



GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Governance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday
20th October 2020 at 3.00 p.m.**

PRESIDING: Councillor Mick Cahill, Chairperson.

PRESENT: Councillors – Seamus Butler, John Browne, Colin Dalton,
P.J. Reilly.
Fulton Grant, Pamela Martin, Teresa Kearney, Brendan Murtagh
Kerie Murray.

IN ATTENDANCE: John McKeon, Director of Services/Head of Finance.
Nora O’Farrell, Senior Executive Officer.

**MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATOR:** Anne Lee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – circulated.

On the proposal of Councillor S. Butler seconded by Councillor C. Dalton, it was agreed to adopt minutes of Governance Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on the 29th July 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGETARY PROCESS IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

John McKeon gave a comprehensive presentation on the Budgetary Process in Local Authorities under the following headings -

- 7 Stage Budgetary Process in accordance with Local Government Act 2014.
- Prescribed Periods (Budgetary Timelines)
- Members Reserved Functions throughout the Budgetary Process.
- 3 Important Meetings
 - Local Property Tax Variation Meeting.
 - Funding already secured as a result of the ‘Longford Model’.
 - Funding Applications currently in progress.
 - Return on Investment for Longford LPT Payers
 - Distribution of LPT by LPT Payer within Local Authorities.
 - Impact of current variation on Longford LPT Payers.
 - Overall Expenditure Acceleration – Last 5 Years
 - General Municipal Allocation (Municipal District GMA Meetings)
 - Statutory Budget Meeting.
- COVID 19 – Escalating Financial Implications for Longford County Council.
 - Reduced Income – Increased Costs.
 - Potential Impact National v Local.
 - Supports to Rate Payers – Restart Grants.
 - Monthly Lost Income.
 - Increased Expenditure – Once Off and Ongoing.

John replied to queries raised by the members.

NEXT MEETING.

2nd February 2021.

Councillor S. Butler suggested that a presentation be given at the next SPC meeting regarding the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO) which oversees ethics, electoral, state finance and lobbying legislation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Anne Lee
Anne Lee,
Meetings Administrator.

Confirmed and adopted at Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 2nd February 2021.

Signed: _____
Chairperson.