Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Present: Cllrs. A. O' Callaghan, S. Talty and P. Burke.

Present Via Ms Teams: Cllr. P. Hayes and J. Crowe

Apologies: Cllr. P. Daly

Officials Present: Noeleen Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Executive Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan presided and welcomed all to the first Corporate Policy Group meeting of the newly elected Council.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 7th May 2024.

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 7th May 2024 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. P.Hayes and seconded by Cllr. J.Crowe.

2. Headed Items and Notices of Motion for July Council Meeting.:

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

Item 10: The members reviewed and discussed the Draft SPC scheme and agreed a Draft Scheme for the consideration of full Council.

Item 13: The members reviewed summary report detailing arrangements for the Clare Local Community Safety Partnership and agreed to revert to party group discussions to confirm 7 nominations on to the committee.

3. Annual Budget 2025

Noeleen Fitzgerald outlined the Budget 2025 process which will commence with Local Property Tax discussion in August. It was agreed to convene CPG in late August to commence this process, which will be followed by a briefing workshop for all members.

4. Any other business

Cllr. Pat Hayes suggested that the proposed briefing on Designated Activity Companies scheduled for September should be brought forward to ensure Councillors have up to date information. Noeleen Fitzgerald confirmed that the CE has given a commitment to Ennis Municipal District for a workshop with Councillors in September to agree next steps. The members discussed the matter and agreed that a September briefing is the most appropriate approach at this point.

Cllr. Shane Talty requested that the current arrangements for filling the SEO post in North Clare on part-time basis be addressed.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan thanked all present and closed the meeting.

Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

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