



Cornhairle 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, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 09:00am

### In attendance:

**Cathaoirleach, Cllr:** Paula Butterly

**Members, Cllrs:**

Seán Kelly  
John Reilly  
Pio Smith (Remote)

**Apologies, Cllrs:** Joanna Byrne  
Liam Reilly

**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  
Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services  
Yvonne O'Brien, Director of Services  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

### 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2023

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr Seán Kelly  
**Seconded by:** Cllr John Reilly  
And agreed

### 2. Council Meeting Agenda

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

- A reminder that all allocations have to be in as soon as possible if they are to be processed before year end
- S141 responsibilities – Members were reminded that the S141 report to council is an annual report on the activities of any body to which they are appointed. The quarterly report that is filled out online is on attendances at meetings
- Approval is sought to fill a vacancy on the LCDC.

### 3. Budget 2024 Update

Members were reminded that the main Budget Meeting will take place following lunch after the main council November meeting. A Municipal District allocation of €113,000 per MD is currently proposed. A large Capital Programme is proposed, along with an increase in outdoor staff and climate action measures. Members were advised application is being made to the Department on funding for public road repaid following recent flooding. Members were reminded of the requirement to adopt the budget within 2 weeks.

### 4. Members Communication Plan

Reviews of open Sugar cases at Management Team is ongoing. A request to review the process of responding to queries on open cases would be examined.

### 5. SPC Annual Work Programmes 2023

Members were reminded that SPC Annual Work Programmes should be brought to CPG before Council.

### 6. Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as presented to them, and it was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr Seán Kelly

**Seconded by:** Cllr John Reilly

And approved to bring these to full Council for consideration.

### 7. Approval of Attendance at Conferences

Members considered the Conferences as presented to them, and it was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr Seán Kelly

**Seconded by:** Cllr John Reilly

And approved to bring these to full Council for consideration.

### 8. Any other business

Members were advised of a tender to replace microphones in Dundalk Town Hall. While Louth County Council has no input into lack of water in Cearnóg Brugha requests have been made by staff to try for Uisce Eireann to resolve the issue. Water services are to transfer to Uisce Eireann imminently, following which a review of staff will take place.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

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

Date:

6 Dec 2023

Cathaoirleach:

Paula Butler

Meetings Administrator:

Aileen