

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 4**  
**Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy**  
**Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at 11.00am**  
**Remotely by MS Teams**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Joe Lyons, Cllr. Maria Dollard, , Mr. John Hurley, Mr James Murphy

**Also Present:** Mr. Sean McKeown, Director of Service; Ms. Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer; Ms. Carol McCarthy, LAWPRO; ; Ms Joan McLoughlin, Assistant Staff Officer, Ms Deirdre Trait, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Apologies:** Mr. Noel O'Donoghue

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**Item 1 Declaration of interests**

None reported.

**Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons and agreed: *"the minutes of SPC4 meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021, are hereby adopted,"*

**Item 3 Matters Arising**

None

**Item 4 Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) 2022 – 2027.**

Carol McCarthy made a presentation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) 2022-2027. Carol outlined details of the public consultation process with regard to the RBMP and how to make a submission. The closing date for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

Sean McKeown stated that the Executive would formalise a draft submission on behalf of the SPC to bring forward to next SPC 4 Meeting.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald thanked Carol McCarthy for the very comprehensive presentation.

Contributions were received from Cllr Joe Lyons, Mr James Murphy, Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Cllr Maria Dollard and Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
It was agreed to circulate the presentation to all, following this meeting.

**Item 5 Progress Report by Director of Services.**

It was noted that the Director of Services progress report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Sean McKeown gave a brief summary of the report including an update on Climate Action Programme and the new Columbarium Wall – St. Kieran's Cemetary.

Contributions were received from Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Deirdre Cullen, Mr James Murphy, Cllr Joe Lyons.

**Item 8 Any other business**

Cllr. David Fitzgerald thanked Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, as outgoing Chair, for her leadership and contribution during her time as Chair and wished her the very best for the future.

**Item 9 Date of next meeting**

It was proposed that the next SPC4 Meeting would be held at 11.00 am, 4th March 2022