



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL - CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held in the Setanta Meeting Room, County Hall, on Wednesday, 4th June 2025 at 9:00am

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach, Cllr: Kevin Callan

Members, Cllrs: Rachel Kerley
Kevin Meenan

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Deputy Chief Executive
David Jones, Director of Services
Ger Murphy, Director of Services
Joanna Kelly, Acting Director of Services
David Hanratty, Acting Director of Services
Roisin McAuley, Accountant
Colette Moss, Senior Executive Officer
Sinéad Dooley, Meetings Administrator

Apologies:

Members, Cllrs: James Byrne, Pio Smith, Robert Nash

Officials: David Conway, Chief Executive, Bernie Woods, Head of Finance

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th May 2025

The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7th May were confirmed on the

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

2. Matters arising

None

3. Annual Meetings

The Annual General Meetings for Council and Municipal/Borough Districts are scheduled to take place in advance of each of the currently scheduled June ordinary monthly meetings.

4. Members Allocations

Noted

5. To consider and recommend conferences and events

The list of conferences and events was noted.

6. Council Meeting Agenda

Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy presented the June Council Meeting Agenda to the Members and highlighted specific matters, including:

- Requirement for Council to approve nominations as representatives to the (i) Community & Voluntary and (ii) Environment Pillars on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).
- Council requirement to consider defending Judicial Review proceedings initiated in respect the Dundalk Local Area Plan 2024-2030 as adopted by Council on 6th March 2025.
- A number of Section 183 notices for Council consideration and approval.
- Audit Committee Report for Year Ended 31st December 2024 for adoption.
- Draft Annual Report 2024 for adoption in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001.
- Chief Executive Report.

7. Circular F/04/25 – Nomination of candidates for President

Deputy Chief Executive, Thomas McEvoy, outlined the requirements in relation to the nomination of candidates for election as President as notified by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage via Circular Letter: F.04/25.

8. Members Communication Service

Members were advised that there are 36 outstanding reps. Members were invited to provide feedback and all advised that they currently had no issues to highlight and complimented the improved response time to queries.

9. SPC Work Programmes

Members were reminded to ensure that SPC Work Programmes were brought to the CPG for approval.

10. Any other Business

- Workshops in preparation for the review of the County Development Plan will take place in September / October.
- The former Chains of Office for the Municipal Districts of Ardee and Dundalk have been reinstated, and it is intended that the newer chains be given to the respective Leas Chathaoirligh.
- Documentation in respect of Twinning's previously discussed to be reviewed.
- Cathaoirleach Kevin Callan took the opportunity to thank the Executive and his fellow members for all their support and assistance during his term in office and wished all the very best of luck into the future. Deputy Chief Executive Thomas McEvoy in turn praised Cathaoirleach Callan for his work during the year and wished him the very best into the future. Members echoed the sentiments shared and commented further on Cathaoirleach Callan's exemplary professionalism which he displayed throughout his term.

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

Date:

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Cathaoirleach:

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Meetings Administrator:

Sinead Dadey