are currently 10 vacancies. Mr. Power advised that training will not be completed while there is industrial action taking place. Mr. Walton further added that while this Council went ahead and introduced the pilot roster, to facilitate a family friendly initiative of week on/week off, the Council cannot change other, national terms and conditions associated with Fire Services.  Ms. O'Connell reiterated that an agreement could not be reached due to lack of annual leave/time off and the proposal of week on/week off roster.	

4	<p><b><u>Progress Report from Director of Services</u></b></p> <p>Mr. McLoughlin gave brief update regarding the commencement of the review of pedestrian crossings. No update on scooters, still awaiting policy / legislation nationally.</p> <p>Mr. Barrett gave update on cost of street cleaning and budget for 2023. It was agreed to provide a fully costed proposal in time for next year's budget for the September meeting.</p>	Updates for next meeting
5	<p><b><u>Presentation: National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy (Hugh Coughlan, Dublin City Council) moved to item 3</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Coughlan was introduced by the Chair and presented the committee with up-to-date information on the draft National WMP which will be one plan countrywide.</p> <p>The consultation period for submissions on the Draft Plan is from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Submissions can be made online, by email, post to <a href="http://www.mywaste.ie">www.mywaste.ie</a>.</p> <p>Mr. Coughlan opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>Ms. O'Connell asked if the existing staff structure would remain or if more resources would be outsourced.</p> <p>In response Mr. Coughlan advised that consultation will be made with the unions, and it is expected that direct labour would remain a key requirement, with certain expertise's outsourced.</p> <p>Mr. Talbot asked if 41% is recyclable, what % of the new plan will meet 2025 targets?</p> <p>In response Mr. Coughlan advised that the changes will be challenging. However, it will be about better communication and incentivising households to increase composting and the use of the brown bins. We are middle of the road compared to other EU countries.</p> <p>Cllr. Fennelly asked about enforcement and the use of CCTVs to help curb illegal dumping/fly-tipping?</p> <p>In response Mr. Coughlan advised that national guidelines being prepared.</p> <p>Mr. Killeen stated that the excavation of top/sub soil and demolition rubble is very costly to dispose of and is there plans to simplify the licence and go to landfill rather than farmland.</p> <p>Mr. Coughlan advised that the EPA would have a decision by the end of the year. A framework will be put in place to deal with this type of issue.</p>	

6	<b>Correspondence</b> No correspondence received.	
7	<b>Date of next Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2pm</b> This concluded the business of the meeting.	FS to book EC room

Signed:

  
Cllr. John Joe Fennelly  
SPC Chairperson

Date:

18/9/23