# Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.00 p.m. in the Boardroom/MS Teams Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

**Present:** Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan, J. Crowe, G. Flynn, and C. Murphy.

**MS Teams:** Cllrs. A. Norton and P. Hayes.

**Apologies:** Cllr. P. McMahon.

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive

Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P.J. Ryan presided.

# 1. Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2022.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved having been proposed by Cllr. G Flynn and seconded by Cllr. C. Murphy.

## 2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for March Council Meeting.

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

## 3. Covid-19 Ceremony

In response to a request from Government and from councillors a Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection, is being organized. It will take place at Áras Chontae and Chláir on Sunday 20th March at 3.00 p.m. The event is being organized in collaboration with the HSE and the Gardai.

## 4. Any other business.

- It was agreed that the CE would meet the three groupings to discuss parking, protocols for use of party rooms, public counter services, and hybrid meetings.
- It was agreed that the Council should take actions to show solidarity with the Ukranian people
- Blended working arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that front line customer service cover must always be prioritised.
- Some issues with regard to total reliance on CBL were highlighted e.g. lack of notification to applicants who have not been successful; qualifying applicants not being considered if expression of interest in individual property is not received.

- It was requested that the Town Centre First programme of work be delivered as a cross directorate programme
- It was agreed that any funding received from Government for the Shannon Heritage sites should not impact on the Councils applications for RRDF or URDF funding.

Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

28th February 2022.