



## **Ordinary Meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 1.30p.m.

# European Commission Offices, Grange, Co. Meath

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

Please adhere to the public health latest advice should you experience symptoms of Covid-19 or if you are a close contact of a confirmed Covid case.

#### **Public Health Guidance - Covid 19**

This meeting has been risk assessed and is being held in line with the *Transitional Protocol – Good Practice Guidance for Continuing to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19*, which outlines advice and best practice guidance to maintain infection prevention and control and other measures for the safe operating of workplaces.

#### Please note the following:

- Attendance at the European Commission Offices in Grange is open to Elected Members, designated Council officials and members of the press and public;
- The seating arrangement for the meeting will maintain a physical distance, in line with best practice.
- The wearing of a face-mask is not required but may be worn in line with best practice.

#### Meeting attendees are requested to:

- Adhere to public health best practice in relation to cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene and sanitation;
- Adhere to meeting and venue housekeeping arrangements including fire safety arrangements as briefed at the start of the meeting;
- Refrain from bringing food or drink, except bottled water, into the meeting room;
- Adhere to information displayed on signage and to the advice of meeting staff.





#### 1 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Preliminary Budget meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- 1.3 Confirmation of minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- 2 Matters arising from the Minutes
- **3** Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations (Standing Order 11.5 Expressions of Congratulations to be submitted in writing by 10am, December 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001
  - 4.1 Disposal of 0.5370 Ha of land at Wotton, The Ward, Ashbourne, Co Meath, in accordance with Section 211 of Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

#### 5 Statutory Business

#### 5.1 Corporate Affairs and Governance

5.1.1 To approve the 2023 Protocol for the Municipal District Allocation Scheme.

#### 5.2 Planning

5.2.1 To receive a presentation on the Annual Monitoring Report of the Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027.

#### 5.3 Community

5.3.1 To receive details and approve the allocation under the Knockharley Environmental Community Projects Scheme, as recommended by the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee and endorsed by the Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.





#### 5.4 Finance

5.4.1 To note the Quarterly Financial Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### 6 Reports

- 6.1 Chief Executive's Report
- 6.2 Report from the Corporate Policy Group
- 6.3 Report from the Protocol Committee

#### 7 Correspondence

7.1 Housing Circular 43/2022 – Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

#### 8 Notice of Question

#### 8.1 Submitted by Councillor Edward Fennessy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the current Council policy and practice regarding human rights compliance in procurement (including divestment if required due to human rights violations)"

### 8.2 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly

"I request Meath County Council to provide in tabular format, per municipal district for the previous three years, the amount of social housing applicants that have refused offers of council housing across the county."

#### 9 Notice of Motion

#### 9.1 Submitted by Councillor Damien O'Reilly





"I call on Meath County Council to launch a Start Box Initiative, following the Dublin City Council model in partnership with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association to increase boxing participation across county Meath for young people."

#### 10 General Interest Motions

# 10.1 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín (Deferred from October and November Meetings)

"That Meath County Council calls on the Government to copper fasten women's identity in all future legislation pertaining to women's rights and words like woman, maternal and womanhood are never diluted, diminished or deleted from laws or regulations going forward."

# 10.2 Submitted by Councillor Trevor Golden and Councillor Alan Tobin (Deferred from October and November Meetings)

"Meath County Council calls on the Government to amend the Electricity Regulation Act and associated legislation to allow for the consideration and possible implementation of nuclear power generation in Ireland."

### 10.3 Submitted by Councillor Padraig Fitzsimons (Deferred from November meeting)

"I propose the motion to write to the Minister of Transport to introduce new legislation regarding the use of scooters, electric bicycles and bicycles on our roads. I refer in particular to speed control, licensing, lights, use of high viz attire and helmets and penalties for speeding on footpaths."

#### 10.4 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to intervene to stop the maximum increase in the Toll charges across the state."

#### 10.5 Submitted by Councillor Emer Tóibín

"That Meath County Council invites the Minister for Justice to attend the next Council meeting to discuss crime, anti-social behaviour, and Garda staff numbers in the county."





- 11 Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)
  - 11.1 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Transportation
  - 11.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Environment
  - 11.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Housing
  - 11.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders Community & Enterprise
- 12 Any Other Business

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