

List of “relevant Bodies” adhering to the Transparency Code

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 Monday, 9th September 2024.

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 Seven (7) Strategic Policy Committee's which it established at its Annual Meeting held on Friday, 21st June 2024, namely:

1. Economic Development and Enterprise
2. Housing
3. Infrastructure
4. Planning and Emergency Services
5. Environment and Climate Action
6. Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development
7. Library Services, Culture and Biodiversity

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.

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The Council approved a new SPC scheme at its meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024, and ratified the appointment of the sectoral nominees and the Local Authority nominees to each SPC at its October monthly meeting which took place on Monday 14th October 2024, following which the list of relevant bodies adhering to the “Transparency Code” was updated.

| SPC | Cllrs | External Sectors | Sectoral Interests | | Total |
|---|-------|------------------|--|---|-------|
| Economic Development and Enterprise Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic development • Enterprise • Tourism • Broadband / Digital | 12 | 8 | Agriculture/Farming | 1 | 20 |
| | | | Business/Commercial and Tourism (to include Rep from TUS) | 3 | |
| | | | Development / Construction | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (1) • Social Inclusion (1) | 3 | |
| Housing Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Ukrainian Services | 10 | 7 | Development/Construction | 1 | 17 |
| | | | Business Commercial | 1 | |
| | | | Trade Union | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (2) • Social Inclusion (1) | 4 | |
| Infrastructure (to include Roads & Transportation) Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Transportation • Active Travel | 10 | 8 | Agriculture/Farming | 1 | 18 |
| | | | Business / Commercial (to include Rep from TTCU) | 2 | |
| | | | Development/Construction | 1 | |
| | | | Trade Union | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (1) • Social Inclusion (1) | 3 | |

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| Planning and Emergency Services Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Fire • Major Emergency | 10 | 6 | Agriculture and Farming | 1 | 16 |
| | | | Business / Commercial | 1 | |
| | | | Development / Construction | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (1) • Social Inclusion (1) | 3 | |
| Environment and Climate Action Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Climate Action • Rural Water | 10 | 6 | Agricultural/Farming | 1 | 16 |
| | | | Business / Commercial | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (2) • Community/Voluntary (1) • Social Inclusion (1) | 4 | |
| Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inclusion • Integration • Community & Rural Development | 10 | 6 | Agriculture/Farming | 1 | 16 |
| | | | Business Commercial | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (2) • Social Inclusion (1) | 4 | |
| Library Services, Cultural & Biodiversity Services Responsible for policy concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries • Museums • Heritage / Biodiversity • Promotion of Irish Language | 10 | 6 | Agriculture/Farming | 1 | 16 |
| | | | Business Commercial | 1 | |
| | | | Public Participation Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/Conservation (1) • Community/Voluntary (2) • Social Inclusion (1) | 4 | |
| Total | 72 | 47 | | | 119 |

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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

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

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Tipperary Local Safety Community Partnerships (LSCP)

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The Department of Justice developed the new community safety policy based on a key principle identified in the 2018 report by the Commission on the Future of Policing (CoFPI), that policing is not the responsibility of the police alone and involves other agencies of Government such as health and social services. The concept of community safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their own community. At the heart of this policy is the principle that every community has the right to be and feel safe in order to thrive and flourish.

As recommended by the CoFPI, the Government approved the development of a Policing and Community Safety Bill to replace the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The intent behind the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act is to redefine the functions of An Garda Síochána (AGS) by including community safety and placing an obligation on relevant Departments, State agencies and local authorities to cooperate with AGS in relation to carrying out this function. The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 was signed into law by President Higgins on 7 February 2024.

The new community safety strategy aims to ensure communities are safer and feel safer by making community safety a whole of Government responsibility and priority, to be delivered through Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs). They will be supported by a national governance structure to support the aim of repositioning community safety as the provision of adequate and appropriate social services consistent with local needs. Communities will be empowered to have a strong say in what actions are prioritised by the services operating in their area, and will also have a key oversight role in ensuring those actions are followed through.

Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) will bring all the relevant state services and the community together at local authority level. This will build on the work undertaken through Joint Policing Committees and supplement it by ensuring that all other relevant stakeholders necessary to constitute a more holistic forum for discussion, decisions and action on community priorities are present.

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Local Community Safety Partnerships align with similar approaches in related policy areas such as the Sláintecare Healthy Communities initiative and the existing Local Community Development Committees. Each partnership will have the ability to consider the local landscape as it relates to the services already being provided, and those that are needed.

The Local Community Safety Partnerships will seek to foster sustained community involvement in identifying needs and co-designing solutions, and sustained commitment from services in working together to address those needs. The objectives and intended outcomes of Local Community Safety Partnerships will be to:

- Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns
 - The community will be engaged and represented on the Local Community Safety Partnership.
 - Improve multi-agency collaboration in the pilot area.
- Increase community confidence in service providers
 - Service providers will be accountable to the community in fulfilling the agreed actions identified in the Local Community Safety Plan.
 - The community will be better informed about and empowered to participate in community safety activities in the area.

It is intended that membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership will include: residents; community representatives, including representatives of youth, new communities and the voluntary sector; local councillors; business and education representatives; relevant public services in the area, including HSE, Tusla, AGS, and the local authority. The LCSP will have a maximum of 30 members.

Regulations to be made by the Minister for Justice will make provision for the membership of the partnership.

20 of the 30 members will be specified in regulation (including 7 local councillors). The remaining 10 places will be appointed by the Chair in consultation with the rest of the partnership, who will consider local demographics and other factors that will help in deciding who else is needed in each specific locality.