



**GOVERNANCE
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Governance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
Location: Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams
Date: Wednesday, 19 February 2025
Time: 2:30pm**

PRESIDING: Councillor Seamus Butler

PRESENT: Councillor Mick Cahill, David Cassidy, Gerry Hagan,
Samuel Byrne, Linda Doorley, Tess Murphy, Victor Ogunpola,
Kathryn McGoey

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John McKeon – Director of Finance

APOLOGIES: Turlough McGovern

**A/MEETINGS
ADMINISTRATOR:** Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Seamus Butler welcomed the members to the Governance Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Governance Strategic Policy Committee on 6 November 2024 were adopted by Councillor Mick Cahill and seconded by Councillor David Cassidy.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interests declared.

3 WORK PROGRAMME

John McKeon, Director of Services provided an overview of the work programme for the term of this Strategic Policy Committee. This included the following:-

- Small Business Support Scheme 2025
- Budgets
- Annual Financial Statement
- Noac Performance Indicators
- Public Spending Code
- GDPR
- Digital strategy
- Broadband
- Procurement updates
- LRA
- Ethics
- Governance
- Rural working hubs
- Internal audit
- SIPO

4 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME 2025

John McKeon, Director of Services made a presentation to the Committee on the Small Business Support Scheme 2025. The presentation included the following:-

- The Longford Strategic Business Plan 2025 – 2029
- Local Property Tax
- Commercial Rates
- Rent Reviews
- Parking Charges
- General Municipal Allocations
- Commercial Rates – Properties to Revenue Relationship
- Net Effective Rates increases over 5 Years
- Return on Investment from Commercial Rates
- Longford County Council growth over last decade
- Budget 2025 – Record Expenditure

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Governance Strategic Policy Committee is 28 May 2025 to which the members unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Governance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 28
May at 2.30pm

Signed: 
Chairperson