

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 3:00 pm in the Boardroom / MS Teams  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan, Cllrs. A. Norton, J. Crowe, P. McMahon, G. Flynn, C. Murphy and P. Hayes.

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer  
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Support Services  
Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant

Cllr. John Crowe presided in the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. McMahon.

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

The draft agenda was circulated to members and the headed items and notices of motion were discussed and reviewed.

**3. Correspondence from PPN.**

Correspondence from the PPN was circulated and discussed. It was confirmed that existing standing orders for SPCs provide for the submission of agenda items and “Any other business” is provided for at SPC meetings. It was acknowledged that remote meetings have been challenging on occasions, but care has always been taken to provide opportunity for all members to contribute. Members agreed that there is good engagement at all SPC meetings. The members welcomed the feedback and agreed that it would be an opportune time to review and invite feedback from all sectoral representatives in relation to the operation of SPCs.

At this point the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan resumed the chair and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

**4. Budget 2022.**

Noeleen Fitzgerald provided an update on progress on the draft Budget 2022, the rates waiver, income for goods and services 2021 and on the prescribed periods for Budget 2022. Further meetings were scheduled with CPG and Directorates for 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**5. Any other business.**

The Chief executive updated the members on the following items:

- Following the issue of the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes in February 2020 the Council has completed a memorial and has entered into a research post-grad programme with UL. Work is ongoing in relation to further memorialisation and access to archives and records in line with the governments' response to the report.
- The National Development Plan was launched by the Taoiseach today. The Council is concerned that the LNDR was not included and will continue to pursue this issue.
- Discussions and the due diligence process is continuing in relation to the five Shannon Heritage sites. It was clarified that the employees will remain employees of Shannon Heritage and not Clare County Council.

Ann Reynolds advised the members of a number of requests for presentations to the members. It was agreed to proceed to schedule an Irish Water presentation at the November meeting and Climate Action Plan presentation at the December meeting.

*Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services.*

*5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.*