

## **Strategic Policy Committees**

#### **Terms of Reference**

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) are local authority committees in city and county councils whose membership includes elected councillors, representatives of business, farming interests, environmental/conservation groups, trade unions and community and voluntary members.

It is the task of the Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs), as committees of the Council, to advise and assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy.

The remit of the SPCs is to deal only with policy matters and as such they are strategic in nature. They have no remit in relation to routine operational matters regarding the delivery of services.

The SPC system is intended to give Councillors and relevant Sectoral Interests an opportunity for full involvement in the policy making process from the early stages.

Tipperary County Council adopted a scheme for the implementation of its Strategic Policy Committee system for the period 2024-2029 at its meeting held on TBC

The scheme provides for the number, policy configuration, functions of the SPCs, the number on each committee and an outline framework (table below) for sectoral representation on the 6 Strategic Policy Committee's which it established at its Annual Meeting held on TBC, namely:

- 1. Economic Development and Enterprise
- 2. Housing
- 3. Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)
- 4. Planning and Emergency Services
- 5. Environment and Climate Action
- 6. Community, Culture and Library Services

The scheme also includes the selection of sectoral representatives by the sectors themselves via the Public Participation Network (PPN) and specifies the assignment of sector(s) to each SPC and the number of representatives from each sector for each SPC.



Membership -SPC Framework - to be agreed following Local Elections June 2024								
SPC	Clirs	External Sectors	Sectoral Interests		Total			
Economic Development and Enterprise		8	Agriculture/Farming  Business/Commercial and		20			
			Tourism (to include Rep from Tipperary LIT)					
			Development / Construction Public Participation					
			Network  Environmental /Conservation (1) Community/Voluntary					
			<ul><li>(1)</li><li>Social Inclusion (1)</li></ul>					
Housing	10	7	Development/Construction Business Commercial Trade Union Public Participation Network  Environmental /Conservation (1)  Community /Voluntary (2)  Social Inclusion (1)		17			
Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation and Water Services)	10	7	Agriculture /Farming Business / Commercial Development /Construction Trade Union Public Participation Network  Environmental /Conservation (1)  Community/Voluntary (1) Social Inclusion (1)		17			
Planning and Emergency Services		6	Agriculture and Farming Business / Commercial Development / Construction	1John O'Shaughnessy	16			



				Public Participation Network  Environmental/Conserv ation (1)  Community/Voluntary (1)  Social Inclusion (1)	3	
Environment and Climate Action	10		6	Agricultural/Farming Business / Commercial Public Participation Network • Environmental /Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (2) • Social Inclusion (1)		16
Community, Culture and Library Services	10		6	Agriculture/Farming Business Commercial Public Participation Network • Environmental /Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (2) • Social Inclusion (1)		16
Total	62	40				102



# **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

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The role of the LCDC is to enhance the strategic planning and coordination of local and community development activity. Local Community Development Committees comprises public and private sector members, including Local Authority members and officials, State agencies and private sector local and community development representatives. LCDCs can comprise between 15 and 21 members drawn from a range of public and private socio-economic interests, though membership ranges typically from 17-19 members in most cases. Membership is determined locally with the majority of members drawn from the private sector. In a typical 19 member LCDC, nine members are drawn from the public sector with 10 members drawn from the private sector.

#### Membership Council Executive Sinead Carr, CEO 3 Councillors 3 1 Teagasc 1 Tipperary ETB **Dept of Social Protection** 1 North Tipperary Development 1 Company South Tipperary Development 1 Company 5 **Public Participation Network** (PPN) Agricultural Pillar 1 **HSE** 1 **Business Pillar** 1



# **Tipperary Joint Policing Committee (JPC)**

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The Garda Siochana Act 2005 introduced the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPCS), whose function is 'to serve as a forum for consultation, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area'. JPCs represent a collaborative approach between local authorities, An Garda Siochana and the community and voluntary sector in supporting policing and enhancing community safety.

Key specific functions of the JPC, as cited in section 36(2) of the Garda Siochana Act are:

## (a) Keep under review:

- i. the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs, and
- ii. the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour in the area

JPCs are required to approach their work strategically, so as to ensure a coordinated and focused approach in tackling crime, disorder and anti social behaviour within their administrative areas.

Membership	
Council Executive	2
Councillors	15
Oireachtas Members	6
An Garda Siochana	2
Public Participation Network (PPN)	7
Farming Rep	1
Business Rep	1