



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL - CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in the Setanta Room, County Hall
Dundalk, and online, on Tuesday, 4th February at 2:30pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach, Cllr: Kevin Callan

Members, Cllrs: Rachel Kerley
Kevin Meenan

Apologies: Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Nash

Officials: David Conway, Chief Executive
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
David Jones, Director of Services
Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Ger Murphy, Director of Services
Bernie Woods, Director of Finance
Sinead Dooley, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2025

The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2025 were confirmed on the:

Proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by Cllr. Rachel Kerley
And approved

2. Matters arising

None

3. Members Allocations

Noted

4. To consider and recommend conferences and events

The list of conferences and events was noted.

5. Council Meeting Agenda

Joe McGuinness presented the agenda to the Members and highlighted specific matters, including:

- The requirement to approve a replacement nomination on the Creative Spark Committee and to approve a Mutual Exchange on SPC Committees.
- Approval of several proposed disposals at Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth and proposed disposal of land at Ecco Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
- Presentation to be provided by David Jones, Director of Services on Narrow Water Bridge.

The Cathaoirleach conveyed the need to address the Response to Storm Éowyn early on the Agenda. It was also noted that the Chief Executive Report would commence with detail on the Response to Storm Éowyn.

6. Members Communication Plan

Members were advised that there are 55 outstanding reps. David Conway, Chief Executive indicated that the process of responding to Elected Reps was under review and invited feedback from the Members. Members present advised that they currently had no issues to highlight.

7. Strategic Policy Committees - Work Programmes

Members were provided with 2025 Draft Work Programmes in respect of the Community and Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee and the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee. Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services, spoke to the 2025 Draft Work Programme for the Economic Development and Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee which would also be circulated to Members shortly.

8. Any Other Business

Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services, advised that in the region of 12-15 submissions had been received in response to the public consultation on the Draft Dundalk Local Area Plan. Noting that Members would have 6 weeks to consider the final draft plan, it was suggested that a Special Meeting be convened Friday 28th February. At the request of the Cathaoirleach, Party Whips were asked to check with Members the possibility of convening the Special Meeting during daytime working hours.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on:

Date: 11th March 2025 .

Cathaoirleach: 

Meetings Administrator: 