

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 10th July 2020

IN

**Ferry Terminal Building,
Dún Laoghaire**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10th July 2020, Ferry Terminal building, Dún Laoghaire.

Cllr. Daryl Barron	Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cllr. Aoife Breslin	Cllr. Janet Horner
Cllr. Fintan Brett	Cllr. Conor Keelan
Cllr. John Browne	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Emma Coffey	Cllr. Brigid Manton
Cllr. Avril Cronin	Cllr. Tony McCormack
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Paddy Meade
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Aisling Moran
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Colm Murray
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Peter O'Brien
Cllr. Tom Fortune	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr. Jim Gildea	Cllr. Robert Power
Cllr. Alison Gilliland	Cllr. Una Power
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	Cllr. Gerry Walsh
Cllr. David Healy	

Apologies received from: Cllr. Emma Blain, Cllr. Caroline Dwane Stanley, Cllr. Paddy Hill and Cllr. Vincent Jackson.

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council, Designated Chief Executive of the EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

ITEM 1

Election of Cathaoirleach

The out-going Cathaoirleach thanks the Assembly for his year as chair and opened the floor for nominations for the new Cathaoirleach.

Cllr D Healy nominated Cllr P McEvoy, this was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

As no other nominations had been received, Cllr P McEvoy took on the role as Cathaoirleach for the next year and thanked the members for their show of support.

ITEM 2

Election of Leás-Cathaoirleach

Cathaoirleach opened the floor for nominations for the new Leás-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr M Hanafin nominated Cllr D Heney, this was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

As no other nominations had been received, Cllr D Heney took on the role of Leás-Cathaoirleach.

ITEM 3

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th February 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14^h February 2020 were proposed by Cllr F Brett and seconded by Cllr A Breslin.

ITEM 4

Corporate Plan 2020-2024

The director introduced Ms L Antoniotti of the EMRA to present the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Corporate Plan 2020-2024, a presentation covering the following topics was given; Key features of a Corporate Plan, Drafting process, EMRA's vision, The Corporate plan, Structure, Regional context, Our functions, Our goals and Monitoring.

A discussion followed with contributions from; Cllr. E Fitzpatrick, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr D Heney, Cllr E Dooley and Cllr P O'Brien

The Cathaoirleach Cllr P McEvoy proposed that the Corporate plan be signed by the former Cathaoirleach, Cllr E Dooley.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 5

Annual Report 2019

The Director gave the assembly the Annual Report for the EMRA for 2019 and wanted to thank the CEO Ms Joan Martin for the assistance Louth County Council had given to the Assembly in putting the report together.

Cllr R Power proposed the Annual Report and it was seconded by Cllr E Coffey.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 6

Annual Financial Statement 2019

The Director presented the Annual Financial Statement of the EMRA for 2019, for member's approval.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Lacey and Cllr J Gildea.

Cllr D Healy proposed the Annual Financial Statement for 2019 and this was seconded by Cllr F Brett.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 7

Planning Items

i) Update on Strategic Planning Area Committees

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley briefed the members on the discussions that took place on the various online Strategic Planning Area Committees, and informed the members that a schedule for the upcoming Strategic Planning Area committees would be presented at the next meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

ii) Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028: Issues Paper

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented draft observations on the **Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028: Issues Paper**

This was proposed by Cllr E Dooley and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

iii) Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028 Issues Paper

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft observations on the **Cavan County Development Plan 2022-2028 Issues Paper**

This was proposed by Cllr B Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr E Coffey.

This was **AGREED**.

iv) Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028: Issues Paper

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft observations on the **Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028: Issues Paper**.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr F Brett and seconded by Cllr E Dooley.

This was **AGREED**.

This was proposed by Cllr A Breslin and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

v) Transitional Population Projections in the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP)

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the briefing note on the **Transitional Population Projections in the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP)**. This had been discussed and agreed at MASP Committee and was presented for the members approval.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr D Heney, Cllr R Power, Cllr D Healy, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr F Brett, Cllr M Freehill, B Fitzgerald, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr R Power, and Cllr A Breslin.

It was proposed by Cllr. D Heney and seconded by Cllr K Feeney to suspend standing orders to receive amendments from the floor.

A vote was called by way of a show of hands;

21 FOR the proposal

3 AGAINST the proposal

4 Abstain

This was **AGREED**

Cllr R Power proposed an amendment to table 1a to not adjust the 2030 high population for Meath, and to amend table 1b to remove the NPO68 allocation of 1,000 to Meath County Council in Maynooth.

Cllr Power clarified that the 1,000 population that is proposed to be removed is not to be reallocated elsewhere.

The proposed amendment was seconded by Cllr F Brett.

A vote was called by way of a show of hands;

21 FOR the amendment

3 AGAINST the amendment

4 Abstain

This was **AGREED**

Cllr D Healy proposed an amendment to table 1b of a footnote to read “The transitional population targets apply to compact growth in tandem with existing or planned delivery of high capacity public transport corridors in the key towns.”

It was seconded by Cllr F Brett.

This was **AGREED**

The amended Briefing Note on the Transitional Population Projections in the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 8

Lease

The Director informed the members that the lease of the EMRA offices in Ballymun is expiring and recommends that the Assembly renew the lease.

This was proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr A Breslin.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 10

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 11

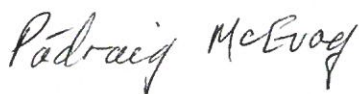
Any other business

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the new members to the Assembly Cllr Colm Murray and Cllr Tom Fortune.

ITEM 12

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on **Friday 11th September 2020** at **11:00am**, venue to be determined.



Signed:

Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 17 November 2020

