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Environment and Emergency Services SPC

6th April 2017, Council Chamber, Railway Street, Navan

Attendees - Councillors: Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair), Cllr. Joe Bonner , Cllr. Claire O’Driscoll, Cllr. Joe Bonner, Cllr. Eimear Ferguson, Cllr. Sharon Tolan

Apologies:

Cllr Francis Deane, Cllr. Wayne Forde, Cllr. Wayne Harding,

Attendees - Sectoral Representatives: Mr. Tommy Rogers, Mr. Peter Farrelly, Ms Karen Mahon

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Mr. Bill Sweeney,

Officials: Mr. Larry Whelan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jarlath Flanagan , Administrative Officer, Ms Caroline Corrigan, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. David Keyes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Dermot Brannigan, Chief Fire Officer, Ms. Grainne Tuomey, Senior Staff Officer, Ms Bernadine Carey, Senior Staff Officer, Aoife McGrath LAWCO

Apologies:

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1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th December 2016 were approved. Proposed by Mr. Tommy Rogers, seconded by Cllr. Sharon Tolan</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.	<p><u>To receive a copy of the Chief Executive’s Report as it relates to Environment and Emergency Services.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the report was circulated and the contents noted by the Members.
4.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Fire Service on the achievement of the Standard OHSAS 18001:2007 for Emergency Response and Non Emergency Call- Outs.</u></p> <p>Dermot Brannigan Chief Fire Officer made a presentation on the achievement of the standard and explained the various steps involved. The Members in acknowledging the</p>



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	achievement congratulated all those involved.
5.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the Anti- Dumping Initiatives 2017 and updates on associated waste issues.</u></p> <p>Bernadine Carry Environmental Education Awareness Officer provided an update on the Council’s applications submitted for sites at Girley Bog Loop Walk ,the River Broadmeadow Community in Ashbourne and the Bridge of the Boyne at Broadbridge. The Members noted the applications made and points raised included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs associated with the use of drones at these or other locations where dumping is taking place. • The use of text messages as a means to allow members of the public report cases of littering. • Increases in the dumping of household waste and the various method of reporting on same. . • An increase in the extent of dumping on the slip roads leading to the motorways and how members of the public can report on same. <p>Officials responded to the queries raised and including confirmation that’s moves are afoot to have areas subject to constant littering mapped.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the public consultation process associated with the publication of the Draft River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.</u></p> <p>Aoife McGrath Local Authorities Water Community Officer provided a presentation that outlined the situation in respect of the publication of the Draft River Basin Management Plan and highlighted the extensive public consultation and engagement involved in same including a series of Local Community Meetings to be held in May/ June. She confirmed that the single river basin management plan does take account of cross border waterway situations.</p> <p>Aoife pointed out that the draft Plan will be on public display until the 31st August 2017</p>
7.	<p><u>To receive an update on the Climate Change initiatives being undertaken by the Council.</u></p> <p>Larry Whelan made a presentation setting out the various initiatives to be undertaken by the Council including the appointment of Consultants to prepare a Climate Action Strategy and a Sustainable Energies & Climate Action Plan as well as ensuring that Climate Change is strongly integrated into the review process of the Meath County Dev Plan 2019-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He pointed out that the Minister launched the Public Consultation on Irelands first National Mitigation Plan with the latest date for submissions being the 26th April



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	<p>2017. The final Plan must be submitted to the Government by June 2017. Points raised in the discussion that followed included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan focuses on 4 main areas –Electricity Generation , Built Environment, Transport & Agriculture, & Forestry/Land Use • How the SPC would contribute to the strategic plan and energy efficiency projects in the Council • The need for involvement of all Council Departments in the various initiatives. • The potential which exists for greater uses of renewable fuels in the County. • The intention for the Council to become signatures to the Covenant of Mayors the mainstream European movement involving local and regional authorities voluntarily committing to contributing to achieving EU Green House Gases reduction targets.
8.	<p><u>To receive a report on “Plotbox” – A new Burial Grounds recording package.</u></p> <p>Caroline Corrigan Senior Executive Engineer made a presentation outlining the functionality of the Plotbox recording package the features of which include – recorded data in one interactive space, immediate access to information , accurate mapping of plots , document management reporting and genealogy .</p> <p>She confirmed that the package will be used initially for Derrokstown Burial Garden.</p> <p>She confirmed in response to queries raised that the provision of columbarium walls and improved signage are areas that will be examined.</p>
9.	<p><u>To receive details of a Communication Campaign for Brown Bins & a Foods Waste Charter.</u></p> <p>Larry Whelan Senior Executive Officer provided an update on developments including the establishment of 3 Working Groups looking at the pay by weigh issues -a report is due to issued by the end of July.</p> <p>He confirmed there is no legal obligation on Service Providers to provide dual billing but the majority has equipment in place as required for the aborted PBW. He also confirmed that it is condition of Waste Collectors Permit that they shall weigh each and every collection of household waste collected separately in approved receptacles – exceptions in bag areas.</p> <p>In response to queries raised he advised that the take up of brown bins is still somewhat disappointing and confirmed the Council would on completion of a current</p>



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	trial look at facilitating the acceptance of food waste at the three Civic Amenity Sites.
10.	<p><u>To receive an update on the Abandoned Cars Policy.</u></p> <p>Grainne Tuomey Staff Officer provided an update on the policy which was necessary to deal with increases in the numbers of vehicles being abandoned.</p> <p>Matters raised by the Members included the necessity to have arrangements in place to remove vehicles from the beach and that planning permissions might be appropriately conditioned to ensure this problem does not arise.</p>
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circular on “Ireland 2040 –Our Plan –National Planning Framework”• Notification of Public Consultation on Irelands Nitrates Action Programme. <p>Noted by Members</p>
12.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress on a number of Derelict sites Cllr Tolan within the Laytown-Bettystown MD.• The implications of the Heritage Bill for the Council & hedge cutting restrictions.