

**Minutes of Special Corporate Policy Group meeting held on
Monday 10th March 2025 at 12.00pm in the Boardroom
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

Present: Cllrs. A. O' Callaghan, P. Hayes, P. Daly, S. Talty, P. Burke, J. Crowe

Officials Present: Carmel Kirby, Interim Chief Executive
Alan Farrell, Director of Physical Development
Noleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance & Support Services
Ann Reynolds, A/ Director of Rural Development
Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer, Roads, Water Services & Env
Caroline O' Connor, Management Accountant
John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
Liam O Connor, Administrative Officer, Transportation

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan presided.

1. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

C. Feeney delivered a presentation on the proposed SMDW for 2025 where he discussed:

- Road Network
- PSCI Ratings
- Grant Conditions
- Funding
- Audit
- Expenditure
- Proposed Funding Allocations for 2025

He advised that the Dept of Transport Grant Memorandum advised of the necessity to prioritise roads for funding based on PSCI ratings of the regional & local road network & also based on taking a countywide approach as opposed to an MD approach. He said that there was an expectation from the Dept of Transport also that a realistic Own Resources contribution should be provided by the local authority.

Following a discussion it was suggested by the members that it would be important that the outdoor staff numbers employed in each MD would remain unchanged in 2025 as these staff carry out very important & necessary works outside of the roadworks programme. It was agreed that this would be monitored closely going forward.

2. Any other business

A Reynolds provided an update on the Local Community & Safety Partnership (LCSP). She advised that Clare Co Council could not yet appoint a Chairperson to the LCSP as legislation was not yet commenced . She added that the updated legislation was due by the end of March with Regulations & Guidelines to follow in the coming months. The members expressed their frustration that the JPCs had been disbanded & that they had not yet been replaced by the

LCSPs. They agreed that it was very important that there was an official forum to discuss crime related issues with the Gardai.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Chief Superintendent, Aileen Magner, and it was further agreed that the members of CPG, the Chairpersons of each MD and members of Management Team would be invited to this meeting.

Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan thanked all present and closed the meeting.

John Corry, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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