

Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Issues held in County Hall on Friday 2nd December 2016.

ITEM 1. BUS SHELTERS

- Phase One of this Programme completed and Phases Two and Three will be completed next year.
- Discussions have take place with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and two city bus routes are proposed in the city which will have regular stops and regular timetables. A presentation will be made to the Kilkenny Municipal Authority in January by the NTA followed by public information and a tender process for the selection of a service provider.

ITEM 2. Broadband Update

- A broadband officer has been appointed by the Council who will liaise with the preferred tenderer once appointed for the rollout of rural broadband.
- The Council is in the process of setting up two sub committees-one to examine the infrastructure requirements of the rollout and the other to prepare a digital strategy for County Kilkenny.
- A map was presented at the meeting with the areas highlighted in amber on the map showing locations which will not have access to 30mb broadband commercially without financial assistance from the state and those areas will be included in the tender process.
- **ITEM 3. Severe Weather Events Response**
- A grant of €3.3m funding provided to the Council for small flood relief schemes in 2016.
- Agreed to update list of IFA personnel contacts to enable the farming community assist with the delivery of grit in periods of severe weather.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mat Doran
Chairman