

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

MINUTES MEETING

***OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

HELD ON

11th November 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER, 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Pat Hand
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Barry Ward
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	

In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA
Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, EMRA
Dr. Mike Brennan, EMRA
Ms. Hazel Healy, EMRA
Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA
Mr. Simon Wojchiech Musial, EMRA

Apologies received from

Cllr. Paddy Bracken in respect of the meeting held on the 21st October 2016.
Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 21st October 2016.

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 21st October 2016 were proposed by Cllr. P. Bracken and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly.

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

ITEM 2

EU Cities and Regions – Presentation

Ms. Labhaoise McKenna gave a presentation on European Funding and policy-making opportunities for the Local Government Sector. In her presentation Labhaoise described the potential under the following headings:

- Joined up thinking
- European Week of Regions and Cities
- Policy making opportunities
- Committee of the Regions
- What is INTERREG?
- Why participate?
- European Territorial Co-operation 2014-2020
- EU 2020 – 11 Themes
- Joined up policy piece
- Interreg V-A Ireland Wales Cross border programme
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- Interreg V-B Transnational programme
- Interreg V-C Inter-regional programme
- ETC - URBACT III
- Questions & Answers

The presentation also included two videos ‘Room for River Project’ and ‘Circular Oceans Project’ which demonstrated some positive projects undertaken with EU funding.

An Cathaoirleach D. Lacey thanked Labhaoise for her interesting and informative presentation and welcomed Mike Brennan, Simon Musial and Hazel Healy. Mike will be liaising with each Local Authority over the coming months working on the Resilens project and EU Affairs. Hazel who recently took up position with Eastern Midland Regional Assembly will be running the Assembly meetings.

A discussion took place regarding the potential for Local Authorities to participate in applications for EU Funding regionally, samples of projects for further exploration at Local Authority level will be circulated. Contributions were made by Cllrs. P.J. Reilly; S. Bourke; K. Dennison; M. Cahill; C. Fitzgerald; D. Healy; M. Freehill; P. Hand and An. Cathaoirleach.

ITEM 3

Draft Annual Budget

The Director presented the Budget 2017 to the Members. It sets out the details of the amount required for the operational costs of the Eastern Midland Regional Assembly for the coming year. It was noted that salary expenditure will increase in 2017 as full complement of staff is expected. Expenditure for the development of the Regional Spatial Economic

Strategy has also been provided for. The Local Authorities percentage apportionment will be based on the 2016 CSO population figures.

The EMRA Budget 2017 was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4
Correspondence

None.

ITEM 5
Any other business

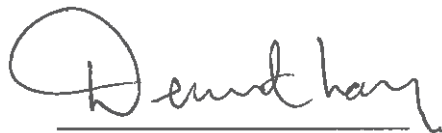
Agreement for members attendance at upcoming conference in Galway in December.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Susan Mahon for her contribution to the Eastern Midland Regional Assembly and wished her all the best as she takes up a new position with Kildare County Council shortly.

ITEM 6
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 9th December, 2016 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

9/12/16