



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

## County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber - Monday, 18th November 2019 at 10:00am

### **Agenda**

#### **1.0 Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 21st October 2019**

#### **2.0 Minutes for noting**

Corporate Policy Group 9th October 2019

Municipal District of Dundalk 1st October & Budgetary Plan Meeting 21st October 2019

Municipal District of Ardee 3rd October & Budgetary Plan Meeting 21st October 2019

Borough District of Drogheda 7th October 2019 & Budgetary Plan Meeting 21st October 2019

#### **3.0 Monthly CE Management Report**

Monthly Management Report

Finance & Water Services

Economic Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure

Operations & Waste Management

Corporate & Emergency Services

Housing & Quality of Life

#### **4.0 Corporate Plan for Adoption**

J McGuinness

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

#### **5.0 Revaluation Update**

B Woods

#### **6.0 Nomination of one member to the Louth Drug & Alcohol Forum**

The North Eastern Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force is seeking a public representative from Louth to represent County Louth at the Task Force.

It was agreed at Louth Drug & Alcohol Forum Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 that Chairperson of the Louth Drug & Alcohol Forum Councillor Ruairi ó Mhurchu would be suitable nominee.

## **7.0 Nomination of one member to the Drogheda BIDS Company**

## **8.0 Nomination of one member to Dundalk BIDS Company**

Cllr. Maria Doyle to step down from this committee

## **9.0 Allocations**

## **10.0 Conferences**

## **11.0 Motion - Cllr. M. Hall**

That Louth County Council supports the Children's Rights Alliance's 'No Child 2020 Campaign' and pledges to:

- 1) Increase the delivery of public housing so that every child can grow up in a secure and affordable home.
- 2) Allocate a dedicated arts fund for children and young people living in areas of social deprivation, to give them access to cultural experiences in their own community

## **12.0 Motion - Cllr. M. Hall**

Louth County Council will express in writing to Dundalk Institute of Technology's Governing Body, the importance of having a Technology University in the region, and all the benefits that will bring both academically and economically. It must be pursued as soon as possible to bring DKIT in line with funding streams and investment projects like the rest of the country's Institutes of Technologies.

## **13.0 Motion - Cllr. R Ó Murchú**

Louth County Council calls on the government to recognise the huge contribution low paid workers make to the Irish economy:-

Introduce a Living Wage of €12.30 per hour in 2020, with appropriate legal protections for those SMEs who can show they cannot afford to pay the Living Wage.

## **14.0 Motion - Cllr. R Ó Murchú**

Louth County Council calls on the government to immediately plan for a United Ireland and furthermore to ask the Minister to call on the British Secretary of State to set a date for a border poll on Irish Unification.

## **15.0 Motion - Cllr. E. McGreehan**

That this Council actively works on harnessing the potential of our Counties hedgerows by encouraging and supporting the planting of Native Irish Trees. Louth County Council should take a positive and progressive lead on this. The thousands of acres of hedgerows in this county and indeed country should be harnessed and that the rich authentic habitats in our landscape should be nurtured and promoted.

Louth County Council should also undertake and make a concerted effort to only plant native Irish Trees and plants. Natives should be planted as they are the best placed to thrive and survive in Irish conditions.

I urge that Louth County Council embrace this policy a viable and realistic means of offsetting some of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions that are produced through our day to day activities. When improving and developing native Irish hedgerows and encouraging and leading by example we are creating the correct biodiversity for our native creatures whilst offsetting our carbon emissions.

## **16.0 Question - Cllr. J. Sheridan**

Can the CE give an update as to the weekly usage figures of the county libraries as well as the LCC mobile library?

## **17.0 Question - Cllr. J. Sheridan**

Can the CE confirm what measures are taken in respect of private hedges which are overgrown and if the council operates a "cut and bill the landowner" scheme as happens in neighboring councils?

## **18.0 Question - Cllr. J. McGahon**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether the €254,595 requested from the Department of Housing will provide for two additional planning enforcement staff to ensure compliance with the new short term letting

regulations that has been approved by the Department; if so when will the staff will be in place and what the Chief Executive's plan is in terms of a proactive approach to ensuring full compliance with the new regulations.

## **19.0 Motions from Other Councils**

Monaghan County Council 16th October 2019

Carlow County Council 25th October 2019

Westmeath County Council 22nd October 2019

Fingal County Council 25th October 2019

## **20.0 Correspondence**

Letter to Minister Joe McHugh, Minister for Education & Skills 31st October and response received

8th November 2019

Fingal County Council - "Developing and Implementing Local Migrant Integration Strategies"

## **21.0 Chief Executives Order Register**