

Meeting	SPC – Housing Social and Cultural
Date	23/01/20
Time	6.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, MTEC 1, Monaghan
Attendance	ClIr Pat Treanor, Nuala Woods, Cathal Flynn, John Murray, Candice Moen, Tom Freeman, Teresa Carolan, Colm Carthy, Liam Bradley, Somhairle MacConghail, Aoife McCooey, Catherine Elliot, Noeline O Neill, Shirley Clerkin, PJ O Hanlon, Mary McGarvey, Carmel Thornton, Drew Hurley
Chairperson	ClIr Pat Treanor
Minutes by	Drew Hurley
Apologies	Eimear McCarthy

Item 1 Welcome and Introduction

ClIr P Treanor welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and for their future involvement in the SPC. He outlined that he hoped that over the next 5 years strategic change and improvement would occur in the areas covered by the SPC and he acknowledged the breadth of knowledge and expertise that will be brought by all members of the group

Individuals on the SPC introduced themselves outlining their background and roles

Item 2 Overview of the Strategic Policy Committees

Cathal Flynn made a presentation providing an overview of the SPC and its position in the local authority.

The presentation included: -

- Background to the operation of LA activities
- The pillars of local government
- The functions of local authorities and the various services provided
- How and where decisions are made in local authorities and specifically “reserved functions” – by elected members and “executive functions” – by the Chief executive Officer
- Defined the role and composition of the of the Corporate Policy Group
- The Councils management structure
- The role and composition of SPCs within the Council and their legislative base

Item 3 Consultation on the Preparation of the Corporate Plan 2020-2024

Cathal Flynn gave a presentation on the Corporate Plan 2020- 2024

This included

- a summary of the legislative base for the plan and timescale for its adoption – by March 2020. Brief outline of work carried out internally within the Council
- Specific reference that the Plan needs to align with national, regional and EU policy
- Outlined the terms of the Mission Statement/Core values and the High-Level Goals

CF advised members that they could comment on the document and Cllr Pat Treanor outlined that the Corporate Plan could be viewed on the Council's website

Each individual section thereafter provided an overview of their programmes for the forthcoming period

Housing

Nuala Woods/John Murray gave a brief background to the housing section and its operation. Included within this was a summary of capital programmes/repair and maintenance programmes; the HAP and RAS operation; the various grants available; the various tenancy sustainment measures carried out to ensure homelessness is restricted; the refugee relocation programme; traveller programmes and the Housing Loans and Tenant Purchase schemes

Library services

Catherine Elliot outlined the background to the service including the staff numbers and the facilities provided. CE outlined there were ongoing new initiatives being rolled out included for example the Healthy Ireland initiative/Creative Ireland initiatives /"Take a Closer Look". Partnership arrangements were part of the overall Library Structure and initiatives such as the Right to Read Programme with the Cavan/Monaghan ETB would be progressed

Colm Cathy wished to thank the staff in Carrickmacross library for assisting in the recent electoral registration process and PJ O Hanlon wished to put on record the assistance of the garda in this operation.

Museum and Arts

Somhairle MacConghail and Liam Bradley outlined a wide range of initiatives that were being planned in their specific areas and this was going to be in partnership with other sections/cross border and national bodies.

In the arts sections the main aims are the

- Creation of new venues
- Supporting new artists
- Bringing children and young persons into the arts arena

Liam Bradley gave a background to the establishment of the Museum service and the accredited nature of the programme. He reiterated the aims of making programmes relevant, accessible and available and in this regard raised initiatives such as outreach programmes and trying to engage young persons. Reference was made to the initiatives of working with other sections of the council, national and cross border initiatives. The move to the Peace campus was also noted

PJ O Hanlon complemented the Museum services on their initiatives in bringing the museums out to schools and children

Item 4 Draft SPC Standing Orders

Carmel Thornton informed that the standing orders had been drafted by the Corporate Policy Group and would be adopted at the February council meetings.

Item was noted

Item 5 Any Other Business

None raised

Item 6 Future Meeting of the SPC

It was agreed that the next two meetings would take place in MTEC 1 at 10.00am on the following dates: -

- Thursday 12th March 2020
- Thursday 4th June 2020