



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## **LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL - CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group Special Meeting held in the Setanta Room, County Hall Dundalk, and online, on Friday, 2nd August 2024 at 09:00am

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach, Cllr:** Kevin Callan

**Members, Cllrs:** Paula Butterly (online)  
Robert Nash (online)  
Joanna Byrne (online)  
James Byrne (online)

**Apologies, Cllrs:** Pío Smith

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Deputy Chief Executive  
Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services  
Bernie Woods, Director of Finance  
Yvonne O'Brien, A/Director of Services  
Mark Johnston, A/Director of Services  
John Lawrence, A/Director of Services  
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive  
Ger Murphy, Director of Services  
David Jones, Director of Services

### **1. SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029**

The draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 - 2029 was introduced by Joe McGuinness and discussed by members. Mr. McGuinness informed the group that once the draft scheme is agreed by the CPG it would go out to Public Consultation. The provides for:

- 5 committees
- All elected members to sit on one committee
- 4 sectoral representatives to take a place on each committee.
- Hybrid SPC meetings are allowed

Following discussion, it was agreed that the remit with regard to Harbours and Foreshores would be given to the Planning SPC. This was on the proposal of Cllr. Paula Butterly and seconding of Cllr. Kevin Callan.

**2. Reporting on conferences attended by elected members**

On foot of a query raised by the Council's Local Government Auditor as to why there were no reports submitted by Councillors relating to conferences and training courses attended, Joe McGuinness provided a response from Mr. Tommy Moylan, Association of Irish Local Government. Mr. Moylan's advice is that a report must be submitted by an elected member within 14 days of attending a conference but that this is not a requirement when the attendee has been at a training course.

In discussion it was stated that the obligation for ensuring compliance with this rests with the elected member themselves.

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

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Cathaoirleach: 

Meetings Administrator: 