

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday, 4th September, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. J. Cooney, G. Flynn, P. Hayes, J Crowe, P. McMahon and P. Daly.

Apologies: Cllr. I. Lynch

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Service
Trina Rynne, Financial Accountant
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd July 2023.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 3rd July 2023 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. Daly.

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

The draft agenda was circulated to the members and the headed items and notices of motion were discussed and reviewed. It was noted that Shannon Estuary Taskforce will attend the meeting to present on the Taskforce Report. There are a number of presentations outstanding and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to schedule a special meeting for these presentations. Monday 18th September was proposed subject to the availability of speakers.

3. Budget 2024

Noeleen Fitzgerald gave a presentation on the draft budget 2024, outlining timelines, considerations, income collection rates and challenges. The members discussed the various challenges around funding MDs, inflation, interest rates, rising energy costs and staff recruitment.

Trina Rynne advised of proposed schedule of meetings to discuss Budget 2024. A schedule was agreed.

4. Any other business:

Pat Dowling provided updates on the following items:

- Moneypoint has signed a new licence agreement with government to make the output of Moneypoint available as an-out-of market generator of last resort from 2025 to 2029 and ESB will convert Moneypoint to run on oil for this period. This will

involve the installation of additional storage tanks which will be subject to a planning process.

- The effective date for the transition to Uisce Éireann is 20th September 2023. Other than group water schemes the Council will not be in a position to report on water services in future monthly management reports to Council.
- Joe Cooney complimented staff and management who were involved in showcasing our county and supporting The KPMG Women's Irish Open. It was agreed by all that it was extremely successful and enjoyable event.

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

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