



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2019-2024

The statutory basis for SPCs is set out in section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by section 48(1a) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

The Council has decided to retain the same SPC structure as the 2014-2019 SPC Scheme with some minor modifications.

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

Cork County Council delivers a wide range of services and provides infrastructure to all of the citizens of the County. The day to day delivery of services is the responsibility of the Chief Executive, Management Team and Staff, while 55 Elected Members, representing 10 Electoral Areas, perform the Council's Democratic / Representational Role.

ROLE OF THE SPCs

The Council is, and will continue to be the decision making authority. It is the role of the SPCs to assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy. It is intended that the SPC system will give Councillors and sectoral interests an opportunity to be fully involved in the policy making process from an early stage when policy options are more fluid. SPCs prepare the groundwork for policies which are then decided at full Council level, and sometimes at municipal district level, where appropriate.

SPC STRUCTURE

- The Scheme provides for the establishment of eight Strategic Policy Committees having a county wide remit.
- Committees will have a maximum of 24 members, a minimum of one third of which will be drawn from relevant sectoral interests.
- Each Member of Cork County Council will be a Member of two SPCs.
- Each SPC will meet at least once every three months and will regulate its own business and proceedings subject to the Council's Standing Orders.
- The appointment of SPC Chairs and membership of the SPCs (both Councillors and sectoral representatives) shall be for the lifetime of the Council.

The structure is set out in Appendix I

PARTICIPANTS

SPC Councillor Membership will reflect the proportionality and distribution of elected representation on the full Council.

External representation on the SPCs will reflect the following:

- The need to represent a spread of relevant interests
- The need for balance between divergent interests
- The range of groups within each sector
- A commitment to foster social inclusiveness
- Gender balance

Groups / Associations / Organisations represented on the SPC structure should be active in the local authority area, be broadly representative and accountable, and should have a broad sectoral remit.

The following sectors will be represented on the Council's SPC structure:

- Agriculture / Farming (Rural Authorities)
- Development / Construction
- Business / Commercial
- Trade Union
- Environment / Conservation
- Community / Voluntary
- Social Inclusion
- Other groups relevant to the business of an SPC

The nomination of representatives from the Agriculture / Farming, Business / Commercial, (including Development / Construction) and sectors will be facilitated by the National Pillars. The contact points for those sectors are set out in Appendix II.

The nomination of representatives from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental sectors will be facilitated by the Cork County Public Participation Network (PPN).

APPENDICES

Appendix I

SPC Structure

Appendix II

Sector Contact Details

APPENDIX I

SPC STRUCTURE

SPC 1	Planning & Strategic Development
Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	7
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>1</i>
Total Membership	21

SPC 2	Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity
Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	10
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>4</i>
Total Membership	24

SPC 3**Economic Development & Enterprise**

Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	9
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>4</i>
Total Membership	23

SPC 4**Tourism**

Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	8
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>4</i>
Total Membership	22

SPC 5 Housing

Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	7
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>0</i>
Total Membership	21

SPC 6 Roads & Transport

Elected Members	14
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>14</i>
Sectoral	10
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>3</i>
Total Membership	24

SPC 7**Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development**

Elected Members	13
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>13</i>
Sectoral	8
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>0</i>
Total Membership	21

SPC 8**Arts, Culture & Languages**

Elected Members	13
<i>Members of Cork County Council</i>	<i>13</i>
Sectoral	8
<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Business & Employers</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Trade Union</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Environment / Conservation</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Development / Construction</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Community / Voluntary</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>4</i>
Total Membership	21

APPENDIX II

SECTOR CONTACT DETAILS

Pillar	Name & Address	Telephone & Email
Farming	Gerry Gunning	
	Irish Farmers Association (IFA) Irish Farm Centre Bluebell Dublin 12	01 – 4500266 GerryGunning@ifa.ie
Business (including Development / Construction)	Conor Healy	
	Cork Chamber Fitzgerald House Summerhill North Cork	021 – 4509044 087 – 9471858 CHealy@corkchamber.ie
Trade Unions	Fiona Dunne	
	Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) Head Office 31-32 Parnell Square Dublin 1	087 – 6486105 Fiona.Dunne@onemovement.ie
Environment, Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion	Claire O'Rourke	
	PPN Co-ordinator Cork County Council Business Growth Hub Cork County Council Campus Carrigrohane Road Cork	021 – 4285340 Claire.ORourke@corkcoco.ie