

Proposals for Environment & Water S.P.C.

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To: Westmeath County Council

For: Corporate Affairs

Re: Environment & Water S.P.C.

We suggest that the following two proposals be added to the remit of the new Environment & Water S.P.C.

That the S.P.C. when deemed necessary should have the right to call in for consultation, advice or examination such persons as may contribute to their remit in any aspect of their work. This should particularly apply where local knowledge and input could be crucial.

That the S.P.C. should include an oversight function in the matter of enforcement within its remit and have regular reports and updates from Westmeath Co. Council's Legal and Enforcement Section.

[Enforcement is seen as the weak link in the work of the County council]

Yours sincerely,

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