

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 14th March 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 14TH OF MARCH 2025.

Cllr Mike Bray	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Danny Byrne	Cllr Deirdre Heeney
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Feljin Jose
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Rachel Kerley
Cllr JP Durkan	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Aoibheann Mahon
Cllr Neil Feighery	Cllr Pádraig McEvoy
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Garry Murtagh
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Justin Moylan
Cllr Declan Flanagan	Cllr Oisin O'Connor
Cllr Joe Fox	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Niall Gaffney	Cllr Paul Ross
Cllr Patsy Glennon	Cllr Joanna Tuffy

Apologies received from: Cllr E Blain, Cllr E Coffey, Cllr K Duffy, Cllr D Gilroy, and Kieran Kehoe.

In Attendance:

Ms Clare Bannon, EMRA
Ms Bernie Roe, EMRA
Ms Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA
Ms Laure Antoniotti, EMRA
Mr Ross Higgins, EMRA
Ms Cara Farrell, EMRA
Ms Sarah Campbell, EMRA
Ms Katarzyna Kaczmarek, EMRA
Mr Shane O'Donnell, EMRA
Dr Owen Douglas, EMRA
Ms Ruth Kilcullen, EMRA
Ms Enya Fogarty, EMRA
Dr Karl Murphy, EMRA
Ms Kiara Abbey, EMRA

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr R Kerley from Louth County Council who has been appointed to the Assembly.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th of February 2025.

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14th of February 2025 were proposed by Cllr P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr D Lacey.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Planning items

- i) EMRA submission on Uisce Éireann's Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project

Ms AM Wood Wolfe presented the EMRA submission on Uisce Éireann's Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr J Moylan and Cllr M Cahill.

This was **NOTED**.

- ii) Update on Target Group 2 of the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Accelerator (SSMA)

Ms AM Wood Wolfe presented the dates of the workshop on Target Group 2 of the Smart and Sustainable Mobility Accelerator (SSMA) to the Members.

This was **NOTED**.

- iii) Update on Training Workshops for the Census Atlas on the RDM

Ms AM Wood Wolfe presented the dates of the Training Workshops for the Census Atlas on the RDM to the Members.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Adoption of the Corporate Plan 2025-2030

Ms C Bannon and Ms L Antoniotti presented the EMRA's Corporate Plan 2025-2030 for adoption to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr D Healy, Cllr D Lacey, and Cllr J Tuffy.

Cllr P McEvoy proposed to amend the wording of the first goal of the Corporate Plan to “Deliver effective regional development for the Region and its communities, to improve quality of life, support and nurture sustainable economic growth towards a regenerative economy, deliver necessary infrastructure, and provide for a green, low carbon and climate resilient Region”. This proposal was Seconded by Cllr D Healy.

This was **APPROVED**.

The Corporate Plan 2025-2030 as amended was proposed by Cllr P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr M Cahill.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4

Presentation of the URBACT and EUI programmes.

Dr K Murphy gave the Members a presentation of the URBACT and European Urban Initiative programmes for which EMRA is the national contact point in Ireland.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr J Tuffy, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr JP Durkan, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr J Moylan and Ms L Antoniotti.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 6

Any other business

Ms C Bannon informed the Members of an upcoming study visit organised for Members for the first week of June to Brussels.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr A Cronin and Cllr C Fitzgerald.

ITEM 7

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly will be held on **Friday the 11th of April 2025 at 11.00am.**

Signed: C. Fitzgerald
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald
Cathaoirleach EMRA

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Ms. Clare Bannon
EMRA

Date: 11 April 2025



