

## PRESS RELEASE 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 pm in Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford.

At this meeting the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year were elected. Cllr Kevin Murphy was elected Cathaoirleach and Cllr Tomas Breathnach was elected to the position of Leas Cathaoirleach. Their terms of office will run to July 2010.

### Cathaoirleach

Cllr Kevin Murphy, a Fine Gael member of Cork County Council having been elected to the County Council first in 1988. He has been a member the South West Regional Authority for a number of years, and is a member of the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly since its inception in October 1999. Cllr Murphy looks forward to serving the area to the best of his ability, continuing in the footsteps of past Cathaoirligh.



### Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Tomas Breathnach, a member of the Labour Party representing Kilkenny County Council on the Regional Assembly. Cllr Breathnach sits on the South East Regional Authority and the South East Regional Task Force. He is also a secondary school teacher. He is a founding member of both the Confederation of Community Groups of South Kilkenny and of the Ferrybank Socio-Economic Partnership.