

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Ms. J. Gazely, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Stewart, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. B. O'Hare, A/Head of Finance.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Long Family on the death of Tara Long.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Bernard O'Mahony.
- The Goulding Family on the death of Loyal Goulding
- The O'Hea Family on the death of James O'Hea.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Patrick O'Sullivan.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Rita Murphy.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Sean Twomey.
- The O'Herlihy Family on the death of Fr. Pat O'Herlihy.
- The Hartnett Family on the death of Niall Harnett.
- The Jones Family on the death of Agnes Jones.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES**

- Declan O'Shea on his retirement after 40 year service in the Fire Department.
- Vincent Cahill on his retirement.
- Niall O'Donnabháin on his promotion.
- Lar Corcoran for winning the Innovation and Creativity Award for the Douglas Hut, Douglas Community Park.
- Brian Geaney and the Housing Directorate on being awarded the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award.

- Pat Ledwidge on defending the City Development Plan regarding Prison Office building on Clantarf Street.
- Environment & Recreation and Corporate Affairs Department on the successful organisation and implementation of the Turning on of the Christmas Lights Event.
- Michael Hanon and Glanmire Ladies Junior Football Team on reaching the All Ireland Final at the Ladies Junior Football Championship to be held 9th December 2018.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that a Government announcement was made, in respect of funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. A report detailing the allocations will be brought to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee on Monday 3rd December 2018.

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Draft Annual Report, 2017.

6. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 12th November 2018.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **HOMELESS FACILITIES IN CORK CITY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

How many homeless beds are available in Cork City?

What extra beds have been put in place for the winter?

Where are these beds located?

What is Cork City Council doing to open extra facilities and beds

Has Cork City Council a plan in place in case the demand for beds exceeds availability?

Will there be a bed for everyone who requires one?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

The Council has hands - on experience of and has a clear strategy in place for dealing with the anticipated increased winter demand for homeless accommodation and services in the City. It is once again proactively collaborating with its partners to provide services as required.

At present, there are 160 single units of emergency accommodation in the City and a further 8 family units in Edel House. In addition, there are 74 bed spaces in the family hub for single and two parent families and children. B&B and hotels are used by the Council on an ongoing basis as required.

The Council has also pre-booked 13 no. additional emergency beds to ensure that no one has to sleep rough during the cold winter. Also, there is capacity within the Cork Simon emergency shelter to accommodate those who are rough sleeping and who have the highest support needs. St. Vincent de Paul will also increase the emergency beds at St. Vincent's House by 4 no. beds.

As in previous winters, in order to provide appropriate accommodation for individuals who are sleeping rough, it will be necessary as circumstances evolve to create vacancies in the Cork Simon shelter by facilitating the accommodation of current Anderson's Quay residents, in St. Vincent's House, a lower threshold emergency shelter for men. Individuals who are considered most suited to the B&Bs would be moved from St. Vincent's and all moves would be subject to the approval at fortnightly review meetings, chaired by the Council.

In addition to all the above, the Council continues to provide additional funding to Cork Simon as part of the Cork Homeless Services Winter Strategy to provide a night light service which makes an additional 15 emergency beds available on a night by night basis. This service was put in place as part of the 2017 /2018 strategy and continued throughout the year increasing the total number of emergency beds by 15.

Assistance will be provided to all those presenting to the Homeless Person Unit and assessed to be in need of emergency accommodation. Where individuals present out of hours seeking accommodation, they may present to Cork Simon Night light service.

Brian Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.2 **DERELICT SITES IN BARRACK STREET/SOUTH MAIN STREET**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

What action has Cork City Council taken in relation to the Derelict Sites in Barrack Street/South Main Street?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The most severe buildings on Barrack Street are currently on the derelict sites register and discussions are underway with owners regarding removal of dereliction. If plans do not progress, compulsory purchase (and subsequent resale with a legal agreement requiring the removal of dereliction) will be considered. A number of improvements on Barrack Street were carried out under the painting grant scheme this summer, with 5 buildings being painted. In 2017, 3 buildings were painted. Further actions for 2019 are currently under consideration.

An application for improvement and renewal works for sites in the South Main Street Area was made under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. The announcement of successful applications for funding is imminent.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

7.3 SUSPEND PATRICK'S STREET BAN

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Following the failure of City Council officials to furnish any evidence of comparative footfall for the period August 2nd 2017 to November 12th 2017 can the CE now immediately suspend the Pana Ban until midnight on Sunday 6th January 2019 and the Parking incentives be introduced immediately to entice shoppers into the City on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the same period.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The St. Patrick St bus lane was reintroduced on 9th August 2018, as approved by Council. The lane operates for three and a half hours per day and forms part of a much broader suite of measures designed to modernise and improve the transportation system within the City. These measures have contributed to a significant increase in bus passenger numbers on City centre services in recent months. The further improvement of public transport services is critically important to the ongoing development of the City with improved access and movement opportunities for workers, residents and visitors. As such there are no proposals to suspend any bus routes or related bus services.

City Council has also recently approved the introduction of new parking incentives. This was done in response to a request to support City centre businesses in their efforts to expand late evening shopping on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Council is providing free parking for all vehicles entering its Paul St and North Main St parking facilities, on these days, from 5pm to midnight and 9.30pm respectively.

