

Waterford City and County Council

Strategic Policy Committee Scheme

2019 – 2024

Waterford City and County Council will operate 5 Strategic Policy Committees (SPC), each served by the relevant Director of Service. The Chairs of the SPCs have been selected by the Council at the AGM. The SPCs are sub-committees of Waterford City and County Council and must abide by the Standing Orders and rules of procedure of the Council.

The quorum for a meeting is one-fourth of the total number of members of the SPC plus one or, where one-fourth of such total number is not a whole number, the quorum is the next highest whole number plus one. Of this number there should be 3 elected members present. If the Chair is unable to attend his/her place shall be taken by another elected member of the SPC.

Following consultation with the Public Participation Network (PPN) and National Pillars, and taking on board the stated preferences of the elected members, (in so far as is possible), the following format for the SPCs was approved by the members of Waterford City and County Council at the September 2019 Meeting.

Each Strategic Policy Committee shall meet as often as required, and at least four times a year, to deal with the business assigned to it. Five days clear notice will be given for meetings of the SPC and where possible there will be an agreed schedule for meetings.

The Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental representatives will be nominated by the Waterford Public Participation Network, subject to the endorsement of the environment reps by the National Environmental Pillar. Sectoral groups are to be requested to submit nominations within 4 weeks.

Where an SPC member misses 3 consecutive meetings the nominating body will be requested to nominate a replacement. A warning will be issued by the relevant Director following a member not attending 2 consecutive meetings without reason.

The dates, times and locations of the SPC meetings are matters for each individual SPC to determine.

The Plenary Mayor is an ex-officio member of each of the SPCs and may attend any such meeting at his/her discretion.

Training will be provided for SPC members. The operation of all SPCs will be carried out as outlined in Circular LG 07/2014 on the '*Establishment of New Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)*'.

Kieran Kehoe
Director of Services
Corporate, Culture, HR & IS

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC	
Michael Quinn, Director of Services	
Councillors (8)	Sectoral Representative (6)
Cllr. Lola Sullivan (Chair)	Business – David Walsh
Cllr. Ger Barron	Trade Union – David Lane
Cllr. Declan Clune	Farming – Kevin Kiersey
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan	Environment – Jen Harris
Cllr. Pat Nugent	Social Inclusion – Garrett Wyse
Cllr. Mary Roche*	Community & Voluntary – Gerty Murphy
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	
Cllr. Conor D.McGuinness	

Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action SPC	
Fergus Galvin, Director of Services	
Councillors (8)	Sectoral Representative (5)
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald (Chair)	Trade Union – Tom Hogan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Farming – Laura O’Brien-Forbes
Cllr. Susan Gallagher*	Environment – Alan Walshe
Cllr. Ger Barron	Social Inclusion – Obianuju Ekedozie
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Community & Voluntary – Brid O’Heir
Cllr. Breda Brennan	
Cllr. Joe Kelly	
Cllr. John Hearne	

Transportation, Infrastructure and Fire	
Fergus Galvin, Director of Services	
Councillors (7)	Sectoral Representative (5)
Cllr. Seamus O’Donnell (Chair)	Development/Construction (CIF) – Thomas Holden
Cllr. Joe Conway	Business – Marian Walsh
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Environment – Elaine Mullan
Cllr. John O’Leary	Social Inclusion – Farid Ahmad Mohamman
Cllr. Jody Power	Community & Voluntary – Jim Farnan
Cllr. Declan Doocey	
Cllr. Jim Griffin	

Housing, Community, Culture, Sport & Recreation	
Ivan Grimes, Director of Services	
Councillors (8)	Sectoral Representative (5)
Cllr. Adam Wyse (Chair)	Development/Construction (CIF) – Richie McDonald
Cllr. Donal Barry	Trade Union – Una Dunphy
Cllr. Breda Brennan	Environment – Mike Farrell
Cllr. Conor D.McGuinness	Social Inclusion – Vince Rellis
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Community & Voluntary – Rosemary Kennedy
Cllr. Jason Murphy	
Cllr. John Pratt	
Cllr. Seamus Ryan	

Planning	
Michael Quinn, Director of Services	
Councillors (8)	Sectoral Representative (6)
Cllr. Thomas Phelan (Chair)*	Development/Construction (CIF) – Sean Carey
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Business – Niall Harrington
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Environment – John Galloway
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Social Inclusion – Donal Lehane
Cllr. Frank Quinlan*	Community & Voluntary – David Walker
Cllr. Seanie Power	Farming – John Heffernan
Cllr. Eamon Quinlan	
Cllr. James Tobin	

***Updated 14th October 2020**

Cllr. Matt Shanahan replaced by Cllr. Mary Roche

Cllr. John Cummins replaced by Cllr. Frank Quinlan

Cllr. Marc Ó Cathasaigh replaced by Cllr. Susan Gallagher

Cllr. Thomas Phelan new Chairperson of the Planning SPC