

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of** **Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**Meeting location: Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams**

**Date: Monday, 17 February 2025**

**Time: 11.30am**

**PRESIDING**: Councillor Turlough McGovern

**PRESENT**: Councillor Peggy Nolan, Councillor Martin Skelly, Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi, Councillor Pat O’Toole, Joanna Pearman, Brendan Farrell, James Kiernan, Emmet Duffy

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  Ms. Barbara Heslin – Director of Services

Ms. Louise Kiernan – Senior Planner

Ms. Claire Reehill – Administrative Officer

Mr. Richard Smith – Senior Executive Officer

Mr. David Tubridy – Senior Engineer

Ms. Claire McNabola – Administrative Officer

**APOLOGIES**: Breda Murphy, Vincent Fay

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**: Mr. Lorraine McKee

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Chairperson Councillor Turlough McGovern welcomed the members to the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee on 4 November 2024 were adopted by Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi and seconded by Councillor Peggy Nolan.

1. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declaration of interests declared.

1. **REPORT ON CONTACTLESS PARKING IN LONGFORD**

Claire Reehill, Administrative Officer in Roads made a presentation to the Committee on Pay and Display Parking. The presentation included the following:-

* Introduction
* Service Contract
* Location of Machines
* Operation and Maintenance Costs
* Cash v Credit Card Income
* Future Plans

On completion of the presentation Claire responded to questions from the Committee.

1. **THE LONGFORD TOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN**

Louise Kiernan, Senior Planner made a presentation to the Committee on the Longford Town Local Area Plan 2025-2031. The presentation included the following:-

* Requirement for Longford Town LAP
* What is a Local Area Plan
* Key Stages in the Local Area Plan-Making Process
* Material Alterations to Draft LAP

On completion of the presentation Louise responded to questions from the Committee.

1. **NOISE ACTION PLAN**

Grainne Harte, Senior Executive Engineer & Richard Smith, Senior Executive Officer made a presentation to the Committee on the Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028. The presentation included the following:-

* Introduction
* Roles & Responsibilities of Designated Bodies
* Existing Noise Management Legislation and Guidance
* Description of Action Plan Area
* Results of the Noise Mapping Process
* Approach to Identification of areas to be subject to Noise Management activities
* Approach to Identification of Areas to be preserved for Environmental Noise Quality
* Mitigation, Prevention and Protection measures
* Financial Information
* Public Consultation

On completion of the presentation, Richard responded to questions raised by the Committee.

1. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Barbara Heslin, Director of Services provided an overview of the work programme for the term of this Strategic Policy Committee. This included the following:-

* Report on Contactless Parking In Longford County Council The Longford Town Local Area Plan
* The Longford County Development Plan 2027-2037
* Noise Action Plan 2024-2028
* Phase 2 Local Road Safety Action Plan 2025-2027
* Biodiversity Action Plan
* Climate Action Plan – First Annual Review
* Litter management Plan
* Cemetery Bye Laws
* Regional EV Charging Strategy
* Review of Traffic Calming Policy
* Formulation of Public Lighting Policy
* Casual Trading Bye Laws
* Euthanasia of Dogs Policy
* Waste Management Bye Laws
* Temporary Sign Policy
* Waste Enforcement Strategy
* ISO500001 Energy Management

The members discussed their observations regarding the programme of works for this committee. Ms. Barbara Heslin and her Team responded to the questions raised.

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee is 28 April 2025 to which the members unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Lorraine McKee**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Confirmed and adopted at Physical Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 28 April 2025**

**Signed:**

**Chairperson**