It will be noted that this free parking service is one of a number of initiatives being introduced to promote late evening shopping on those days in the run up to Christmas. It forms part of a co-ordinated approach with additional initiatives being progressed by City centre businesses, trader and business and representative groups and transport operators. These initiatives will help promote the attractiveness and animation of the area and provide

a truly enjoyable and unique experience to all shoppers and visitors to the City centre in the Christmas period.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.

7.4 **PROPERTIES AWAITING FABRIC PROGRAMME PHASE 1**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

There are City Council properties that do not have cavity walls but standard block walls and have had no insulation work whatsoever carried out because of the standard block external walls.

Can the C.E. inform the Council how many of these properties in the South West ward are awaiting this Fabric Programme Phase 1 and when can these tenants expect this work to be carried out on their properties?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

There are no properties in the South West ward awaiting fabric upgrade Phase One works. That phase is now complete and the Fabric Upgrade Scheme did not apply to houses without cavity external wall construction.

However, Phase Two of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme is intended to address properties without the benefit of cavity wall construction. This scheme is at planning stage between the Council and the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government who fund the programme which is designed to address properties that were not eligible under Phase One works.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.5 **CUAN MHUIRE FACILITIES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the CE update on the Cuan Mhuire facilities on the Western rd and in Farnanes said to have 19 beds available for homeless men and 16 for homeless women respectively? Is the CE aware of any efforts being made by the HSE and others to make these beds available and the type or services that are proposed to be on site? What assistance can the City Council give in this regard?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The Council understands that Cuan Mhuire is in confidential negotiation with the HSE Drug and Alcohol Service regarding the nature of the service that the facility at the

Western Road might provide for homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness with addiction issues. As a step – down treatment type centre is being considered, the type of service to be provided must be agreed in the first place with the HSE Drug and Alcohol Service. At that stage, the Council may then request Section 10 funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to cover the non-care costs of such a service.

At present, there is not a proposal for the provision of emergency accommodation or any other type of homeless accommodation at the Western Road facility. It is understood that the main policy focus at Cuan Mhuire remains with putting a step-down facility in place. The Council initiated a process and engaged with Cuan Mhuire to purchase the facility at the Western Road in 2017 to provide emergency homeless services. These advances by the Council were not taken up by Cuan Mhuire.

As Farnanes is located in the functional area of Cork County Council, the City Council is not engaged in any discussions with regard to the type of services delivery at this location.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.6 **BOOLE HOUSE ON BACHELORS QUAY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CE about progress on Boole House on Bachelors Quay?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Boole House project was undertaken in conjunction and partnership with UCC who co-funded the project with City Council. The project related to the initial phase 1 structural stabilisation of the building following a partial roof collapse and redevelopment including reroofing and completion of the external works to protect the structure for subsequent work and completion. This initial phase 1 project work was completed in 2017 and the property was handed over to UCC who are now in ownership of the building and responsible for its completion.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

7.7 **PURCHASING OF HOLLYHILL INN**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the Chief Executive to consider purchasing the Hollyhill Inn on land at Hollyhill Shopping Centre, opposite the Hollyhill Library with a view to developing emerging community facilities integrated with accommodation for older people and with mobility issues.
(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

The Council will take up the Member's suggestion and give active consideration to acquiring Hollyhill Inn with a view to funding and developing appropriate integrated community and town – centre facilities as part of the continuing regeneration of the area.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.8 **BISHOPSTOWN WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CEO what review was undertaken of the Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan, What were the key outcomes of the review the Area Action Plan, To state what goals and objectives were achieved, What planning objectives were not met, and Will the CEO commit to the commissioning and commencement of a new statutory Area Action Plan for Bishopstown and Wilton?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

- (i) The Bishopstown Wilton Action Area Plan was prepared in 2007. The Plan is a non-statutory plan which reviewed local issues and the key policies. Its proposals were incorporated into the 2009 City Development Plan. These policies were further reviewed and, where appropriate, updated as part of the preparations of the City Development Plan 2015-2021. Preparation of a new City Development Plan is due to commence in 2019 and policies and issues relating to areas such as Bishopstown/Wilton will be considered as part of that process;
- (ii) All the objectives outlined in the Action Plan have been achieved or are in the process of being achieved. Progress in some has been delayed by the recent recession which resulted in reduced activity in both the private and public sectors;
- (iii) Currently, Bishopstown Wilton is an established suburb of Cork City which does not have significant potential for new development and is not in need of significant regeneration. There are a small number of sites for development and the framework for these is already set by the current Cork City Development Plan. Derelict and vacant sites are being pursued under the appropriate legislation. It is therefore not a priority for the preparation of a Local Area Plan/Action Area Plan.
- (iv) After the boundary extension, Bishopstown Wilton will become part of a large south west area that will include some of the largest employers in the Southern Region and will be bisected by one of Cork's major high capacity public transport routes, which is due to be upgraded to light rail. This represents a huge opportunity for the city, which will undergo profound change as technology advances cause disruption to existing economic, social and spatial patterns of activity. There is considerable development capacity in the area between Ballincollig and the current city boundary. This will necessitate a significant increase in density for the entire south west of the

expanded city. Over the next three decades, areas such as Bishopstown Wilton will most likely evolve from outer suburban residential areas to inner suburban residential areas as the city expands. This will involve increased densities and a greater reliance on non-car modes for mobility. These issues will be addressed initially in the new Cork City Development Plan, whose preparations will commence in 2019.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

7.9 **BLACKROCK VILLAGE AND BALLINTEMPLE AREAS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CE to report to City Council on:

- a) On City Council commitment to provide playgrounds in the Blackrock Village and Ballintemple areas;
- b) What work/meetings etc are ongoing to bring this project to a reality;
- c) What time scale does this project have and what capital outlay will be required;
- d) Where will City Council source this funding and is fundraising by local residents required as part funding of this project.

