

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 27th March 2025 at 2.00pm

- Ms. Rita McGarvey, Broadband Officer, delivered a presentation on the Kilkenny County Council draft digital strategy 2025 to 2027 and noted that this was the first digital strategy for Kilkenny County Council and the strategy addressed four strategic pillars which align with national digital policies.
- Adoption of the draft Digital Strategy 2025 to 2027 was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard and seconded by Mr. Sean Cummins and the plan was thereby adopted.
- With regards to **LECP Draft Implementation Plan 2025 / 2026** Ms. Aileen McGrath updated the group on the process that had been undertaken in seeking feedback on the 2023 to 2024 LECP Implementation plan and the development of the new 2025 to 2026 LECP Implementation plan. A joint meeting of the LCDC and SPC1 had been held on the 7th March at this meeting, new and amended actions were presented and there was an opportunity for further feedback provided. The revised draft template for the 2025 to 2026 Implementation plan had been circulated to SPC1 members on 21st March.
- The LECP Draft Implementation Plan 2025/2026 was proposed by Mr. Brian Crowley and seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard and thereby adopted.
- Mr. Denis Malone provided an update on the new Local area plan of Belview/ Ferrybank. He noted that matters of housing density, housing construction and the URDF funded activities taking place in the area.
- Mr. Denis Malone circulated a written summary of the key points of note around the new legislation- planning and development act 2024

The next meeting of SPC1 will take place on Thursday 19th June 2025 2.00pm in Council Chamber in County Hall.

Signed:


CLLR. David Fitzgerald

Date:

