

**STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**held via Microsoft Teams**

**on Thursday, 21 April 2022 at 3pm**

**PRESIDING**: Councillor Turlough McGovern, Chairperson

**PRESENT**: Councillors - Colm Murray, Pat O’Toole and Gerry Warnock

Ms. Fiona Fenelon, Maria Keelty, Tess Murphy and Stephanie Igoe

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services

Mr. Terry Rooney, Senior Executive Officer

Ms. Sinead Fahy, Estate Management

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Paraic Brady

Damien O’Reilly

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Ann Marie Mc Keon.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Pat O’Toole seconded by Councillor Gerry Warnock, it was unanimously agreed to adopt Minutes of Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 3 February 2022 as circulated.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Tess Murphy sought an update on the following:

* Action plan for homelessness in Longford
* Tuaith, Granard
* KPMG report

Director of Services, Samantha Healy informed the members that the guidelines have issued and that the Homelessness Action Plan for Longford will involve consultation locally and the document will come before the Strategic Policy Committee for information. The timeframe is not to hand, however, we do need to engage locally and a homeless service is needed in Longford.

Longford County Council have met with the residents of Colmcille Terrace and a decision will be made by Tuaith Housing in the coming days if they will be involved in delivering this housing regeneration project in Granard.

There is no change on the KPMG report since the last meeting, the study is on-going, and the report will be submitted to the Department when completed for approval.

Councillor Gerry Warnock sought an update on the Dog Litter Bins. Samantha Healy confirmed that this scheme would be piloted on the canal for the summer months and the environment section are currently working on an awareness campaign. Samantha informed the members that Longford County Council are in the process of appointing a Community Warden and one of the duties will be to patrol the canal area and issue fines where necessary.

Councillor Turlough Mc Govern asked Samantha if Environment could look at providing litter bins at Higginstown estate.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**TO APPROVE LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL’S UPDATED GENERAL**

**INFORMATION HANDBOOK AND HOME MAINTENANCE HANDBOOK FOR**

**TENANTS – AS CIRCULATED**

The members welcomed the handbooks and commented on the clear and concise information

available and that it clearly identifies the tenants responsibilities.

Maria Keelty asked for consideration to be given to those who are visually impaired if these

books are going to be printed in colour.

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Warnock, seconded by Councillor Pat O’Toole it was

unanimously agreed to accept the updated general information handbook and home

maintenance handbook for tenants. The proposed handbooks will now be forwarded to the

next monthly meeting of Longford County Council for adoption by the members.

**TO APPROVE LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL’S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DISABLED PEOPLE 2022-2027 AND TO REPORT ON PROGRESS IN Q1 2022 – AS CIRCULATED**

Director of Services, Samantha Healy explained that as part of the development of this new

Strategy, disability terminology was considered. Input was received from a number of

Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) and good practice was also examined.

The new strategy places a greater emphasis on independent living and community inclusion

and a key element is a focus on co-ordinating provision of housing for disabled people with

the social supports provided through HSE-funded disability services.

On the proposal of Councillor Gerry Warnock, seconded by Councillor Colm Murray it was

unanimously agreed to accept the Strategic Plan for Disabled People 2022 – 2027. The

proposed Strategic Plan will now be forwarded to the next monthly meeting of Longford

County Council for adoption by the members.

**NEXT MEETING**

The members noted the date of the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ann Marie Mc Keon

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

**Ann Marie Mc Keon**

**Meetings Administrator.**

**Confirmed and adopted at Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 21 July 2022.**

Turlough Mc Govern

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

**Chairperson.**