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

REPLY

- a) On the City Council commitment to provide playgrounds in the Blackrock Village and Ballintemple areas;

The Council is committed to providing a City Playground at Marina Park and a Local Neighbourhood Playground on the Ursuline Lands at Blackrock Village.

- b) What work/meetings etc are ongoing to bring this project to a reality,

Meetings and workshops were carried out with all stakeholders in the environs of Ballintemple, Ballinlough, Blackrock and Mahon including briefings with public representatives in the preparation of both the Marina Park Master Plan and Part 8 Report, both approved by Council.

A preliminary meeting was held earlier this month with The Blackrock Playground Project Committee to discuss the committee's proposal for a playground in Blackrock Village.

Preparation of draft designs will commence as soon as funding is secured. In regard to the Ursuline site at Blackrock, the transfer of the designated open space lands from the developer to the City Council is not yet finalised, the Law Department are presently engaging with the developers solicitors to complete same.

- c) What time scale does this project have and what capital outlay will be required; Time scale will depend on how soon funding can be secured, should funding be in place by early to mid 2019, it is anticipated that a Part 8 application will be ready for consideration by late 2019.

- d) Where will City Council source this funding and is fundraising by local residents required as part funding of this project.

An application under the National Development Plan *Urban Regeneration Development Fund* has been submitted to the Department of finance in full the Marina Park Playground and, part finance the Blackrock Playground, the balance for Blackrock to be funded through fundraising by local residents.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th NOVEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 19th November 2018.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st October 2018.

9. **SPECIAL MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 12th NOVEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 12th November 2018.

9.1 **FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND PRESENTATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the co-funding for two (2) development officer posts, to work within Cork City Council’s functional area, for a period of 3 years at a cost of €50,000 (€25,000 each) per annum for the Football Association of Ireland.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th NOVEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th November 2018.

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for October 2018.

10.2 **RESPOND CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT GERALD GRIFFIN STREET, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 in relation to loan facility for Respond CLG in respect of the provision of 3 units of accommodation at 68, Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €68,250 be granted to Respond CLG for the provision of units of accommodation at 68 Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.3 **RESPOND CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT LEITRIM STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Respond CLG in respect of the provision of 5 units of accommodation at Rockville Court, Leirim Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €210,000 be granted to Respond CLG for the provisions of units of accommodation at Rockville Court, Leirim Street, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.4 **RESPOND CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT RED FORGE ROAD, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Respond CLG in respect of the provision of 80 unites of accommodation at Red Forge Road, Blackpool, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding of €3,908,800 be granted to Respond CLG for the provision of 80 no. units of accommodation at Redforge Road, Blackpool, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.5 **RESPOND CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT CHURCH STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Respond CLG in respect of the provisions of 6 units of accommodation at Shandon Close, Church Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €129,600 be granted to Respond CLG

for the provision of units of accommodation at Shandon Close, Church Street, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.6 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT TIVOLI, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 52, Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €73,900 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 52 Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.”

10.7 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT COMMONS ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 211, Brideholm Apartments, Commons Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €69,300 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 211 Brideholm Apartments, Commons Road, Cork.”

10.8 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to the loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 49, Lios na Greine, South Douglas Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €198,700 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 49 Lios na Greine, South Douglas Road, Cork.”

10.9 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT TIVOLI, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 in relation to loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 62, Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €63,822 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 62 Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.”

10.10 **CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT WILTON, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November 2018 in relation to loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 80, Elm Park, Wilton, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €238,422 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 80 Elm Park, Wilton, Cork.”

10.11 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th November, 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council report on the Fabric Upgrade Scheme phases 1 & 2, the work involved to date, that which is due to be completed, and the area involved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/305)

The report of the Director of Services stated the following:-

Fabric Upgrade Programme Phase 1:

The objective of this programme was to ensure that each house in Cork City Council’s housing stock had attic and cavity wall insulation installed. The standard of insulation to be installed was to comply with Part L of the Building Regulations 2011 (Conservation of Fuel and Energy) and NSAI Standard Recommendation SR54:2014 Code of Practice for the Energy Efficient Retrofit of Buildings. The programme is fully funded by the

Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHPLG) with an upper grant limit of €3,500 per housing unit.

The programme commenced in 2013 and was substantially completed by the 31st December, 2017. The housing stock was assessed for inclusion in the programme. Approximately 6,400 properties were identified and scheduled to have the works carried out. Of these, 5,800 have had the relevant insulation works carried out; it was not possible to gain access to the remainder mainly due to access issues to the properties and other matters.

In 2018, twenty-three householders who had refused access previously have requested that the insulation works be progressed and this is being facilitated.

The DHPLG have stipulated that Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Programme be completed before Phase Two would commence.

Expenditure on the programme to date is €13,067,054.

