

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**IN**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Micheál Carrigy	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Emma Coffey	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Caroline Dwane	Cllr Erin McGreehan
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Robert Power

Apologies received from:

Cllr Eamon Dooley, Cllr Pamela Kearns and Cllr Garry Walsh.

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council, Designated CEO of the EMRA**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**

**Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA**

**Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA**

**Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

**Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA**

**Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA**

**Mr. John Daly, EMRA, SRA & NWRA**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were proposed by Cllr E Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr F Brett.

This was **APPROVED**.

## **ITEM 2**

### **Presentation by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport**

A presentation was given by Garret Doocey, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports covering topics such as: What is Sustainable Mobility?, Existing policy framework, Policy Review Timeline, What have we published?, Statistics, How we travel, How we travel across the country, Why we travel, Accessibility, Active Travel, Climate Change, Land use and congestion & Next steps.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr, D Healy, Cllr P Meade, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr M Carrigy, Cllr B Manton, Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr C Keelan and Cllr P McEvoy.

The Assembly **AGREED** to make a submission as a collective.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Planning Items**

#### **i) Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the Proposed Variation No.2 of the Fingal Development Plan for Noting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy.

This was **NOTED**.

#### **ii) Proposed Variation No. 3 of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the Proposed Variation No.3 of the Fingal Development Plan for Noting.

This was **NOTED**.

#### **iii) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022 – 2028: Public Consultation, Issues Paper**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022 – 2028: Public Consultation, Issues Paper.

This was proposed by Cllr M Hanafin and seconded by Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

This was **APPROVED**.

**iv) Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027: Public Consultation Issues Paper**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027: Public Consultation Issues Paper.

This was proposed by Cllr C Dwane and seconded by Cllr B Manton.

This was **APPROVED**.

**v) Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the Draft Meath County Development Plan 2020-2026.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr P Meade, Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr D Healy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr F Brett and Cllr P McEvoy.

This was proposed by Cllr B Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr F Brett.

This was **APPROVED**.

**vi) Proposed amendment to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley presented the proposed amendment to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D O'Reilly.

This was **AGREED**.

#### **ITEM 4**

##### **SPA and MASP committees' structure**

The assistant director Mr M Bradley gave the assembly a presentation on the SPA and MASP committees that covered topics; Strategic Planning Area Committees, Structure – making an RSES, Proposed Implementation RSES and First meetings.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey.

#### **ITEM 5**

##### **Report on Ministerial Direction**

Mr M Bradley gave an update on the Ministerial direction of the RSES.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey.

#### **ITEM 6**

##### **Corporate Plan update**

Ms L Antoniotti gave the assembly a presentation on the upcoming corporate plan covering topics; Key features of a Corporate Plan, Regional context, EMRA's vision, Mission statement, Our Goals and the proposed strategic objectives. The director also gave information on forming the next corporate plan.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey.

#### **ITEM 7**

##### **ENCORE update**

The Director gave the members an update on ENCORE and confirmed that the ENCORE 2020 conference is going ahead in September.

#### **ITEM 8**

##### **Correspondence**

None

#### **ITEM 9**

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

Cllr D Lacey noted that the next meeting took place at the same time as the LAMA Conference, the next meeting will now take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

This was **AGREED**.

**Item 10**

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 11:00am in Dublin City Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

**Signed:**

*Pádraig McEvoy*

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**Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy**  
**Cathaoirleach EMRA**



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**Mr. Jim Conway**  
**EMRA**

**Date:** 10/07/2020