

COMMUNITY & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025, 11.30AM, COOLEY ROOM, COUNTY HALL DUNDALK

Present: Cllr. Robbie Nash (Chair), Cllr. Paddy McQuillan, Cllr. Michelle Hall, Cllr. Shane McGuinness, Cllr. Fiona Mhic Conchoille (Remote), Miriam McGuill, Aaron Karol Pundol, Garreth Weldon, Kevin Moran

Officials: David Jones-Director of Services, Enda Murphy-Senior Executive Engineer, Michelle Curran-Administrative Officer, Olivia McCormack-Senior Executive Officer, Pairic Browne - Clerical Officer, Finbar Gethins-Senior Executive Officer

Apologies: Lorna Costello

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action
1.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 27th March 2025</u> ▪ The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th March 2025 were agreed. Proposed by K. Moran, seconded by Cllr Hall ▪ Cllr Nash thanked Cllr Hall for chairing the last meeting at short notice
2.	<u>To Receive a Presentation on the Age Friendly Strategy Development</u> ▪ A presentation was provided by P. Browne on the development of the new Age Friendly Strategy for the County, including reference to policy review, stakeholder consultation including online survey, and preliminary findings to far. Strategy to be finalised in Quarter 4 2025. Members were given the opportunity to input into same under the various themes that will be contained in the Strategy ▪ Areas highlighted by members present included opportunities for right sizing in terms of housing, Age Friendly Parking, sense of safety in public spaces, provision of seating within urban areas as well as pedestrianised areas and the issue of loneliness and isolation ▪ It was noted that the public consultation online survey remains open until 28th July 2025
3.	<u>To Receive a Presentation on the Draft Traffic Calming Policy</u> ▪ The draft document as circulated in advance of the meeting was outlined to the Committee by E. Murphy, including reference to the Purpose of the Policy, Traffic Calming Design for New Roads, Traffic Calming Measures on Existing

	Roads, Types of Traffic Calming Measures, Implementation Process and Assessment Process - Members were given the opportunity to provide comments on the draft policy as presented, which included; speed counts and outliers of speed that may be masked within the overall average result and the need to take cognisance of same in determining if a traffic calming measure should be provided, budget availability to implement measures, the need to review the extent of existing traffic calming measures within the county, the need for consistency of approach between settlement types within the county in terms of the type of traffic calming measure provided, the high number of accidents on regional roads and the issue of data sharing of road collision statistics between state bodies - Members were requested to submit any further observations for consideration over the coming weeks, and the matter will be brought forward to the September meeting of the Committee with a view to agreeing final document and subsequent recommendation to CPG and proposed adoption by full Council in Quarter 4 of this year
4.	<u>Any Other Business</u> M. McGuill sought an update on the point raised at the last SPC meeting regarding vacant units in town centre. It was noted that the Vacant Homes Officer deals with individual property owners on an ongoing basis while the responsibility remains with the property owner to complete any necessary refurbishment works - Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for <u>25th September 2025</u>
	This concluded the business of the meeting. Minutes confirmed at SPC meeting held on: <u>25/09/2025</u> Signed by Chairperson: <u></u>