

**Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly**  
Tionól Reigiúnach Oirthir agus Lár-Tíre

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**IN**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY HALL,  
DUBLIN 2**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr Paddy Bourke	Cllr Mary Hanafin
Cllr Paddy Bracken	Cllr Pat Hand
Cllr Christy Burke	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Thomas Cullen	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Kieran Dennison	Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr pLettie McCarthy
Cllr Gaye Fagan	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Derek Mitchell
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Tommy Reilly
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Pat Vance
Cllr Mary Freehill	

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council**

**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**

**Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA**

**Mr. Ronan Fallon, EMRA**

**Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA**

**Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA**

**Apologies received from: Cllr P Kearns, Cllr A Duncan and Cllr M Murphy**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were proposed by Cllr P Bracken and seconded by Cllr M Cahill.

The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

**ITEM 2**

**Update on Draft RSES consultation**

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley gave the Assembly an update on the progress of Draft RSES public consultation with a presentation covering the following topics; Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, Environmental Documents, Public Consultation, and SPA launch events.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Cahill and Cllr P McEvoy. Cllr M Cahill requested that the Director attend a meeting of Longford County Council to present the Draft RSES.

Mr Malachy Bradley informed the Members that the Assembly is organising three Draft RSES consultation events on 27<sup>th</sup> November in Dublin, 4<sup>th</sup> December in Tullamore and 6<sup>th</sup> December in Naas for all councillors in the twelve local authorities in the region, invites to these events have been issued and will be circulated to the members. There will also be events on the afternoon of these days for local authority executive and key stakeholders to brief them on the Draft RSES.

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 3**

#### **Programme of Works Q3 update**

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley gave an update on the ongoing work carried out by the Assembly to the members.

Cllr P McEvoy requested that an expert is invited to an Assembly meeting to present on rail infrastructure capital expenditure and that a map is circulated showing the territory covered by the two climate offices located in the Eastern and Midland Region.

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 4**

#### **Committee of the Regions Q3 Update**

Cllr M Freehill presented the quarterly CoR update and informed the Assembly the latest activities of the Irish Delegation.

Cllr M Freehill has informed the members of an upcoming adoption of an opinion that was prepared by a member of the Irish Delegation Cllr D Forde called 'Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics'

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 5**

#### **Adoption of budget 2019**

The Assistant Director presented the draft budget 2019 to the members.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr. P McEvoy, Cllr. M Freehill, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P Vance and Cllr PJ Reilly.

The Draft Budget 2019 was proposed by Cllr. P. McEvoy and seconded by Cllr. P. Vance.

The draft Budget 2019 was **AGREED**.

Cllr P Vance made a comment on the remuneration of Assembly members and asked for a letter to be sent to the Minister to ask for Assembly Members' remuneration to be increased. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Reilly.

This was **AGREED**.

#### **ITEM 6**

##### **Correspondence**

None.

#### **ITEM 7**

##### **Any other business**

Cllr M Frehill proposed that the Assembly makes an application to participate in an EU pilot project seeking 20 European regions to provide feedback on the implementation of EU policy and legislation on their territory. This would enable the Region to make a case for more subsidiarity in Ireland. This was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

Cllr M Hanafin and Cllr K Dennison requested that the Assembly's email address be amended to allow easier identification of emails.

It was **AGREED** that members will be allowed to attend a conference called Entitlement to Health Services in Clonakilty on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **ITEM 8**

##### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018** in City Hall, Dublin 2, at 11am.

Signed:

  
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick  
Cathaoirleach EMRA

  
Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA

Date: 11/01/2019