

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 4th September, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 316,
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

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

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Financial Accountant.

Apologies: Niall Barrett, Head of Finance.

Cllr. T. McNamara presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd July, 2017.

The minutes of the meeting of the C.P.G. held on 3rd July, 2017 were circulated and agreed having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. R. Nagle.

2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for September Council Meeting.

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

3. Budget 2018 briefing for C.P.G.

The members noted the proposal by the Head of Finance to brief C.P.G. on the budget process on 11th September at 2:00 p.m. The prescribed dates for holding of budget meeting are 1st to 30th November and the prescribed period for Municipal Districts are 16th October to 17th November.

The meeting to decide on Local Property Tax is set for 18th September.

A suggested date for the statutory budget meeting is Friday, 10th November but this will be subject to approval of full Council.

4. Review of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2016 and 2017.

The Cathaoirleach and the Chief Executive paid tribute to the Fleadh Executive Committee on their work in hosting Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2017. They also paid tribute to staff of Clare County Council on their work in co-ordinating the event, where the crowds surpassed all expectations. Particular tribute was paid to Ger Dollard, Noeleen Fitzgerald and Adrian Kelly for their role in the event. All the members joined in the tributes paid.

The Chief Executive thanked the members for their compliments and advised them of a report on the event received from Gerard Dollard, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, which set out the key roles which the Council held on the Committee for 2017, the funding arrangements for both years and the amount of positive publicity for Ennis and County Clare.

The members approved the Chief Executive's proposal to apply Council funding in the sum of €75,000 out of the Local Property Tax allocation for 2017 of €100,000 applied for the County of Culture. This was proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by all members.

5. Any other business.

- The Cathaoirleach advised of a letter received from Gerard Dollard, Director of Service to him to say thank you to all the elected members. This will be included under correspondence for the September meeting.
- The Chief Executive advised the members that Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner will be appointed Acting Director of Service until the recruitment of a replacement is completed. There are currently two permanent vacancies at Director of Service level.
- A query was raised regarding the hiring of General Operatives and the Chief Executive updated the members on the recent regularisation of acting and temporary posts.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

5th September, 2017.