



# Southern Regional Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> January 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 Cosaí Fitzgerald; Cllr. Tom Cronin; Cllr. Deirdre Forde; Cllr. P.J. Kelly; Cllr. Garret Kelleher; Cllr. Kieran McCarthy; Cllr. Andrew McGuinness; Cllr. Ken Murnane; Cllr. Michael Murphy; Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan; Cllr. Conor D McGuinness; Cllr. Michael O'Meara; Cllr. Michael O'Shea; Cllr. Thomas Phelan; Cllr. Gillian Coughlan; Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan; Cllr. Terry Shanahan; Cllr. Oliver Walsh; Cllr. Sean O'Connor; Cllr. Noel Coonan; Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

**Apologies:** None

**Officials Present:** David Kelly; Kevin Lynch; Dominic Walsh; Robert Fennelly; Vincent Dunphy; Michael Buckley; Siobhán Rudden; Sarah Davoren; Breda Curran; Samantha Richardson; Rose Power; Eve Hayden; Marie Harnett; Edel Hunt; Yvonne Cooney; Róisín Kiely; Alice Byrne Kelly; Maria Murphy.

**Presenters:** Eoghan McCarthy, All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO).

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

**1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December**

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, proposed by Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Murnane.

**2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Michael Murphy raised the issue of the postponement of Phase 2 of the proposed N24 Cahir to Waterford project until 2025 and its impact on the Southern Region and the implementation of the RSES. It was agreed to write to the Minister Ryan setting out the concerns regarding the delay and to request a meeting with the Minister.

**3. Presentation on Regional Development Monitor (RDM)**

Eoghan McCarthy of All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) gave a presentation (copy available) on the development of the Regional Development Monitor (RDM) undertaken by the three assemblies as part of RSEs implementation.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. Phelan, Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. Murnane. Further updates will be provided to the Members as the development of the monitor evolves.

**4. Draft SRA Response to Strategic Rail Review**

Dominic Walsh presented an overview of the SRA's draft response to the All-Island Strategic Rail Review Contributions were made by Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. O'Meara, and Cllr. Ambrose and the submission will be modified to reflect these.

## 5. Any Other Business

The following points were raised:

- It was agreed to write to Minister Ryan to raise concern regarding the potential impact of the air rescue service tender by the Department of Transport on the future of the Rescue 117 helicopter base at Waterford Airport as raised by Cllr Phelan.
- Regional Planning Update:
  - The Draft Kerry Plan was issued on 6 December with submissions due by 23 February.
  - The Draft Clare Development Plan issued on 10 December with submissions due by 28 March.
  - The Draft Cork County Council Material Amendments issued on 18 January with submissions due on 15 February.

Submission will be prepared for consideration of each by the members in accordance with agreed procedure.

- The SRA will host a workshop on Sustainable Mobility with the Local Authority Executive on the 31<sup>st</sup> January online.
- Dave Hennessy, Assistant Director, EU Programmes & Corporate Affairs has left the SRA to take up a position at UL. The process of finding his replacement is underway and Members will be updated at the next meeting.

## 6. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 online.

Signed:   
Cllr. Pip Breen  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 23rd March 2022



# AGENDA

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2. Matters Arising
3. Presentation on Regional Development Monitor - Eoghan McCarthy All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO)
4. Draft SRA Response to Strategic Rail Review – for discussion
5. Any Other Business
6. Date of Next Meeting - 11 Feb 2022