

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**IN**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr Paddy Bourke	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Paddy Bracken	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Christy Burke	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Lettie McCarthy
Cllr Tommy Cullen	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Kieran Dennison	Cllr Martin Miley
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Derek Mitchell
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Maria Murphy
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Claire O'Connor
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Tommy Reilly
Cllr Pat Hand	Cllr Pat Vance

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

**Apologies received from: Cllr C Cuffe, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr G Fagan & Cllr R Russell**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were proposed by Cllr T Reilly and seconded by Cllr P Hand.

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

**ITEM 2**

**Presentation by ESB network on the investment plan for the electricity infrastructure**

Ellen Disken and Carmel O'Connor from ESB Networks gave the Assembly a presentation on the ESB network and how they go about planning for future developments. The presentation covered topics such as; Who are ESB Networks, About ESB Networks, How we are funded, Price Review 4 – Highlights, The energy transition, As the energy industry changes, As the energy industry changes and Areas for PR5 investment.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr T Cullen, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr K Dennison, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr L McCarthy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr P Kearns and Cllr K Feeney.

### **ITEM 3**

#### **RSES Update**

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley gave the Assembly a presentation on the current status of the RSES and the public consultation on the draft, and what the next steps are in the process the presentation addressed; Key milestones in making an RSES, From 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation on the Draft to 3<sup>rd</sup> consultation on Material amendments, Directors Report to Members, Procedure for Motions to Draft, Material Amendments, and Final Stage of making the RSES.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr P Vance Cllr L McCarthy and Cllr P Kearns.

### **ITEM 4**

#### **Programme of Works Q4 update**

The Director gave the Assembly an update on the work the Assembly did over the last quarter of 2018.

### **ITEM 5**

#### **Annual Financial Statement 2017**

The director gave the Assembly the updated Annual Financial Statement from the Auditor of the EMRA. This was proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

The updated Annual Financial Statement 2017 was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **ITEM 6**

#### **Correspondence**

Committee of the Regions – Network of Regional Hubs for EU Policy Implementation Review”

**ITEM 7**

**Any other business**

The assembly was informed that Cllr T Byrne had resigned from the Assembly. Cllr C Marky to be nominated the representative of the Peace PMC as his replacement.

This was **AGREED**

The date of the March Assembly meeting was moved to 1<sup>st</sup> of March

This was **AGREED**

**ITEM 8**

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** in City Hall, Dublin 2, at 11am.

Signed:



**Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick  
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA**

Date: 31/03/2019