

Chairperson's Report of meeting of Strategic Policy Committee 4 – Environmental Protection, Climate Action and Energy held on Friday 4th September 2020

- Sean McKeown gave an outline of the Agenda and it was agreed that a written Progress Report would issue in advance of meetings to give members an opportunity to review issues to be discussed in advance of meetings.
- Frank Stafford gave an update on Environmental Complaints since Covid-19
- Frank Stafford gave an update on the Operation of the 46 Bring Bank Facilities since Covid-19.
- Frank Stafford gave an update on the operation of Dunmore Civic Amenity Site (CAS) since Covid-19. Chairperson MH Cavanagh expressed her praise for the staff at Dunmore CAS. This was endorsed by all members of the SPC.
- Eamonn Morrissey gave an update on the 3 bin collection service and the restrictions on the use of refuse bags.
- Eamonn Morrissey gave an update on Fines and Fixed Penalty Notices.
- Eamonn Morrissey gave an update on the Anti Dumping Initiative, funding and projects approved.
- Sean McKeown gave an update on a number of items – Amenity Grants, Ferrybank Amenity Park, Climate Adaptation Park and Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO).
- Frank Stafford gave an update on the Control of Horses Bye Laws. Frank Stafford also advised the meeting that 15 landowners have signed up to allow Kilkenny County Council to seize horses from their private lands.
- Sean McKeown gave an update on the European Climate Alliance. The SPC unanimously agreed to recommend that Kilkenny County Council join the European Climate Alliance.
- Sean McKeown advised the meeting that the DAFM wrote to all Local Authorities in relation to noxious weeds. He also informed the meeting that the Council has taken action to remove ragwort from our own lands.
- Sean McKeown advised the meeting of the newly established Animal Welfare Charter Committee. Approval was granted to write to ISPCA and DAFM in relation to including Kilkenny under the SLA that exists between the ISPCA and DAFM.
- Frank Stafford gave an update on additional items – Litter Management Plan, Dunmore Recreational and Biodiversity Park, Silaire Woods Boardwalk, Burial Ground Strategy, Greenway Project and ISO 50001.