

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 245,  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cllr. T. McNamara, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. J. Cooney, G. Flynn, R. Nagle and P. Hayes.

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.  
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

Cllr. T. McNamara presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney.

**2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for December Council Meeting.**

The members noted the headed items and discussed the notice of motions received for the December agenda.

It was agreed that payment of contributions to individual bodies or events do not have to be on the Council agenda as they are not reserved functions.

**3. Request for Civic Receptions.**

There are occasions where a Civic Reception is not awarded and it was noted that a Mayoral reception can be given, if required. It was agreed to re-issue the provisions of Standing Order No. 70 to all the elected members.

**4. Date for presentation on the draft submission to Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.**

The Chief Executive outlined the importance of the Council having its objectives included in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. It is proposed to facilitate a workshop on the issues paper and to make the submission by 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The date agreed for the workshop was Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 a.m.

**5. Any other business.**

- The members asked for an update in relation to resourcing for tourism marketing and promotion and the preparation of a Tourism Strategy. The Chief Executive advised that a Tourism Strategy will be prepared in 2018.
- On the staffing side, the Department has approved a number of key positions for Clare County Council.
- The Chief Executive informed the members that the recruitment process for two Director of Service posts has commenced with interviews this week. This should conclude in January 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Carmel Greene,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services Department,  
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.