Fabric Upgrade Programme Phase 2:

Phase Two of the Fabric Upgrade Programme aims to improve the energy rating of the older housing stock that which is comprised of single wall construction. The target improvement is one energy upgrade. The programme comes under the EU Cohesion Funds available under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Programme 2014-2020: Thematic Objective No. 4 – The Shift Towards a Low Carbon Economy. The programme is managed by the Southern Regional Assembly in Ireland and is 50% funded by the ERDF.

A local authority receives 100% of the funds from the DHPLG, subject to certain constraints or maximum grants for specific improvement measures. Any costs incurred above these amounts are the responsibility of the local authority.

Energy Efficient Measures – 50% ERDF Co Funded	Max Grant
300mm Attic Insulation	€500
Cavity Wall Insulation or Dry Lining of Walls	€1,000
External Wall Insulation in lieu of cavity wall insulation or dry lining (Terrace/End Terrace)	Terrace €4,500 End Tce €7,500
Window & External Door Replacement	€4,750
Replacement Boiler or Installation of Renewable Heating System with fully Integrated Heating Controls with exception for solid fuelled central heating appliances	€1,750
Replacement Radiators and Pipework	€750
Installation of Room Space Heating Stove	€1,000
Total	Terrace €14,250 End Tce €17,250

The approach being adopted is to take a fabric first approach. Cork City Council will focus on external wall insulation and windows. This is consistent with the fabric first approach

and should enable the Council to spread the benefits of the programme as widely as possible. It will also enable the Council to achieve the target of one energy upgrade.

This year, it is anticipated that 55 properties will receive energy upgrades under the programme. These are located in the Reendowney, Ballyphehane and Harbour View Road areas of the city.

Related design works for two hundred houses has commenced. It is anticipated that these housing units will be tendered for in November 2018. It is hoped to receive a funding allocation from the DHPLG in early 2019, enabling works to commence. These properties are located in Churchfield and Harbour View Road.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th NOVEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th November 2018.

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 15th November 2018 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending October 2018.

11.2 **MAHONY'S AVENUE – ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC FLOWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Mahony's Avenue – Assessment of Traffic flows.

11.3 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INTERVENTIONS – JOHN'S STREET SECTION 38**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Pedestrian Safety Interventions – John's Street Section 38.

11.4 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INTERVENTIONS – CARDINAL WAY SECTION 38**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Pedestrian Safety Interventions – Cardinal Way Section 38.

11.5 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INTERVENTIONS – SPRING LANE SECTION 38**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Pedestrian Safety Interventions – Spring Lane Section 38.

11.6 **CORK ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2017 EVALUATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Cork road Safety Plan 2017 Evaluation.

11.7 **REHABILITATION AND CONSERVATION OF DALY'S (SHAKEY) BRIDGE PART 8 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 regarding Rehabilitation and Conservation of Daly's (Shakey) Bridge – Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

11.8 **LICENCE AGREEMENT AT LITTLE CROSS STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee dated 19th November 2018 recommending the extension of the existing licence for a further six months requested by Meitheal Design Partners at Little Cross Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for to approve the recommendation of Roads and Transportation Functional Committee where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí L. O'Donnell, P. Dineen. (2)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican. (19)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against was greater than those in favour, An tArd-Mhéara declared the recommendation of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee rejected.

11.9 **WALL OPPOSITE SKEHENORE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council investigate the crack in the wall opposite Skehenore, South Douglas Road and the hole in the road which would appear to have no support underneath. (opposite Ashdene)'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/250)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this location will be inspected for road defects and the ownership of the wall will also be investigated to determine responsibility for its maintenance.

11.10 **CAHERGAL AVENUE IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Cahergal Avenue in the Estate Resurfacing programme as a section of the road in Cahergal Avenue from No. 23 to No. 33 is in a very bad state of disintegration and requires immediate attention. Can this be scheduled for inspection and subsequent resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/281)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cahergal Avenue was not included in the 2018 resurfacing programme but will be considered for possible inclusion in 2019. The location identified will be inspected and any essential localised repairs will be carried out if required.

11.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT LOVERS WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council look at putting in traffic calming measures at the bottom of Lovers Walk such as a speed ramp or rumble strips. Currently cars are travelling up from the bottom of Lovers Walk at excessive speed and this presents a public safety hazard for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians as it approaches the blind junction with Tivoli Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that traffic calming measures were installed on Lovers Walk some years ago which have been quite effective. Please be advised that rumble strips have a very low effect on traffic speeds and the associated noise can cause a large amount of nuisance to local residents and therefore are not supported by Cork City Council.

In relation to the issue of excessive speed on Lovers Walk, the best approach is the enforcement of the city speed limit of 50 kph and An Garda Síochána will be requested to pay particular attention to this area. The Transportation Division will however carry out an assessment to determine the extent of the problems that exist. The results will be used in discussions with An Garda Síochána. Other measures that may alleviate the situation may be identified at that stage.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

11.12 **FOOTPATH ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council repair and replace the footpath on Harbour View Road bordering the Homes of St. Mary’s campus as they are in a very poor condition and of danger to the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 18/299)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the location will be inspected for repair or possible inclusion in a future footpath replacement programme.

