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## Environment Section

To the Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the  
Environmental Services & Water Strategic Policy Committee

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Dear Cathaoirleach and Members of the SPC

I set out below Agenda for next meeting to be held in the

**Council Chamber (Level 2), Áras Chill Dara on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 2:15 pm**

### AGENDA

- 1) **Adoption of minutes of meeting of SPC held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**
- 2) **Matters arising.**
- 3) **2:15 - 2:45 East & Midland Regional Climate Change Office**  
To receive presentation from Kevin Motherway Senior Executive Scientist on the establishment of the Regional Office.
- 4) **2:45 - 3:15 Construction & Demolition Waste**  
To receive presentation from Hugh Coughlan,(EMRWO) on challenges in the region.
- 5) **Environment Operations/Policies**
  - (a) **Cemetery Draft Bye-Laws**
  - (b) **Signage**
    - (i) To consider KCC signage policy
    - (ii) Planning & Environment joint meeting (Cllr Cussen)
  - (b) **Abandoned Cars**
- 6) **"That the Civic Amenity Facility for Celbridge have a compost returns area for green waste"**  
Requested by Cllr Ide Cussen

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## 7) Referrals from Council Meetings

### **(a) Notice of Motion – Cllr Mark Stafford**

To consider this Notice of Motion – Referred from full County Council 23/0317

*That this council will, where possible, replace existing coriboard regulatory signs with fewer more aesthetic permanent signs, such signs to be erected in town/village squares and on entrances to towns and villages.*

### **(b) Notice of Motion – Cllr Mark Lynch**

To consider this Notice of Motion – Referred from full County Council 17/0317

*“That this council makes itself a lead partner in proactively organising an ongoing countywide tender for the collection of household waste refuse once a month at centrally designated sites. The assigned contractor would work out a scheme whereby residents could pay per bag or weight for household waste. There should be no direct cost to the council, instead we should use the councils ability to use economies of scale to reduce the individual price for residents e.g on a certain Saturday 8am-5pm at a central point in Newbridge, residents could pay discounted rates to dispose of household refuse in a responsible manner into a waste operators lorry or large skip for a reduced rate. This could move from municipal district to municipal district on a monthly basis.”*

### **(c) Notice of Motion - Cllr Cussen**

To consider this Notice of Motion – Referred from full County Council 16/0517

*That this council ban the use of Glyphosate in public areas within the remit of Kildare County Council.*

## 8) Any Other Business

Yours sincerely

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## 17/0317 Collection of Household Waste

The following motion in the name of Councillor Lynch was considered

*That this council makes itself a lead partner in proactively organising an ongoing countywide tender for the collection of household waste refuse once a month at centrally designated sites. The assigned contractor would work out a scheme whereby residents could pay per bag or weight for household waste. There should be no direct cost to the council, instead we should use the councils ability to use economies of scale to reduce the individual price for residents e.g on a certain Saturday 8am-5pm at a central point in Newbridge, residents could pay discounted rates to dispose of household refuse in a responsible manner into a waste operators lorry or large skip for a reduced rate. This could move from municipal district to municipal district on a monthly basis.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor O'Neill

A report from Mr Boland Director of Service outlined the reasons the council discontinued its domestic refuse collection in 2011 and confirmed there were a number of issues to consider on this motion. Mr Boland confirmed there remains a very vibrant private sector providing this service throughout the county and there are a number of options available from these companies for householders who might have difficulty in paying. The cost of a service as proposed in the motion would likely have to be heavily subvented by the council and Mr Boland confirmed there is no provision in the current budget for such costs and there can also be issues with "centrally designated sites" as they would probably have to be the subject of rigorous environmental assessment, planning permission would be required with the probability of local objections and every possibility that these sites could become the focus of illegal dumping.

