

## **1. Introduction**

Mary Mulholland welcomed all present and noted that the Policy document outlining the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme (SPC) and its remit had been circulated previously.

### **1.1 Election of Chairperson**

Cllr. John Brennan was proposed as Chairperson.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Thomas Breathnach

**Secoded:** Cllr. John Coonan

### **1.2 Welcome by the Chairperson**

Cllr. Brennan welcomed all attendees to SPC 5. He looks forward to a productive term and engagement from the members of the SPC.

## **2. Overview of SPC Scheme**

Mary Mulholland (Director of Services), gave an overview of the Scheme in particular noting Section 4 (Terms of Reference) and number of meetings per year (minimum of 4).

## **3. Fire Services Presentation:**

John Collins (Chief Fire Officer) gave a presentation outlining the organisation, operations and Fire Safety objectives of the Fire Services. (see attached presentation).

### **Policy areas for consideration by SPC:**

- Kilkenny County Council- Fire and Emergency Operations Plan
- Kilkenny County Council- Fire and Rescue Service Fire Charges Policy.

## **4. Library Services Presentation:**

Josephine Coyne (County Librarian) gave a presentation outlining the services provided by Libraries in Kilkenny (see attached presentation).

### **Main areas of focus going forward:**

- Increase Membership – National target
- Annual stock fund target per local authority - €4 per head of population-€1.14 in Kilkenny
- Place the library at the centre of the community
- Continue to develop partnerships at local and national level

## **5. Heritage Office Presentation:**

Dearbhala Ledwidge (Heritage Officer) gave a presentation on the services and projects provide by the Heritage Office. (see attached presentation). The Heritage Office works in partnership with:

- Local Authority
- Kilkenny Heritage Forum
- Communities
- Statutory Agencies
- Education Sector

### **Policy areas for consideration by SPC:**

- Pollinator Programme 2020
- Heritage Policies & Priorities

## **6. Art Office Presentation:**

Mary Butler (Arts Officer) gave a presentation on the services/programmes provided by the Arts Office.

Policy Areas:

- Inclusion Policy
- Public Art Policy
- Lifelong learning Policy
- Community Policy

## **7. Director of Services Presentation**

Mary Mulholland (Director of Services) gave a presentation on a number of policy areas to be considered by SPC 5 during the lifetime of the committee.

- C.C.F.C.S. Grants
- Events Grants
- PPN While separate to the Local Authority, it is linked through the Community Section.
- Children and Youth Action Plan
- Rural Development
- Healthy Ireland
- Support Creative Industries

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**Next Meeting:**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. 3pm. Council Chamber, County Hall.**