11.13 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC FLOW IN SUMMERSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an immediate review of traffic flow and management in Summerstown and would introduce appropriate parking management control measures in consultation with local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Summerstown area can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

Summerstown is located within an existing pay parking control area. However, specific areas within Summerstown may not have pay parking controls in situ. If the residents within these areas are experiencing problems due to unregulated parking, a written request to introduce pay parking controls should be submitted to the Transportation Division. Each resident who requires on-street parking will be required to apply for a Resident’s Permit, to enable their vehicles to be parked without limitation as to time in the disc parking area. The cost of a permit is currently €20 per annum.

The process is as follows:

- Written request from residents requesting introduction of controls;
- Liaison with local residents;
- Consultation with the Gardaí;
- Issuing of residents permits;
- Installation of parking poles and signs (to be completed within the constraints of resources and demands of other traffic related work);
- Enforcement of parking controls.

11.14 **CAPACITY OF THE N40 AND LINK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would publish a report on the capacity of the N40 and Link Road and would produce proposals and strategies for the management of traffic flow at peak and off peak hours.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/311)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the national, primary and secondary road network in Ireland including the N40 South Ring Road and the N27 South City Link.

TII’s most recent study, assessment and related proposals have been published on their website at the following link:

<http://www.tii.ie/tii-library/strategy-planning/strategic-reports/N40-Demand-Management-Study-June-2017.pdf>

11.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask the Roads and Transportation Directorate to include Connaght Avenue in its road traffic calming measures for 2019. Connaght Avenue has become a rat run for motorists who wish to travel from North/South and South/North to avoid the Donavans Road/College Road junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/313)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Connaught Avenue will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there. Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

11.16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON DONOVAN’S ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask that the pedestrian crossing on Donovan’s road situated south of Connaught Avenue be made a pedestrian priority crossing with flashing amber lights to forewarn motorists and to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The current crossing in its current format resembles a traffic calming measure and is not being viewed as a pedestrian crossing by motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/314)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the layout of the pedestrian facility on Donovan’s Road resulted from the detailed design on the original Green Route Programme to improve bus operations in the city. It is an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing combined with traffic calming to encourage reduced vehicle speed overlaid on a high spec public

realm treatment. Common throughout the City, examples would include Oliver Plunkett St, Cornmarket Street, Halfmoon Street.

A controlled crossing point is available approximately 90m south (junction of Donovan's Road and College Road) of the uncontrolled crossing point at the Honan. There are also traffic calming ramps both North and South of this uncontrolled crossing.

There are currently no plans to upgrade the crossing point on Donovan's Road to a Zebra Crossing.

Notwithstanding the above this uncontrolled pedestrian crossing can be added to a list of junctions to be assessed with particular reference to the issue highlighted in the motion to Council, pending available resources being made available.

In the interim signage and an awareness campaign within the college advising pedestrians that the crossing in question is not a controlled crossing may be of benefit.

11.17 **PARKING AT LEYCESTER'S LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council in the interest of the safety of Residents of Merrion Court would review the casual parking on the western side of Leycester's Lane and possibly extend the current double yellow lines so that no cars can park between the southern and northern exists as such parking obstructs line of sight of drivers exiting Merrion Court.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/316)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the installation of double yellow lines was completed by the Transportation Depot in summer 2016 in a number of locations along Leycester's Lane including:

- the entrance the Merrion Court/Leycester's Lane
- Outside "Vosterburg", Leycesters Lane

There was some opposition from residents in the area, to these works, as the installation of these lines effectively removed on street parking in the area.

Consultation would have to occur with local residents who reside in the Leycesters Lane/Merrion Court area prior to the installation of additional lining. Once agreement is in place any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

11.18 **SAFER CYCLING MEASURES IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That an update be given on plans to introduce safer cycling measures in the city (as part of a strategy to make our roads safer for all users) including an indication of whether or not there are plans to link greenways in the new City Council area as both recreational and transport usage in our growing transport infrastructure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/318)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of cycle infrastructure in Cork City is currently influenced by the Cork Cycle Network Plan (2016) which was developed by Cork City & County Council’s and by the Strategic Corridor Studies (2014 – 2017), with funding provided by the National Transport Authority.

A number of the recommendations from these studies have been delivered i.e. the Douglas to City Centre Cycle Route, The UCC to City Centre Cycle Route and Phase 1 of the Ballyvolane to City Centre Cycle Route. Other recommendations such as the Passage to City Centre Greenway Enhancement Project are under development with Part 8 Planning to be published in the coming months. Discussions are ongoing with Cork County Council concerning the transfer of plans and related projects including greenways for the expanded City.

We anticipate that the upcoming Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy will place a greater emphasis on the delivery of cycle infrastructure including greenways as a means of encouraging greater cycle uptake, improving cycle safety and reducing congestion across the expanded city. Funding for the delivery of future cycle infrastructure will be linked to this strategy and the indications are that cycle infrastructure funding will grow in the coming years.

11.19 **SURVEY OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ON WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council carries out a survey of the level of pedestrian traffic crossing Wellington Road, especially on the section of road between Sidney Place and the junction with St. Patrick’s Hill. Despite the presence of multiple schools and colleges in the area there is no pedestrian crossing to cater for the large numbers of students crossing Wellington Road on their way to and from school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 18/324)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the level of pedestrian traffic crossing Wellington Road, especially on the section of road between Sidney Place and the junction with St. Patrick’s Hill is included in the study area of CCMS 3, 4, & 5 and will be assessed as part of the design process. Any identified solutions will included as part of the detailed design of that phase of CCMS.

