



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 Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 09:00am

### **In attendance:**

**Cathaoirleach, Cllr:** Kevin Callan

**Members, Cllrs:** Paula Butterly (online)  
Robert Nash  
Pio Smith

**Apologies, Cllrs:** James Byrne  
Joanna Byrne

**Officials:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive  
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Ger Murphy, Director of Services  
David Jones, Director of Services  
Bernie Woods, Director of Services  
Colette Moss, A/Director of Services  
Yvonne O'Brien, Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies:** Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services

### **1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were noted, as the only members present were Cllrs Seán Kelly, Liam Reilly and Joanna Byrne, one of whom only was on the new CPG.

### **2. Matters Arising**

No matters were raised.

### **3. SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029**

The process for drafting and adoption of a new SPC Scheme was discussed. Members expressed an interest in chairing SPC teams as follows (should the Adopted Scheme confirm similar topics):

<b>Proposed SPC</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Planning	Paula Butterly
Climate and Energy	James Byrne
Housing	Joanna Byrne
Economic Development	Pio Smith
Placemaking and Community	Robert Nash

#### **4. Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029**

Members were briefed on the process for drafting the new Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 with guidelines which were described as extensive to be issued to CPG for information.

#### **5. Council Meeting Agenda**

Members were given a briefing on all items in the Council Agenda including (but not exclusive to):

- Cllr Callan will be required to report on the CPG
- No SPC reports will be expected so the standard agenda item is removed
- Confirmation will be given on remaining Community Grants available to Members from the Discretionary Funds
- S183 Disposal of former depot – Members were advised that this is a very old building which was used when building the motorway and is being sold at Market Value
- S183 Disposal of School Site on Cement Road which is behind the Pitch and Putt
- S183 Disposal by Lease of Coca-Cola building to the Wolfe Tones who will allow appropriate use to other groups as per the terms of the Coca-Cola agreement with Louth County Council
- Vacancy on the LCDC to restore Kayleigh Mulligan to the committee following the return from maternity leave of former member
- Report on submissions on the Drogheda BIDS proposal which are for noting with the BIDS plebiscite expected to be complete by 1<sup>st</sup> week in September with the approval before the Council thereafter

#### **6. Other items discussed at the meeting**

- An Advertisement for Expressions of Interest for the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership which is a voluntary role has issued. The Chief Executive and Director met with the Chair of the Drogheda Implementation Board which will cease. A draft transition plan will identify items which should be carried forward to the Community Safety Partnership. It is expected that seven Elected Members will sit on the Partnership. This is likely to be before the September meeting of Council.
- Local Property Tax advert has gone out on Public Consultation. A report will go before the September meeting of Council. The provisional allocation to Louth remains at €11m. An extra 15% would net the Council an extra €1.6m. Members could approve any increase for up to 3 years at a time.
- A proposal to hold a budget workshop was warmly welcomed.

#### **7. To Note Members Allocations**

Members noted the allocations as set out before them.

**8. To Consider and Recommend Conferences and Events**

Approval of Conferences and Events that arise before the Local Elections was approved by Cllr Kevin Callan, seconded by Cllr Pio Smith and resolved.

**9. Draft Protocol on the Decision by Resolution on holding of a Meeting in a Different Location**

Members noted the draft Protocol as set out on the agenda before them. Following a brief discussion Approval of the Protocol was Proposed by Cllr Kevin Callan, Seconded by Cllr Pio Smith and resolved.

**10. Any other business**

Members were advised that the Chief Executive post had been advertised. It was noted that Narrow West Street was opening to pedestrians.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

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

Cathaoirleach: 

Meetings Administrator: 