**CLIMATE ACTION AND PLANNING**

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of** **Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 19 October 2022**

**at 3pm**

**PRESIDING**: Councillor Garry Murtagh, Chairperson

**PRESENT**: Councillor – Peggy Nolan, Gerry Hagan,

Andrew Mc Hugh, Francesca Pawelczyk

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Mr. Tom Murtagh, A/Director of Services

 Mr. Donall Mac An Bheatha, Senior Planner

 Ms. Aoife Moore, Executive Planner

 Mr. Michael King, Veterinary Inspector

**APOLOGIES**: Councillor – Mark Casey, Uruemu Adejinmi

 Pat Mc Cormack, Pat Claffey, Enda Mc Manus, Mr. John Brannigan, Director of Services

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ann Marie Mc Keon

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Andrew Mc Hugh seconded by Francesa Pawelczyk it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 20 July 2022 as circulated.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Francesa asked that “Consideration of a Biodiversity Policy” would go on the agenda for the next meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ANAEROBIC DIGESTION AND THE CIRCULAR**

**ECONOMY – PRESENTATION ON EMERGING FINDINGS FROM DRAFT**

**STUDY UNDERWAY, FUNDED BY JUST TRANSITION PROCESS**

Aoife Moore, Executive Planner introduced herself to the members and covered the following in her presentation: -

* Just Transition
* Emerging Findings
* Research and Best Practice
* Stakeholder engagement
* Feasibility
* Outputs
* Social
* Environmental
* Economic
* Location
* Communities
* Final Report

The members thanked Aoife and appreciated that it was only a draft. Aoife responded to questions raised on:

* Report specific to Longford or generic
* Traffic congestion
* Planning
* Criteria
* Scale
* Location
* Inputs/outputs

**LAND ZONING RESIDENTIAL TAX**

Senior Planner, Donall Mac An Bheatha gave a detailed presentation on the Residential Zoned Land Tax:

* Part 22A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 as introduced in the Finance Act 2021
* The tax is intended to replace the Vacant Site Levy as a land activation measure
* Purpose is to activate existing planning permissions and zonings where housing is permitted and where the land is connected to, or has access to services, but remains undeveloped
* Land in scope will be:
	+ zoned for residential development or a mixture or uses including residential;
	+ be serviced or have access to servicing by water, wastewater, road, footpath, and public lighting; and
	+ not be affected by contamination or significant archaeological remains which would preclude development taking place
	+ not on Derelict Sites Register
	+ Not required for Infrastructure and Community Services
* Creating a map with all residential zoned land, new residential zoned land and mixed use (Town Core) where residential development is permitted in principle
* Considering availability of services (water, sewerage, street lighting, road access and footpaths, to determine whether land is in or out of scope for the purposes of the tax
* LA required to publish redacted submissions on website by 11th January
* LA to make decisions on submissions by 1st April
* Public can appeal to ABP before 1st May
* LAs to publish Supplemental Mapping by 1st May
* Supplemental Map open to public consultation until 1st June
* Redacted submissions on LA website by 11th June
* Notify landowners on outcomes submissions by 1st August
* Latest date for appeals to ABP 1st September (8 weeks for decision)
* Final maps 1st December

The members thanked Donal for the detailed presentation and issued their concerns on the suitability of this scheme for rural counties and in particular Longford. The Members agreed that this scheme was more suitable for the larger urban centres. Donal provided detailed responses to all the questions raised.

**CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR 2023 MEETINGS**

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Hagan, seconded by Francesa Pawelczyk, the members unanimously agreed the dates of the 2023 meetings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Ann Marie Mc Keon**

 **Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Climate Action and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 1 February 2023.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Chairperson.**