

Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly

Tionól Reigiúnach Oirthir agus Lár-Tíre

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 11th October 2019

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Lawrence Hemmings
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Micheál Carrigy	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Joe Costello	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received from; Cllr Steven Matthews, Cllr Tony McCormack, Aengus O'Rourke and Cllr William Priestley.

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Dr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. John Daly, EMRA, NWRA & SRA

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 13th September 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 13th September 2019 was to be amended to input "reciprocal" into the wording, as per Cllr P McEvoy.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Cllr D Lacey

ITEM 2

Planning items

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley presented the following planning items;

- i) Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES for the Southern Regional Assembly

A discussion to place with contributions from Cllr B Fitzgerald.

The Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES for the Southern Regional Assembly where proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr P Hill the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

- ii) Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly

The Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly where proposed by Cllr M Carrigy and seconded by Cllr D O'Reilly, the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

- iii) Proposed Variation No. 1 to Fingal Development Plan 2017 -2023

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr B Manton, Cllr P McEvoy.

The Proposed Variation No. 1 to Fingal Development Plan 2017 -2023 was proposed by Cllr P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr D O'Reilly, the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

- iv) Dublin Airport Draft Local Area Plan

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Healy and Cllr D Heney.

The Dublin Airport Draft Local Area Plan was proposed Cllr D Healy and seconded by Cllr D Heney, the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

RSES – EMRA's Economic Strategy

Mr. John Daly from the EMRA, NWRA and SRA gave the Assembly members on the EMRA's economic strategy that covered topics: Economic Profile of the Region, Principles of the Economic Strategy, Smart Specialisation, Clustering, Placemaking, Orderly Growth, Region's Economic Drivers and How to achieve Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Growth.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Healy, Cllr M Carrigy, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr J Carroll MacNeill, Cllr B Manton, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

ITEM 4

Projects: Next2Met, PROGRESS and QGasSP

The Director J Conway gave the Assembly an overview of the projects that the EMRA have begun to participate in.

Dr. Travis O'Doherty gave the members a more in-depth presentation on each project with a presentation covering topics; EMRA Projects: Next2Met & PROGRESS, INTERREG Europe Projects details, INTERREG Europe Projects Status and ESPON.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr. P McEvoy and Cllr J Costello

ITEM 5

Correspondence

The Director Mr J Conway informed the members for the minsters decision to appoint an independent inspector to review the ministerial direction regarding the RSES.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Cllr D Lacey.

ITEM 6

Any other business


None

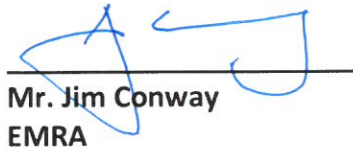
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 08th November 2019** in City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at **11:00am**.

Signed:


Cllr. Eamon Dooley
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 08/11/2019