11.20 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF OLD YOUGHAL ROAD AND BANDUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would install traffic lights at the junction of Old Youghal Road and Banduff Road. This is a dangerous junction at a point on the Old Youghal Road where motorists regularly exceed the speed limit and where there have been numerous accidents, including a number of serious ones. The junction is adjacent to the Cara Junior School, the entrance of which is about 100 metres back from the junction. Consideration should also be given to erecting a railing along the footpath from the junction to the school entrance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 18/325)

The report of the Director of Services stated that currently the junction of Old Youghal Road and Banduff Road is within the Cork County Council administrative area. However this will change in the near future with the expansion of the City boundary. The improvements to the junction of Old Youghal Road and Banduff Road can then be considered in the context of future developments and with reference to the associated traffic generation and impacts on other users. Any future upgrade to this section of the Old Youghal Road to support the more sustainable modes of travel, which could be funded by the NTA for instance, would also include measures for the junction with Banduff Road.

The issue of motorists regularly exceeding the speed limits, as referred to in the Motion to Council, is a matter that can only be addressed through enforcement by An Garda Síochána.

11.21 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AROUND UCC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an immediate review of traffic management, traffic flow and enforcement of traffic byelaws in the areas around UCC with particular reference to Coolgarten, Clare’s Avenue, Highfield Road West, College Road and Magazine Road. This review should document the difficulties and challenges experienced by local residents, the health and safety risks associated with the traffic flow and should also incorporate a review of all footpaths in the areas as many are easily mountable by vehicles. The review would also identify immediate and practical remedies including but not limited to the introduction of bollards or other barriers to prevent mounting of footpaths, traffic calming measures, introduction of one-way systems, redesign of junctions and the enforcement of speeding restrictions. As part of this process Cork City Council should request a response from An Garda Síochána with regard to their role in the enforcement of traffic legislation and byelaws in this area. Finally, that this review would also include public consultation with the local Residents Association and residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/326)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the traffic management, traffic flows and enforcement of traffic bye laws in the areas around UCC with particular reference to Coolgarten, Clare's Avenue, Highfield Road West, College Road and Magazine Road can be reviewed by the Transportation Division in 2019 subject to resources being available. Matters to be considered in this regard would include safety of all road users (including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic), impacts on access and movement (for residents, visitors, deliveries etc), speed, traffic volumes, quality etc. The consideration of a one way traffic flow system would need to be the subject to a traffic modelling exercise. This is necessary to establish the benefits/suitability of this change for the streets and also to identify the consequential impact and necessary traffic flow changes on adjoining roads and streets.

It should be noted however that in relation to one-way systems, generally the recommendations is that one-way systems are avoided because:

- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow;
- It will attract additional traffic in the direction of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction;
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds;
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances.

Any proposed change to the Traffic Management in this area would have to be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Roads or Planning Development Acts as appropriate, depending on scale and extent envisaged and would be subject to a public consultation process.

It should be noted that Coolgarten Park, Highfield West and Magazine Road are already on the list of traffic calming requests. The installation of traffic calming ramps is subject to Councillor approval.

Coolgarten Park is also listed for the installation of a 30kph zone in the 2018 Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Byelaws 2018, which have been out for public consultation since 26th October 2018. Subject to the adoption of these bye laws Coolgarten Park will be a 30kph zone in early 2019.

An Garda Síochána are responsible for the enforcement of Road Traffic General Bye-Laws and will be requested to pay additional attention to the aforementioned areas.

11.22 **PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council reports on the number of new public street lights that have been installed throughout the City in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & so far in 2018.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 18/330)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the numbers of new public street lights (replacements and new) that have been installed over past 5 years based on the inventory recorded on DeadSure are as follows:

2014 – 243 lanterns;
2015 – 364 lanterns;
2016 – 522 lanterns;
2017 – 493 lanterns;
2018 – 398 lanterns – to date.

11.23 **REMOVE OVERGROWTH OF IVY ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LANE, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th November 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would investigate, treat and remove the overgrowth of ivy on Sunday School Lane, Blackpool which is now growing on the wall at Seminary Villas and may potentially cause serious damage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 18/273)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the ivy overgrowth in the area will be investigated and also whether responsibility lies with adjacent landowners or Cork City Council. Appropriate action will follow dependent on the results of the investigation.

11.24 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

11.24.1 **TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th November 2018 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of traffic flow and traffic management in Bishopstown and that this report would also comment on the effectiveness of traffic management plans of CUH and CIT and the change of any in transport modal use over the past five years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/296)

‘That Cork City Council would develop a local transport plan for Bishopstown in the context of it being a large employment area with CIT and CUH as well as being an access point for the city from West Cork’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/360)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the main plans and strategies to improve traffic management and modal shift across the area in the period ahead include –

- **NTA Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy** (currently being prepared)
This plan will set out the priorities for enhancement of sustainable transport and

road network improvements across the Cork metropolitan area for next 20 years. The Bishopstown area will benefit from additional funding over the next number of years. This Plan will go to public consultation in 2019.

