



Southern Regional Assembly

10th March 2023, 12:00pm

Assembly House, Waterford and via MS Teams

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach.

Present: Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Ken Murnane and Cllr Thomas Phelan.

Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Conor D McGuinness, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sean O'Connor, Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Terry Shannon and Cllr. John Sheahan.

Apologies: Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Enda Hogan, Dominic Walsh, Karen Coughlan, Marie Harnett, Samantha Richardson, Anna Higgins, Maria Murphy.

Officials Remote Attendance via MS Teams: Dominic Walsh, Vincent Dunphy, Michael Buckley, Siobhan Rudden, Sarah Davoren, Breda Curran, Lisa Moran, Eve Hayden, Edel Hunt, Elayne McDonnell, Róisín Kiely, Catherine Connaughton.

External Presenters Present: Teresa Lennon, Irish Regions European Office (IREO).

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

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th February

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2023, proposed by Cllr. Robert Beasley and seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Update on IREO and Committee of Regions – Teresa Lennon, Irish Regions European Office (IREO)

Teresa Lennon presented an update of the work of the Committee of the Regions (CoR), including the involvement of the CoR Members that sit on the Assembly.

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Head of the Irish Delegation acknowledged the hard work that Teresa Lennon and IREO do for Ireland in the EU.

The Cathaoirleach and the Members thanked Teresa for her presentation and asked Members to subscribe to the IREO newsletter. A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. O'Callaghan, and Cllr. McCarthy.

Points arising included:

- Members to support their local authorities to engage with the IREO regarding EU Policy and funding opportunities;