

Assembly Meeting - Minutes

14th March 2025, 12.00pm

Assembly House, Waterford



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Southern Regional
Assembly

Presiding: Cathaoirleach Ken Murnane.

Present: Cllr. Anthony Barry, Cllr. Kay Dawson, Cllr Mairin McGrath, Mayor John Moran, Cllr Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr Ben Ward.

Present on MS Teams: Cllr Dan Boyle, Cllr John Brennan, Cllr Alan Coleman, Cllr Clare Colleran Molloy, Cllr Michael Collins, Cllr Gillian Coughlan, Cllr Frankie Daly, Cllr Jim D'Arcy, Cllr. Fergal Dennehy, Cllr Kieran McCarthy, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Norma Moriarty, Cllr Barbara-Anne Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Brien, Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, Cllr Bobby O'Connell, Cllr Thomas Phelan, Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cllr Terry Shannon, Cllr John Sheahan, Cllr Bill Slattery.

Apologies: Cllr Pip Breen, Cllr. Gary O'Brien, Cllr Oliver Walsh.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Enda Hogan, Sharon Murray, Ian Ludlow Kevin Twomey, Dominic Walsh, Padraig O'Shea, Karen Coughlan, Rhiannon Carey Bates, Dennis Cotter, Lisa Moran, Clare Breen, Oonagh Messette, Omer Sunguroglu.

Officials Present on MS Teams: Michael Buckley, Mary Molloy, Breda Curran, Colm Walsh, Sarah Davoren Roisin Slattery.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th February 2025

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2025, proposed by Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Ben Ward.

2. Matters Arising

The Director informed the Members that the letter to an Taoiseach from the Assembly was signed by the Cathaoirleach and will be issued.

3. Smart Regions Update

David Minton from Enterprise Ireland gave an update on Smart Regions. The Scheme (€145m) has 4 distinct streams to support the enterprise ecosystem in the Regions. Following questions, clarification was given that most of the delay was due to the complexity of State Aid Rules to which a brief update document had been issued and Local Authorities were encouraged to engage with the scheme.

4. Adoption of Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029.

The Director informed the Members that the stakeholder review had concluded, and a number of submissions had been received in relation to the draft Corporate Plan. The submissions were considered in the final version of the Corporate Plan, which was then commended for adoption.

Mayor Moran proposed the adoption with Cllr. Mairin McGrath seconding the proposal. The Corporate Plan was adopted.

5. Adoption of Annual Programme of Work 2025



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The Annual Programme of Work was presented for adoption. It was noted that there was a delay on the draft in order to align targets with the new Corporate Plan. On the proposal of Cllr. Ben Ward and seconded by Cllr. Norma Moriarty, the Annual Programme of Work for 2025 was adopted.

6. Housing Delivery in the Southern Region – Analysis of Data and Trends from 2024

Kevin Twomey, Executive Planner, gave a presentation on housing delivery in the Southern Region. The analysis built upon the findings of the RSES Two-Year Monitoring Report and will inform upcoming review of the RSES.

Assembly Members acknowledged that the report was well timed and outlined challenges including delivery of key infrastructure services to support housing.

7. Glossary of Planning Terms – for Information

Denis Cotter, Assistant Staff Officer, gave an update on the drafting of the Glossary of Planning Terms, which had been previously requested by members. The document complete with QR codes will be available on the Southern Regional Assembly's website.

8. Irish Rail Presentation - TBC

This item has been deferred to the April meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Members were informed that the submission on the variation to the Kerry County Development Plan was circulated to Members prior submission.

10. Date of Next Meeting

11th April at noon.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Ken Murnane.
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____



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