

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

MINUTES

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

HELD ON

FRIDAY 8th May 2015

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

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2015 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Sean Haughey
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Tommy Byrne	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Ivan Keatley
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Francis Duffy	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Cllr. Seamas McGrattan
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Neale Richmond

In Attendance:

Mr Jim Conway, EMRA
Mr Malachy Bradley, EMRA
Ms Susan Mahon, EMRA

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Lord Mayor C. Burke, Cllrs. S. Bourke, G. Fagan, K. Feeney, F. O'Loughlin, P. Kearns, C. King, C. Markey and P. Vance. Apologies were also received from the Designated Chief Executive Mr. Daniel McLoughlin

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry Horkan presided.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 24th April 2015 were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**

ITEM 2

Committee of the Regions Update

The Director updated the Members on the Committee of the Regions (CoR). A presentation by a delegation of the CoR members was made to the Oireachtas Foreign Affairs committee on 23rd April. Cllr. Richmond updated the assembly that a written submission was sought after the Oireachtas Foreign Affairs presentation. Cllr Richmond also updated the Assembly around the ECON Meeting in Brussels and another meeting to be held in Milan.

ITEM 3

Planning Items

Three submissions were circulated to the Members with regard to (a) Review of the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and preparation of a new Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023, (b) Review of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 and preparation of a new Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and (c) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Draft Development Plan 2016-2022

An outline of the three submissions were presented by Mr Malachy Bradley. Mr. Bradley informed that the submissions were being made under Section 27(a-c) Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Submission to (a) Review of Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017 and preparation of a new Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 was discussed by the members. Two amendments to the submission was proposed by Cllr. Healy and seconded by Cllr McEvoy that "Development Plan policies to deliver the vision for the county should be informed by and compliant with national, EU and international law including environmental directives and take into consideration issues of flood risk and flood risk management plans, climate change mitigation and adaption, river basin management plans, impacts on water quality, biodiversity and landscape assessment" replacing the text that reads "It is suggested that Development Plan policies to deliver the vision for the county should be informed, and where necessary, shaped by environmental directives and take into consideration issues of flood risk and flood risk management plans, climate change, river basin management plans, impacts on water quality, and landscape assessment."

The second amendment to the submission that "It is suggested that health impact assessment be effectively included as part of the SEA process"
These amendments were **AGREED** and **ADOPTED**.

Submission to (b) Review of Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 and preparation of a new Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 was discussed by members with contributions from Cllrs. McEvoy, Keatley and Healy.

Two amendments to the submission was proposed by Cllr. McEvoy and seconded by Cllr. McCarthy that "The future development of the county take account of the cost of delivery services" and "that the local authority sets out its tourism strengths in terms of regional cooperation"

Cllr. Healy also wanted his amendments for the Fingal Development Plan submission to be included in the Kildare County Development Plan submission.
The amendments were **AGREED** and **ADOPTED**.

Submission to (c) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Draft Development Plan 2016-2022. Mr Bradley informed the Assembly that the submission was being made under Section 27 (c) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.

The submission was **AGREED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 4

Corporate Plan Update

The Director Mr. Jim Conway sought nominations for the Working Group of the Corporate Plan. The nominations received were Cathaoirleach Cllr.G. Horkan, Cllrs., Lacey, McGrattan.

Cllr K. Dennison nominated Cllr M. Murphy

Cllr. T Cullen nominated Cllr. P. McEvoy

This was Agreed.

ITEM 5

Correspondance

The Director informed the Assembly that he wrote to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation after the last meeting. No reply has been received.

This was noted.

ITEM 6

Any other business

A discussion took place around the current Regional Planning Guidelines (RPGs) and the need for a review with contributions from Cllrs., B. Fitzgerald, Lacey, Murphy, McDonagh and Byrne. The Director advised that the Department will be attending the next Assembly meeting.

Cllr. Lacey raised a question about allowances for conferences. The Director indicated that no budget has been provided yet.

The Director sought a nomination for a representative on the Irish Maritime Forum. Cllr Lacey proposed that Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Horkan be nominated. Cllr P. Bourke indicated that he would like to be involved also.

ITEM 11

Date of Next Meeting

The Director informed that the next meeting of the Assembly will take place in Tullamore to facilitate the INTERREG information day taking place and to allow for training for the members. The Director indicated that presentations will take place in relation to EU funding, regional planning and corporate identity.

The next meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly will be held on Friday 12th June 2015 at 12.30pm in Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Signed:

Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cathaoirleach EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:
