

Chairman's Report of SPC 5 Meeting - Community, Integration, Cultural, Gaeilge, Heritage & Fire Services held in Meeting Room 1, County Hall on Tuesday 10th December, 2024 at 11:00a.m.

- Anne Marie Shortall gave a presentation on the overview of SPC 5. The role, operation and terms of reference of the SPC were explained.
- John Collins explained the Fire Charges Policy Document which describes the rates and the various decision processes with regard to write-off and waivers.
- Bernadette Moloney gave a presentation on the Biodiversity Action Plan and the objectives of the plan.
- Anne Marie gave a presentation on the Draft Age Friendly Strategy. The new Age Friendly Strategy and the Action Plan of the strategy is due to be launched in 2025.
- Anne Marie Shortall provide information on the Local Enhancement Programme. The Department announced in November 2024 that Kilkenny has been allocated a total fund of €170,519. The grant is due to be advertised in January 2025.