



Southern Regional Assembly

11th March 2022, 12:00pm via GoToMeeting

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllr. Gerard Murphy; Cllr. Robert Beasley; Cllr. Dan Boyle; Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien; Cllr. John Brennan; Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald; Cllr. Deirdre Forde; Cllr. P.J. Kelly; Cllr. Garret Kelleher; Cllr. Andrew McGuinness; Cllr. Ken Murnane; Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan; Cllr. Michael Murphy; Cllr. John Sheahan; Cllr. Michael O'Meara; Cllr. Michael O'Shea; Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan; Cllr. Terry Shanahan; Cllr. Oliver Walsh; Cllr. Sean O'Connor; Cllr. Joe Carroll; Cllr. Noel Coonan; Cllr. Maura Bell; Cllr. Thomas Phelan; Cllr. Conor D McGuinness; Cllr. Tom Cronin; Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

Apologies: None

Officials Present: David Kelly; Kevin Lynch; Enda Hogan; Dominic Walsh; Robert Fennelly; Sharon Murray; Michael Buckley; Siobhán Rudden; Breda Curran; Samantha Richardson; Karen Coughlan; Rose Power; Eve Hayden; Marie Harnett; Edel Hunt; Alice Byrne Kelly; Maria Murphy.

Presenters: Dr Mike Brennan, EMRA & Martha Halbert, RAPID Coordinator Cork City Council

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

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2022, proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Forde and seconded by Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Presentation on URBACT

Dr Mike Brennan, EMRA & Martha Halbert, RAPID Coordinator at Cork City Council gave a presentation (copy available) on the URBACT European Territorial Cooperation programme. A discussion followed with contributions from the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Forde, Cllr. O'Connor, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan and Cllr. Carroll. Key issues discussed included:

- simplification of access/ process to the initiatives and programme for local authorities/communities,
- resource issues for LA's to get involved,
- how the programme can assist in building networks/ partnerships across Ireland and the EU,
- funding opportunities for towns and cities in the Southern region.

4. Update Report on RSES Implementation

Kevin Lynch gave an update on the RSES implementation based on the report circulated to the Members. A discussion followed with contributions from Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Boyle.

5. Update Report on Regional Development Plan

David Kelly announced that Enda Hogan was appointed as the new Assistant Director of the EU Programmes & Corporate Affairs Division. Members congratulated Enda Hogan on his new post.

Enda Hogan gave a brief update on the development of the new ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland (SEM) Regional Programme for the 2021-27 period.

6. Proposal for Delegation to Brussels

David Kelly presented proposal for a small delegation of Members to Brussels in June to afford the Members gain a deeper understanding of how their role as Assembly Members intersects with the role out of EU Cohesion Policy. Members to revert with nominations.

7. Any Other Business

The following points were raised:

- Cllr. Phelan referred to training for members on specific regional topics. David Kelly advised that this was under consideration in the context of organising a workshop before the summer.
- David Kelly asked Members to confirm whether they intend to attend the next meeting in person or online.
- Cllr. Beasley stated the date for next the Assembly meeting of 8th April clashes with the IPI Annual Planning Conference 2022.

8. Date of Next Meeting

It is intended that the next meeting on Friday, 8th April 2022

Signed: 
Cllr. Pip Breen
Cathaoirleach

Date: 11 april 2022



AGENDA

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3. Presentation on URBACT Dr Mike Brennan, EMRA & Martha Halbert, RAPID Coordinator
Cork City Council
4. Update Report on RSES Implantation
5. Update on Regional Development Plan
6. Proposal for Delegation to Brussels
7. Any Other Business
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