- **South West Strategic Travel Corridor Study** (see above) which seeks to increase the mode share for alternatives to the car and improve connectivity between South West area and the City Centre;
- **Cork Cycle Network Plan 2015** Which sets out recommendations for cycle route infrastructure for the Cork City Metropolitan Area and the surrounding towns;
- **Cork City Walking Strategy 2013-2018** which seeks to reduce car use for short journeys (up to 2km) by improving pedestrian facilities;
- **Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021** which includes policy provision relating to
 - **Cork City Council maximum parking standards** which endeavour to limit car usage in favour of sustainable modes;
 - **School Travel Plans** which are conditioned in the grant of planning for new and significantly extended school developments;
 - **Mobility Management Plans** which are required for planning applications for new and significantly extended developments within excess of 100 employees;

The actions and measures in individual Mobility Management Plans are reviewed by the Planning Authority through the Roads & Transportation Directorate. It is generally required that these be submitted prior to first occupation of a proposed development. The targets set out should be in line with the recommendations contained in national guidelines and local policies. These include the DoTTAS Smarter Travel publications, A Sustainable Transport Future- A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020 and Ireland's First National Cycle Policy Framework, the NTA publications, Workplace Travel Plans, A Guide for Implementers, Achieving Effective Workplace Travel Plans- Guidance for Local Authorities, and local policies such as The Cork City Walking Strategy 2013-2018.

MMP's are generally updated with changes in respect of traffic volumes, modal split and any other relevant parameters. Any actions arising out of the plan are implemented in the following period. The Mobility Management Plan should be continually monitored by a Designated Mobility Manager within each major employer organisation.

Mobility Management Plans represent a useful tool in promoting long term modal shift for workplace travel trips. However they require an ongoing commitment from employers and employees in supporting and sustaining sustainable travel practices across their organisations and the level of success achieved is directly related to same.

It is to be noted that some large organisations have put in place sustainable travel plans on a voluntary basis, separate from any requirement imposed under the planning permission process. UCC has for example been active in the promotion of sustainable travel through its Commuter Plan. This covers car park management, alternative modes of travel, Park + Ride service, cycling, car pooling (sharing the daily car journey), walking, full time Commuter Plan Manager, public transport promotion etc. Many major employers, such as CIT, also separately engage directly with the NTA and participate in their Smarter Travel programmes for workplaces and campuses.

There is also ongoing engagement through the Transport & Mobility Forum which provides an interface between key stakeholders in the use of sustainable transport and the transport infrastructure providers and policy makers.

The powscar data collected as part of the census gives data on commuting patterns for commuters and students. The most recent data was correlated from the 2016 census and the table outlined below gives the breakdown for resident's students and commuters within the Bishopstown area.

	All Residents of Bishopstown Area (commuters & Students)	Commuters (Workers) to the Bishopstown Area	Students attending classes in Bishopstown area
Walk, Bike, Public Transport	28%	16%	46%
Drive Alone	57%	77%	37%
Carpool	4%	5%	15%
Other/Not Reported	10%	2%	2%

The figures for residents of the Bishopstown area includes those working attending schools and colleges within area and those working in other areas of the city and beyond, over half of travel in single occupancy cars. Sustainable transport options are available for many of these people and a more reliable public transport system is required to encourage more of this category to move to the alternative modes.

The figures for Commuters includes those people who work in Bishopstown area from within the area and the wider metropolitan area. Given the nature of the larger employers, staff working in these institutions are travelling from a large catchment and many work patterns outside the normal 9-5 day, therefore sustainable transport is not an option. However with improvements in the network and limited additional parking provision going forward there will be opportunities for many to mix their mode, using car for part of the journey and then switching to sustainable for the balance of their commute.

The figures for students are encouraging with almost half of all Students attending CIT doing so by walking cycling or taking the bus. In recent years with more students now living at home and commuting to college carpooling has increased.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 8 p.m.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

At this juncture the Lord Mayor vacated the Chair and Deputy Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir T. Moloney assumed the duties of the Chair.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

15. **TRAINING**

None received.

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for October 2018.

17. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:

17.1 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION OUTSIDE DEERPARK MEWS AND MURPHY'S GARDENS**

'That a yellow box junction be put in place at the junction of Deerpark Mews and Murphy's Gardens.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/285)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.2 **FOOTPATHS AT EXIT OF TRAMORE LAWN**

'That Cork City Council working in tandem with the residents of Tramore Lawn look at ways which allow footpaths to be created at its exit on to the front Douglas Road, thus allowing people safe pedestrian access to Douglas or town.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/286)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.3 **ILLEGAL DUMPING IN MAYFIELD**

'That Cork City Council put in place a multi-directorate task force to put in place a strategy to tackle and eradicate the spiralling scourge of illegal dumping of rubbish on a daily basis in specific areas behind the estates in Mayfield. This has subsequently resulted in a serious rodent infestation in certain adjacent residential areas and is getting increasingly worse. This illegal dumping of rubbish on a daily basis has now reached epidemic proportions and is now completely out of control. While I appreciate that this problem is a widespread City wide problem, can I suggest that this Task Force urgently put in place a workable strategy in these areas of Mayfield as a template for application in other areas of the City. Can I

suggest a thorough clean up of the area, a focussed monitoring of these areas and subsequent prosecution of the offenders. If there is seen to be a consequence to this illegal dumping this will help to minimise and eventually eradicate it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/309)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.4 **DISCOUNT PARKING AT NORTH MAIN STREET**

