



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 on Monday, 9th September 2024 at 08:30am

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach, Cllr: Kevin Callan

Members, Cllrs: Paula Butterly
James Byrne (Online)

Apologies, Cllrs: Robert Nash
Joanna Byrne

Officials: Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Ger Murphy, Director of Services
Bernie Woods, Director of Finance
Yvonne O'Brien, A/Director of Services

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2024 and 2nd August 2024

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 3rd July 2024 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Paula Butterly
And agreed.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 2nd August 2024 was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. James Byrne
And agreed.

2. SPC Scheme 2024-2029

The members discussed the recommendation made. A number of changes were made including:

- On proposal of Cllr. Paula Butterly and seconding of Cllr. James Byrne it was agreed to amend the Sustainability SPC to Climate Change and Sustainability and to add Agriculture to its remit.
- On proposal of Cllr. James Byrne and seconding of Cllr. Paula Butterly it was agreed

to add promotion of Irish language to remit of Social Development.

- On proposal of Cllr. Paula Butterly and seconding of Cllr. James Byrne it was agreed to include one rep from each Sector Pillar to each SPC.
- On proposal of Cllr. Paula Butterly and seconding of Cllr. James Byrne it was agreed to add an additional social inclusion rep to both the Community & Placemaking SPC and Social Development SPC.

It was agreed that these changes only would be reflected in the Draft Scheme that the CPG would recommend to Council.

3. Budget 2024

Bernie Woods briefed the members on the LPT public consultation and the varying of the rate and budget matters generally. MD Budget meetings were also noted.

4. Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029

Joe McGuinness briefed the members on the Corporate Plan. Page 9 Quality of Life, Youth/People of all ages to be changed.

5. Approval of Overdraft Provision

Bernie Woods briefed the members on the request of same.

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Paula Butterly

6. External Recommendations to Audit Committee

Joe McGuinness briefed the members on the background of the requirement. CPG agreed unanimously recommending both.

Proposed by: Cllr. Paula Butterly
Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Callan

7. To Note Members Allocations

Members noted the allocations as set out before them.

Proposed by: Cllr. Kevin Callan
Seconded by: Cllr. Paula Butterly

8. To Consider and Recommend Conferences and Events

Proposed by: Cllr. Paula Butterly
Seconded by: Cllr. James Byrne

9. Council Meeting Agenda

Joe McGuinness briefed the group on the agenda and background to each agenda item.

10. Twinning Proposals

Noted receipt of two proposals for twinning of Turkish Municipality and Drogheda Town and a separate request from a General Municipality in Germany. It was agreed to defer any Twinning proposal until the next meeting of CPG.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date: 8th October 2024

Cathaoirleach: Henri Colles

Meetings Administrator: 