

Minutes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on Monday, 2nd October, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 316, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Present: Cllr. T. McNamara, Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. J. Cooney, P. Hayes and G. Flynn.

Officials Present: Pat Dowling, Chief Executive.
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.
Niall Barrett, Head of Finance. (attended for Item 3)
Jason Murphy, Senior Executive Officer, Human Resources. (attended for Item 4)

Apologies: Cllr. R. Nagle.

Cllr. T. McNamara presided.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 4th September, 2017.

The minutes of the meeting of the C.P.G. held on 4th September, 2017 were circulated and agreed having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. G. Flynn.

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

The members noted the headed items and discussed the notice of motions received for the October agenda.

Regarding the draft National Planning Framework, the deadline for consultation phase is 3rd November. Wednesday, 1st November at 2:00 p.m. is to be proposed as a date for a briefing to the elected members.

3. Budget 2018.

Niall Barrett attended for this item. A draft of the meetings schedule was circulated and discussion was held on the options for allocation of Local Property Tax funding for 2018.

4. Update on staffing.

Jason Murphy attended for this item and outlined the key changes in the last year in relation to staffing, stabilisation of work-force levels and lifting of embargo for recruitment at many grades. In the 12 months, core staff levels have increased by 60 from 700 to 760. In particular, posts in outdoor grades have been filled. The Chief Executive informed the

members of the training provided in the year, in particular in the area of Health and Safety. The members thanked the Chief Executive and Mr. Murphy for the information.

5. Any other business.

- Arrangements have been made for a deputation to meet the Minister for Social Protection, Ms. Regina Doherty on Wednesday, 4th October, 2017 in Leinster House.
- The Chief Executive advised the members of an offer made to acquire lands in Gaurus, which is zoned open space.
- Arrangements will be made to do a photograph of the elected Council in November.
- It was agreed that elected members would be afforded the option of getting the flu vaccine, via the Councils welfare scheme.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Carmel Greene,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

3rd October, 2017.