

**Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

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

**Present Via Ms Teams:** Cllrs. P. Hayes and I. Lynch

**Officials Present:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Services.  
Ann Reynolds, Senior Executive Officer

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney, presided.

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.**

The minutes of the C.P.G. meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 were approved, having been proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. P. Daly.

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

The draft agenda was circulated to the members and the headed items and notices of motion were discussed and reviewed. Noeleen Fitzgerald provide an overview on Item 9; 2024 Council Resolution for Borrowing report, outlining the main capital projects requiring loan funding which are due to progress in 2024. It was noted that ministerial sanction is required on an annual basis. It was clarified that the loans will be 20/30 year loans, to be drawn down when required while monitoring interest rates on an ongoing basis.

**3. Correspondence:**

- French Embassy request to fly Polish Flag on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, which is the national day of the Polish Constitution. It was agreed to seek advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- Request for meeting with IFA – it was agreed to meet with IFA for an in committee briefing on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 noon.

**4. Any other business**

- Pat Dowling advised that Galway City Council has approved the appointment of Leonard Cleary as Chief Executive of Galway City Council and that it is intended to proceed with the process to appoint a Director of Service from the Public Service appointments panel. The members congratulated Leonard on his success and acknowledged the significant contribution he had made to Clare County Council over many years across a number of Departments.

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

*4<sup>th</sup> March 2024*