‘That City Council would give an update on the uptake of discount parking at North Main Street car park and is the opportunity still available for new businesses to avail of this offer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/350)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **KILBARRY PLACE IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Council include Kilbarry Place in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 18/351)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **TRIM TREES AT FARRANCLEARY PLACE**

‘The trees at the back of the garages in Farrancleary Place be trimmed to an acceptable condition in the interests of safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/352)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.7 **GARAGES AT FARRANCLEARY PLACE**

‘The garages in Farrancleary Place be structurally looked at and new guttering and down pipes be replaced as a matter of urgency. Leaks from the guttering in these garages have caused damage to the property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/353)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.8 **TRAFFIC WARDEN AT TORY TOP ROAD**

‘That a pedestrian or traffic warden crossing at the Tory Top Road end of Upper Clarkes Road be considered, to facilitate school-going pedestrians, library users and customers of the businesses located there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/359)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.9 **PARKING PROBLEMS AT LOWER FRIARS WALK, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘In an effort to combat chronic parking problems due to location of a medical centre, credit union and church, double yellow lines are painted outside the driveway entrances of Lower Friars Walk, Ballyphehane so residents can access their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/360)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.10 **OPEN PARK AND RIDE AT 6.30 A.M.**

‘That the Park and Ride would open at 6.30am’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 18/361)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

‘That Council carry out a review of the public lighting system at Hollymount Estate as there is very poor lighting in many areas of the estate. Also to repair or replace the footpaths in the estate because of their poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 18/362)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **WAIVER FOR WASTE COLLECTION**

‘That Cork City Council would negotiate with a waste collection company to provide a waiver for waste collection for the elderly, disabled and those on social welfare.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 18/363)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.13 **PERIODIC PUBLIC MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

‘That City Council actively consider introducing periodic Public Meetings of Council, chaired by the Lord Mayor of the day, to which Civil Society Groups, Business Leaders, Traders, Sports Bodies, Trade Unions could be invited or request to present on matters of concern to them with an overall view to Council and wider society having a greater sharing of knowledge, expertise and concerns as there does appear to be a serious need for such an open discursive forum in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/365)

Corporate Policy Group

17.14 **EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL INITIATIVE 2022**

‘That Cork City Council enter the European Youth Capital initiative for 2022. It is a title awarded by the European Youth Forum. It is granted to a European city for a period of one year that puts young people at the core of the city’s social, economic, cultural and political life.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/366)

Corporate Policy Group

17.15 **PARKING VOUCHER SCHEMES IN COUNCIL CARPARKS**

‘That exploration be begun on parking voucher schemes in the Council City Centre car parks – that potentially a person who buys in a city centre shop gets a discount off their parking in a Council multi-storey car park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/367)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **THE MARINA PARK PROJECT**

‘That Cork City Council would agree to decouple The Marina Park Project from the pedestrianisation of the Marina Project, and to carry out and report to Council by years end on whatever traffic and other studies are required for this project, and commit to proceed with the Sunday pedestrianisation of the Marina in a timely fashion, preferably early in the new year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/368)

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17.17 **YELLOW HATCHED BOX AT BEECHWOOD PARK, BOREENMANNA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow hatched box at Beechwood Park on the Boreenmanna Rd, to enable residents to exit the park in a timely and safe manner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/369)

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17.18 **PARK AND RIDE SITES ACROSS THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council bring forward a report to identify sites for Park & Rides across the city and the means to secure funds for same, these facilities would complement the City Centre Movement Strategy and other initiatives in the years ahead.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/373)

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17.19 **CUT BACK TREES IN SILVERCOURT, TIVOLI**

‘That the trees in the cul de sac in Silvercourt, Tivoli be cut back as they are seriously overgrown and currently present a serious public safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/374)

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18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **REVIEW OF THE STATE AIRPORTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council expresses its concern that the recently published review of the state airports seriously underestimates the growth projections for Cork Airport and that this may have implications for the timing of its future investment plans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/349)

An Chomhairle further agreed to write to the DAA and invite representatives of the DAA to make a presentation on the plans for Cork Airport.

18.2 **RSA DRIVING TEST CENTRE, SARSFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That City Council would put in a request to the R.S.A driving test centre on Sarfields Road to cease using Ilen Court, Deanrock Estate as a reversing area for learner drivers and take it out of the test route. This area is being used by testers and instructors repeatedly

every day of the week and with the entrance to the new housing development located here also which facilitates huge delivery trucks, this is over congested with traffic, and residents living close by fear for their children's safety and drivers who are exiting Ilen Court have to do so dangerously as they have to pass a learner driver who's reversing or parked at this cul de sac.'

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields 18/357)

18.3 **UNIVERSITY STATUS FOR CIT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council condemns the Government's failure to deliver on University status for CIT.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/364)

18.4 **AN POST MAIL CENTRE, LITTLE ISLAND**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by T. Gould, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Communications Richard Bruton to ensure that the An Post mail centre at Little Island remains open, a closure next year could risk 200 jobs and have a devastating effect on postal services in the Southern region.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/375)

18.5 **RETENTION OF JOBS AT AN POST MAIL CENTRE, LITTLE ISLAND**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

'This council calls on the CEO of An Post and the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment to ensure the retention of all jobs at the An Post Cork mail centre at Little Island. We believe it is inevitable that the closure or downgrading of this centre will damage the postal service in the region and cause potential delays in postal deliveries.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 18/376)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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