

MINUTES

Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

7th February 2019

Attendees:

Councillor John McGinley

Councillor Anne Breen

Councillor Réada Cronin

Bill Clear

Also Present

Niall Morrissey, Director of Services

Michael Hurley, Health & Safety Officer

Marie Kelly Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies:

Cllr Darren Scully, Cathaoirleach

Evelyn Wright, SEO

Brian Martin, Administrative Officer

Declan Keogh, Roads Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer

Item 1 - Introduction

Councillor McGinley acted as Cathaoirleach for the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first Strategic Policy Committee meeting of 2019.

Item 2 – Minutes

The previous minutes were not approved by the members as the members who attended the 01 November SPC 2018 were not present. Consideration of these minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Item 3 – Update from the Director of Services

The Director of Services gave the members an update with regards to various road projects around the county. The update included progress on the Athy Distributor Road, Slope Remediation Project at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace, M7 project, Maynooth Eastern Relief Road, LIHAF Naas Ring Road and The Greenway to the Dublin Boundary. The Director informed the committee that funding for road grants was announced by the DTTAS in the region of 30 million with an increase of 10% approximately for the County. A general discussion arose over matters arising from the areas covered by the Director's presentation.

Item 4- Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport

Declan Keogh, Roads Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Transport Officer sent his apologies to the members. A summary of the report is attached.

The Director circulated this detailed report to the members present and asked that the members revert back to Declan with any comments.

Item 5- Work Plan 2019

The members agreed the Work Plan for 2019. Under the work plan Michael Hurley informed the members that the development of accessible Public Realm streetscapes is part of 5 to 10 year's strategy with the key objective being a universal design. Michael Hurley's aim was to get all local access groups up and running in the county.

The following agreed Work Plan for 2019.

1. Policy on the use of 'Fish Eye' Mirrors on public roads.
2. Rural Public Lighting Scheme. Examination of the issue of rural lighting in terms of installation and lifecycle costs, and in the context of the current requirement on Kildare County Council to reduce its energy costs in line with the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU), and the delivery of the 20% energy efficiency savings required by the Directive by 2020.
3. Access and Disability Progress – Development of Accessible Public Realm Streetscapes.

4. Permeability between Housing Estates and Public Roadways – this issue to be jointly examined by Planning and Roads Departments.
5. Report on Activities and Developments from the Chief Fire Officer.
6. Biannual Report from the Cycling Forum.

Referral from the Full Council Meeting to SPC (September 2018)

Permeability: Development of Guidance

The members agreed that the above will be discussed as part of the agreed Work Plan for 2019.

Acting Cathaoirleach, Cllr McGinley thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The next meeting will be held on 2th May 2019.