

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**Present:** Cllrs. T. O'Brien, G. Flynn, P. Hayes, S. Talty, J. Crowe and P. McMahon.

**Apologies:** Cllr. C Collieran Molloy

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tony O'Brien presided.

**Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes.

- Confirmed Irish Water briefing will proceed on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00 p.m.
- Pat Dowling confirmed that the Department has reopened discussions and review of figures as presented in the due diligence report prepared by the Council – the team has provided all data requested and is awaiting response from the Department.

**Headed Items and Notices of Motion for November Council Meeting.**

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

**Any other business**

- Pat Dowling advised that a vacancy arose on the board of Shannon Group last October and that he has submitted an application.
- Correspondence from AILG recommending that the Local Authority invites Local Crime Prevention Officer to deliver a presentation to members focussing on Elected Members Personal Security. It was agreed to seek expressions of interest from members.
- It was noted that Bernard Glouster has been appointed as Chief Executive of H.S.E.
- Pat Dowling advised that he is in the final year of his contract and is required to give the Council 6 months' notice of his decision to extend or cease contract. His decision will be notified to Cathaoirleach in advance of the March meeting.
- Pat Dowling advised that Director of Service, Liam Conneally has been offered position of Chief Executive of Galway County Council. His appointment is to be

ratified by Galway County Council. Members commended and congratulated Liam on his success and the contribution made by Liam to Clare County Council.

- Cllr. Shane Talty advised that members briefings have been held over the last few days on Community Recognition Fund and it is being presented as a scheme which is available to 16 settlements in the County and that this is not consistent with the National Guidelines. Pat Dowling advised that the feedback from members on the proposed scheme would be considered and that the proposed scheme will be further reviewed by Management Team on Tuesday next.
- The members had a brief discussion on the population projections and zonings contained in the Draft County Development Plan, and the processes for addressing issues arising.
- Cllr. Gerry Flynn welcomed the recent announcement for expressions of interest for the running of affordable housing schemes in Ennis and Shannon.
- Cllr. Tony O'Brien advised that he will be seeking approval of the Council for foreign travel to attend an economic development networking event in Philadelphia in February and the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York in March.

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023.*