

***CORPORATE POLICY GROUP***

Minutes of the meeting held remotely at 9.00 am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 over MS Teams

**In attendance:**

<b>Members:</b>	Cathaoirleach - Cllr. Pio Smith Cllr. Joanna Byrne Cllr. Liam Reilly Cllr. Maria Doyle Cllr. Jim Tenanty
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. Emma Coffey
<b>Officials:</b>	Joan Martin, Chief Executive Joe McGuinness, Director of Services Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services Catherine Duff, Director of Services Frank Pentony, Director of Services Bernie Woods, Head of Finance Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

**1. Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Proposed by: Cllr. Jim Tenanty  
Seconded by: Cllr. Joanna Byrne

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Council Meeting Arrangements**

In light of current COVID numbers, Members agreed that all Council and District Meetings held in January should be fully remote.

**4. New Louth Volunteer Centre Nominations to the Louth Local Community Development**

In line with Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, CPG Members were consulted on and agreed to bring a proposed deselection of Ms. Grainne Berrill and a nomination for her replacement before the Council, as this is a reserved function.

**5. Council Meeting Agenda**

Members were given a briefing on all items in the Council Agenda including:

- Service Delivery Plan 2022 - A query on specific targets and goals as raised at the December Council Meeting was discussed. It was noted that Cllr. Joanna Byrne was the only councillor who had raised queries in writing around this item, as agreed to in the meeting where alterations were desired. It was agreed that Members should be requested to email any

specific amendments to the plan by 5pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January and these could be answered or addressed by the executive in order that an amended Plan could be prepared for and agreed by Members at the January Meeting.

- Recommendation to Provide Financial Assistance to Creative Spark PLC under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 - Members were advised this was assistance to Creative Spark who were unable to secure 25% match funding required to obtain national funding to draw down grant to provide co-working office space.
- Housing Estate Special Speed Limits - 19 new applications were received and it was proposed to add these to existing estates covered by bye-laws and bring them to public display.
- Allocations were noted and agreed to be brought to council.

## **6. Members Communication Plan**

Members were advised that Reps made over Sugar continue to be monitored and any issues regarding non response to reps should be raised.

## **8. SPC Work Programmes**

Cllr. Joanna Byrne forwarded the 2022 Housing SPC work programme which was displayed to Members. It was agreed to encompass all 2022 SPC work programmes into one document for the main Council Meeting.

The issue of low attendance by non Elected Members and difficulty in receiving nominations for reps was discussed. Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services advised of a distinction between national sector and PPN reps and he had raised the PPN rep issue nationally at PPN. The CE remarked of the duty on the PPN to ensure proper nomination if they truly wanted to participate.

## **9. AOB**

Review of planning process - The CE advised that the OPR had carried out a review of Louth's planning processes and issued a report which was just released. A press release being issued later that morning would be forwarded to Members with the link to the OPR report. On foot of the report, an improvement plan would be drafted and implemented in response to any issues raised where necessary.

The Cathaoirleach asked Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services to request an update on the Guerin report from the Chair of the Board on which he represented LCC.

Members were advised that if they wished to receive a delegation from Drogheda Port that this is raised as an agenda item and agreed at meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathaoirleach: \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_