Councillor Lynch noted the report and asked that the council be open to new ideas and pointed out that if you do not drive using the civic amenity sites is not an option and that a localized collection every couple of months could be considered by the SPC. Councillor Cussen noted that the north of the county does not have a civic amenity site and agreed that the motion should be referred to the SPC for consideration. Councillor O'Ceairuil commended Councillor Lynch's motion and proposed that it be brought forward to the special meeting of the Environment SPC. Councillor McGinley voiced his complete opposition to this motion stating it is well intended but naive. Councillor Neville also disagreed with the motion and thanked Mr Boland and his staff in the Environment for all their hard work in this area. Councillor Keatley agreed with the proposal to refer the matter to the special meeting of the SPC. Mr Boland confirmed again that a waste facility permit would be required for any such temporary facility as that being suggested along with planning permission and on this basis, forwarding it to the SPC for discussion is not appropriate. Councillor Lynch asked for the success rate outcome on evidence gathered from CCTV and Mr Boland confirmed he would revert with this information at the special meeting of the SPC.

**Resolved** that the report be noted and the matter referred to the special meeting of the Environment and Water Services SPC for discussion.

## **23/0317 Corriboard Regulatory Signs**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Stafford was considered.

*That this council will, where possible, replace existing corriboard regulatory signs with fewer more aesthetic permanent signs, such signs to be erected in town/village squares and on entrances to towns and villages.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor Durkan.

A report from Mr L Dunne Senior Executive Officer stated it is agreed that the placing of these signs can be overused in certain locations and that they can become damaged/worn over time but they have the effect of being easily placed to highlight either "no dumping" or "clean up after your dog" issues. The cost of replacing these signs with permanent metal signs is an issue but the Environment Section could consider the placement of metal signs at a key town location on a pilot basis and suggested the matter could be referred to the Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee.

Councillor Stafford stated there is a proliferation of these type of signs throughout the county and if a private business erected such signs they would be fined by the litter warden. Councillor Stafford suggested that each town/village in the county erect one sign indicating there is to be no dumping/dog fouling in that area and the council could introduce Kildare County Council appropriate by-laws to regulate this matter.

Councillor McEvoy supported the motion and stated this kind of signage is in the public interest and is different to signage for a business which is erected for private purposes.

Mr Boland agreed to refer the motion to the Environment and Water Services SPC for consideration on a pilot basis in a particular municipal district.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Durkan that the motion be referred to the Environment and Water Services SPC for discussion with a view to a pilot being introduced in a municipal district.

## **16/0517 - Ban on use of Glyphosate in Public Areas**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Cussen was considered.

*That this council ban the use of Glyphosate in public areas within the remit of Kildare County Council.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cussen and seconded by Councillor Redmond.

A report from Mr S Wallace, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, stated that Kildare County Council use glyphosate for the control of broadleaf weeds and grasses in the amenity areas. Kildare County Council endeavours to confine the use to areas mowers cannot access and to prepare amenity areas for planting. The chemical has been licensed for use by the EU and use is Kildare County Council always in compliance with these conditions and should a decision be taken to ban its use, it will have negative implications for the council.

Kildare County Council is committed to the All Ireland Pollinator plan which includes an objective to reduce the use of pesticides and use of alternative methods for weed control. Councillor Cussen outlined her concerns in relation to the use of Round-up as it comes with many negative effects on both humans and the environment. She went on to note that the North Kildare bee-keepers have expressed concern regarding its usage and that South Dublin County Council have voted to ban it. Councillor Weld voiced his opposition to the motion stating the EU have recently approved the use of Round-up and that without its use, the work of farmers/horticulturists/food producers would be severely threatened. A lengthy debate took place amongst the members. Ms S Kavanagh Director of Services, Economic Development and Community and Culture suggested that the matter be referred to the Water Services and Environment SPC for further discussion and the members were in agreement.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Cussen seconded by Councillor Redmond and agreed by the members that the issue of the use of Glyphosate in public areas within the remit of Kildare County Council be referred to the Water Services and Environment SPC for further discussion.