

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.00 am on Wednesday 6th January 2021 by zoom

In attendance:

Members:	Cathaoirleach Dolores Minogue Cllr. Joanna Byrne Cllr. Liam Reilly Cllr. Pio Smith Cllr. Emma Coffey Cllr. Maria 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 Thomas McEvoy, Head of LEO Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator

1. Minutes of 9th December 2020

Proposed by Cllr Liam Reilly
Seconded by Cllr Joanna Byrne

2. Matters arising

Cllr Reilly requested to put the Biodiversity Plan on Council Agenda for January, this was agreed.

3. Council Meeting Agenda

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

- Casual Vacancy of Colm Markey
- S183 Disposals
- Notices of Motions

It was suggested to members that the Council meeting agenda including the position of the CE report should follow sequence where possible as the CE report was a statutory item. This was noted and agreed.

4. Meeting Arrangements

A discussion on the Covid Levels affecting Louth took place and it was agreed that the council should respect the principles of lockdown and move wholly to remote meetings and a further review would take place monthly with Chairs.

5. Members Communication Plan

Members highlighted a breakdown of email over the Christmas holiday period and expressed a general unhappiness with same. Council Officials were advised that the final submission date for the Draft County Development plan fell within this period. The Chief Executive acknowledged the upset caused and apologised but advised that any submissions that may have been affected would be easily tracked by email date and time and could be looked at. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services advised that it was thought that the break in services was due to an upgrade of firewall protection within the LGMA system upon which our server sits and that this was unforeseen. There was a similar outage in October for a lesser period which again was thought to be due to works being carried out by the LGMA. Members were advised that a debriefing would be carried out to find out what caused it, the cost to the organisation and to determine any mitigation measures that can be put in place.

6. SPC Work Programme

Members thought that the programme for 2021 would not differ much from that of 2020. It was queried if their programme was a 1 or 5 year plan as there was a requirement to bring any programme to the CPG, members thought it was 5 years but will check and revert.

7. AOB

None

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: _____