

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 12th November 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12th November 2021.

Cllr. Daryl Barron	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Emma Blain	Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Aoife Breslin	Cllr. Janet Horner
Cllr. Fintan Brett	Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. John Browne	Cllr. Pamela Kearns
Cllr. Emma Coffey	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Avril Cronin	Cllr. Brigid Manton
Cllr. Laura Donaghy	Cllr. Tony McCormack
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Suzanne McEneaney
Cllr. Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Kate Feeny	Cllr. Paddy Meade
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Aisling Moran
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Colm Murray
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Peter O'Brien
Cllr. Jim Gildea	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly
Cllr. Alison Gilliland	Cllr. Robert Power
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	

Apologies received from Cllr. Aengus O'Rourke, Cllr. Una Power, Cllr. Gerry Walsh.

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

Mr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Dr. Michael Brennan, EMRA

Ms. Agata Kolodynska, EMRA

Mr. David Clements (NTA)

Mr. Hugh Greegan (NTA)

Mr. Michael Mac Aree (NTA)

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 8th October 2021 were proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr P Meade.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation by the National Transport Authority (NTA)- Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042

Mr Hugh Creegan and Mr David Clements from the NTA were invited to give a presentation to the members on the Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. The presentation covered topics such as; Current Transport Strategy, Review & Update of Strategy, Aim & Objectives, Strategy Objectives, What's in the Strategy, Planning for Sustainable Transport, Integration & Inclusion, Walking, Accessibility & Public Realm, Cycling & Personal Mobility, Public Transport-Bus, Public Transport-Light Rail, Dart+ & Rail, Roads, Traffic Management & Travel Options, Freight, Climate Action Management, Strategy Outcomes, Cost & Indicative Delivery Programme, Public Consultation Process.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr. D Lacey, Cllr. P Meade, Cllr. J Horner, Cllr. D Heney, Cllr. M Freehill, Cllr. L Donaghy, Cllr. P Kearns, Cllr. J Gildea, Cllr. B Manton, Cllr. A Cronin, Cllr. V. Jackson, Cllr. P McEvoy, Cllr. D Healy.

ITEM 3

Adoption of the EMRA 2022 budget

The Director presented the Assembly with the EMRA 2022 budget.

The Director thanked the Designated Chief Executive of the EMRA, Ms. Joan Martin and Ms. Bernie Woods, Head of Finance Louth County Council, for their assistance in preparing the budget.

The budget was proposed by Cllr. P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr. P Meade.

The Budget 2022 was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4

Correspondence

The Director informed the members about the following items of correspondence:

- i) Notice Letter and Draft Direction in the matter of Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027
- ii) Circular Letter PL 10/2021 - Update on legislation to replace the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) planning arrangements
- iii) Circular Letter EUIPR 02/2021 - Publication of Consultation of Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment, Guidelines for Regional Assemblies and Planning Authorities

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Any other business

The Director informed the members that the audit for y/e 31st December 2020 has commenced.

The Director informed the members of the resignation of Ms. Agata Kolodynska from her post of the EU Support Officer. He thanked her for her work with the EMRA over the years and wished her the best of luck in her career.

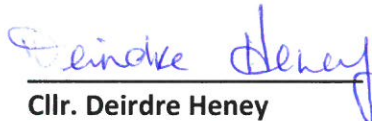
Cllr. E Dooley thanked Ms Kolodynska on behalf of the Irish Delegation to Committee of the Regions.


ITEM 6

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 10th December 2021 at 11:00am.**

Signed:


Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 12th November 2021