



Tionól Réigiúnach
an Deiscirt

Southern Regional
Assembly

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8th March 2024, 12:00pm

Assembly House, Waterford and via MS Teams

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Pip Breen, on the Proposal of Cllr. Oliver Walsh and Seconded by Cllr. Dan Boyle as the Cathaoirleach attended online.

Present: Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. P.J. Kelly, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sean O'Connor, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Thomas Phelan.

Apologies: Cllr. Maura Bell.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Enda Hogan, Dominic Walsh, Breda Curran, Denis Cotter, Áine Whelan, Anna Higgins, Brigh Ryan, Catherine Connaughton, Oonagh Messette

Officials Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Claire Breen, Eoin O'Connor, Samantha Richardson, Colm Walsh, Elayne McDonnell, Eve Hayden, Kevin Twomey, Michael Buckley, Sharon Murray, Rose Power.

A record of attendance was taken by means of roll call.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 16th February 2024.

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, proposed by Cllr. Robert Beasley, and seconded by Cllr. Joe Carroll.

2. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

3. GPP and CO2 Performance Ladder in Construction by Rachel Loughrey, Programme Manager and Architect, IGBC

Following an introduction to on the Impact of the built environment in Europe and Cross cutting Actions & Outcomes for radical reductions in CO2 emissions from the built environment, Ms. Loughrey described in detail the CO2 Performance Ladder for low carbon procurement in Ireland and the power of Green Public Procurement through both an Irish and European Context.

The CO2 Performance Ladder is an effective procurement tool that uses the 'Power of Procurement' to stimulate structural decarbonisation and is a foundation for Climate Friendly Procurement and Business.



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Following assessment and audit the certified organisation will have Insight; Ambitious reduction targets; Transparency and communication; Innovation and collaboration and a considerable sliding scale award advantage to a maximum of 10% contract value.

Cllrs. Boyle and Phelan queried what encouragement there was for Local Authorities to implement this Green Procurement; as opposed to solely national infrastructure bodies; as TFI are denuding proposed infrastructure routes, they should be starting from a negative position; and must the ladder be used to gain certification.

Following the response, the Chair thanked Rachel Loughrey for her detailed presentation.

4. Adoption of Annual Financial Statement 2023.

The Director gave a full outline of the Financial Statement for 2023. He outlined that the majority of the remedial work to the building has been completed, deep energy retrofit work will be planned for the near future. Having commended the Statement to the Members, Cllr. Oliver Walsh Proposed the commendation, which was seconded by Cllr. Tom Cronin.

5. Report on Clare LECP for discussion and approval.

Subject to 4 minor adjustments, Brigh Ryan, Regional Planning Officer commended the work of Clare County Council and LCDC in the development of the LECP and is satisfied that the Clare LECP 2024-2030 has demonstrated consistency with (i) the core strategy and the objectives of the Development Plan (ii) The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region. Approval was Proposed by Cllr. P.J. Kelly and Seconded by Cllr. Tom Cronin.

6. Approval for Members Attending Conferences

Approval has been given to Members to attend the IPI Conference; Proposed by Cllr Oliver Walsh and Seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Forde.

7. Any Other Business

Members were informed that the proposed Members Workshop on the review of the NDP is postponed due to the publication of the reviewed NPF until September.

In responses to queries from Cllr. Forde, Cllr O'Brien & Cllr Carroll Dominic Walsh indicated that the Assembly has no enforcement role, and the Office of the Planning Regulator holds that role; Director David Kelly also indicated that these concerns could be considered at that the Members Workshop when it is reconvened later in the year.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Assembly is on the 12th of April, Members are encouraged to attend in Person.

Signed: 
Cllr. Terry Shannon
Cathaoirleach

Date: 12/4/2024





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