



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 Wednesday, 7th January 2025 at 3:00pm

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach, Cllr:** Kevin Callan

**Members, Cllrs:** James Byrne (online)  
Rachel Kerley  
Kevin Meenan  
Robert Nash  
Pio Smith (online)

**Officials:** Joe McGuinness, Temporary Chief Executive  
David Jones, Director of Services  
Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services  
Ger Murphy, Director of Services  
Bernie Woods, Director of Finance  
David Hanratty, Acting Director of Services  
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator  
Sinead Dooley, Senior Executive Officer

### **1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The minutes of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2024 were confirmed on the:-

**Proposal of:** Cllr. Robert Nash  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. Kevin Callan  
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 importance of Section 141 reports.
- Update on work being undertaken under the Memorandum of Understanding between Louth County Council and Newry Mourne and Down, including Narrow Water Bridge.
- The requirement to fill vacancies on the Local Traveller Consultative Committee.

Joe McGuinness also advised that there would be an informal meeting for Councillors to be introduced to the incoming Chief Executive, Mr. David Conway, before the commencement of the monthly County Council meeting.

The motions included on the agenda were also noted.

## 6. Members Communication Plan

Members were advised that there are 92 outstanding reps. Cllr. Robbie Nash noted an improvement in responses and there were no major recent problems noted.

## 7. Strategic Policy Committees - Work Programmes

Members were advised that all SPCs had met and that work programmes were being drafted. These would be put to the CPG at a future meeting.

## 8. Any Other Business

- Thomas McEvoy noted that once the consultation period closes on the Dundalk Area Plan, a Chief Executive's Report will issue within 4 weeks. There will then be a variation process regarding the County Development Plan before these changes take effect. This will be done through standalone meetings.
- The Meetings Administrator was waiting on clarity from the Oireachtas regarding arrangement for the witnessing of Seanad Election voting.
- Members were advised that Regulations were still awaited for the Community Safety Partnership.

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

Date:

4<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Cathaoirleach:

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Meetings Administrator:

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