

Chairman's Report of meeting of Strategic Policy Committee 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on 6th February 2019

- Paul Murphy gave a presentation on the updated position of the Climate Action Adaptation Plan. Frank Stafford informed the meeting that Kilkenny County Council has made a submission to partner with the Climate Action Regional Office, Kildare.
- Frank Stafford gave an update on the Bring Centres. He advised the meeting that the regional tender was awarded to Glassco Recycling Ltd in late 2018. The rebranding of the Bring Centres, involving 280 individual receptacles, was completed in 2018. Following discussion it was agreed that notice be given to textile companies to remove all unauthorized textile banks from around the county. Frank Stafford advised that it is proposed to tender for a new service to regularize textile banks at bring centres. The Committee agreed to the proposed tender. Sean McKeown advised that 66 No. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to date in 2019 under the Litter Pollution Act.
- Frank Stafford advised that registration for the National Spring Clean 2019 is now open. The theme for 2019 will be "All roads lead home".
- The Chairman raised concerns that groups have with the costs of insurance.
- Frank Stafford gave an update on the Waste Management Bye Laws.
- Claire Goodwin and Dearbhala Ledwidge gave a report on the use of glyphosate. Copies of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 – 2020 were also circulated.