

Plenary Meeting – Draft Minutes

Venue	Maldron Hotel, Tallaght
Date of Meeting	7.30pm, 16 th September 2024
Attendees	72 PPN members signed in.

1. Open, Agenda and Minutes

Jamie Moore opened the meeting by providing an overview of the agenda and welcoming members. Jamie provided an overview of the last Plenary meeting, including the election of a Secretariat, the setup of a panel, the general discussion and the reaffirmation of immediate PPN priorities.

2. Update on Progress

Jamie provided an overview of the progress made by the PPN since the last meeting in May. He outlined the range of activity undertaken by the Secretariat, including meetings, induction, preparation of various proposals and engagement on the LECP.

Jamie noted that since the last Plenary, that he has been appointed as Independent Facilitator to support the Secretariat and PPN over the next 12 months.

3. Proposal for ratification: Approach to Hosting

Secretariat member, Lesley Barrett, provided a comprehensive overview of the Secretariat's work on the PPN's hosting situation. The proposed way forward is modelled on processes undertaken in Leitrim, Cork City and Dublin City PPNs. There was robust discussion among the Secretariat and PPN members on this proposal – including a deeper dive what the purpose of hosting was and the benefits to a potential host. Members agreed the location of the potential host should also consider pedestrian and bicycle access. The proposal was proposed by Michael Noonan and seconded by Lukman Fasashi – and unanimously supported by all members. The proposal in full [is available on the PPN website here](#).

4. Proposal for ratification: Temporary filling of PPN vacancies

Secretariat member, Noreen Byrne, provided a comprehensive overview of the proposal to temporarily fill the PPN vacancies that have arisen and will arise on the LCDC, SPCs and other structures while the PPN is not hosted and without staff. Noreen emphasised that this proposal would only be valid for 6 months and cannot be renewed or extended without approval from the Plenary in advance. Members discussed the proposal, including queries around support for the temporary representatives and the commitment involved. The proposal was proposed by Caitriona McClean and seconded by Michael Noonan – and unanimously supported by all members. The proposal in full [is available on the PPN website here](#).

5. Proposal for ratification: Increase Secretariat seats

Secretariat member, Rasheed Ismail, presented a proposal to increase the number of Secretariat seats. Rasheed explained the model set out in the PPN Guidelines includes the requirement to have geographical based seats on the Secretariat – in addition to Pillar based seats. This would increase the number of Secretariat seats from 9 members to 13 members. The 4 additional seats would mirror the local authority area committee seats. If passed, the Secretariat would seek nominations ahead of the November Plenary meeting. Members discussed the inclusion of townland names in the seats. The proposal was proposed by Michael Noonan and seconded by Yussuf Alodah – and unanimously supported by all PPN members. The proposal in full is available on the PPN website here.

6. Plenary session, AOB and Close

The Plenary session involved general discussion around practical PPN items such as the processing of PPN membership applications. An unanticipated presentation on a potential alternative Dublin Transport System took place. This was wrapped up and the meeting was brought to a close. The next Plenary meeting is due to take place at the end of November