

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

***CORPORATE POLICY GROUP***

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.00 am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk.

**In attendance:**

**Members:** Cathaoirleach - Cllr. D. Minogue  
Cllr. Joanna Byrne  
Cllr. L. Reilly  
Cllr. P. Smith

**Apologies:** Cllr. E. Coffey  
Cllr. M. Doyle

**Officials:** Joan Martin, Chief Executive  
Joe McGuinness, Director of Services  
Frank Pentony, Director of Services  
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance  
Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

1. **Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Proposed by Cllr Emma Coffey  
Seconded by Cllr Dolores Minogue

2. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

3. **Meeting Arrangements**

Members were advised that all Standing Orders on Remote Meetings were now adopted at each of the Council and Municipal/Borough meetings.

4. **Council Meeting Agenda**

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

- Casual Vacancy of Colm Markey
- S183 disposals
- Service Delivery Plan which is to be circulated with KPIs
- The nomination of three members to the Dublin/Belfast Economic Corridor oversight committee – it was suggested that this could be one from each district, however it was up to Members to decide on how to nominate.
- Notices of Motions – Members were advised that adoption of the County Development Plan ran to a statutory deadline. Members were reminded that Joe Biden was a Free Man of Louth but that the protocol for inviting him would be checked with Dept.

Clarification was sought on the number of days notice required to submit motions. G. Tuomey advised that her interpretation was 15 days as Standing Orders cited '14 clear days before

the date of the meeting' which she had taken as 14 plus 1. It was felt this was correct and that the Director would issue guidance to the Members, perhaps through News On A Page.

5. **SPC Work Programme**

Cllr. Byrne advised a draft Dangerous Dogs Policy was brought to SPC, discussion had taken place around the avenue to be placed on the Electoral Register for new home owners, and the SPC had received a very informative presentation on Homelessness.

Cllr. Reilly advised that they had received updates on the following items from Council staff: Climate Change, Biodiversity Plan, County Development Plan, Sustainable Communities and all had been very well received.

6. **Members Communication Plan**

Joe McGuinness advised that the reps were being monitored constantly and improvements had been made.

Members noted improvements in response times to queries raised.

7. **AOB**

Members were advised of the upcoming Oireachtas Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, and received a briefing on items raised at the meeting with Minister Dara O'Brian.

Official were requested to consider hosting Civic awards and the difficulty in holding these. It was agreed to look at some form of recognition of works done during Covid and that Director of Services Joe McGuinness would report back in January.

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: \_\_\_\_\_