

Chairman's Report of
SPC 1 Meeting of Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism,
Planning and Development Policy

Held in Council Chambers, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

Thursday 19th June 2025 at 2.00pm

- Mr. Martin Prendiville circulated a handout on the draft Rates Waiver scheme and provided an outline of the proposed new scheme for Kilkenny. The objective of the scheme is to support small businesses and the new scheme will provide a framework to limit the financial impact of any future rates increases on lower rate payers
- Adoption of the draft Rates Waiver Scheme was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard and seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and thereby adopted.
- Mr. Tim Butler presented on the Development Contribution scheme provided information on how the contributions were allocated and noting the existing scheme in Kilkenny has not been revised since 2016 and the making of a new scheme is the reserved function of the Members.
- Ms. Aileen McGrath gave a presentation on Kilkenny Craft strategy 2025-2027. She outlined that the aim of the strategy is to support the development of craft businesses, craft motivated tourism, Kilkenny's craft culture and heritage and the preservation of craft skills in Kilkenny.
- Mr. Denis Malone provided an update on the new Local Area plan for Belview/ Ferrybank. Mr. Malone spoke about the opportunities and challenges of Ferrybank as part of Waterford metropolitan area.
- Mr. Malone circulated a written summary of the key points of note around the process of development of the new County development plan.
- Cllr David Fitzgerald advised his term as chairman has ended and a new chair would be appointed in July.

The next meeting of SPC1 is scheduled to take place on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 2.00pm in Council Chamber in County Hall.


Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Chairman

Date: 25th Sept 2025