**Minutes for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meeting for Planning**

**Held on MS Teams 23rd March, 2021**

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| **Present (Councilllor and PPN members)** | * **Cllr. T. Phelan (Chair)**
* **Cllr. L. Brazil**
* **Cllr. T. Cronin**
* **Cllr D. Daniels**
* **Cllr. S. Power**
* **Cllr. E. Quinlan**
* **Cllr. J. Tobin**
 | * **Donal Lehane**
* **John Galloway**
* **Mary O’Halloran**
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| **Present (WCCC Officials)** | * **M. Quinn**
* **L. McGee**
* **S. Doran**
* **H. O’Brien**
* **D O’Murchadha**
 | * **D. Quinn**
* **L. Liversage**
* **D. Purcell**
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| Apologies | * **Cllr. F. Quinlan**
 | * **Niall Harrington**
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| **Item No.** | **Decisions Taken** | **Responsibility/Action/When?** |
| 1.M1.Approval of Minutes | * Minutes of Meeting 21st January 2021 were proposed by Cllr D. Daniels, seconded by Mary O’Halloran and agreed.
 | Adopted minutes to be published on website.  |
| 2.Matters arising and updates | * No matters arising
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| 3. City & County Development Plan – Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy | * Hugh O’Brien gave a presentation on the City & County Development Plan – Core Strategy & Settlement Strategy.
* Following the presentation questions were raised by Cllr. Cronin, Cllr. Daniels, Cllr. Tobin, Cllr. Power, Cllr. Brazil in relation to rural areas and serious concern and issues they have with the new plan.
* Hugh stated that he would take on board the points of the Rural Members. It was agreed that there would be lots of opportunity to discuss these concerns in the Council Chamber in the coming months.
* Hugh also replied to a question from Donal Lehane in relation to Dereliction. He agreed that there were problems with property owners and a lot of other issues but agreed to look at the area and try to tackle it.
 | Hugh to arrange more meetings for further discussion before completion of draft plan in June |
| 4. PPN Submission on Irish Water | * Donal Lehane spoke to members about submission from Waterford PPN requesting WCCC to lobby Government to make Irish Water policies more user friendly and cost effective, particularly for rural villages.
* Hugh replied that our draft policies will try to provide Developers alternatives. The local authority has no role of water abstraction/management etc but are committed to open the door for further dialogue with Irish Water.
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| 5. Planning Enforcement | * Donal O’Murchadha gave a brief presentation on planning enforcement. Outlining the key objectives which are to promote compliance and to take appropriate action to resolve complaints.
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| 6. Schedule of SPC Meetings & Programme of Work for 2021 | * It was agreed that the Chair (Cllr. T. Phelan) would liaise with Hugh and Seamus about dates for future meetings and would notify members in due course.
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| 7. Any Other Business | * None
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