

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24th APRIL 2017

PRESENT	Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
APOLOGIES	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. B. Geaney, Programme Manager, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. A. Horan, Chairperson of Cork City Audit Committee.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

Comhairleoir F. Ryan proposed a suspension of the Standing Order to discuss the following motion at the meeting;

‘That this Council oppose the gifting of ownership of the new €300 million National Maternity Hospital to the Sisters of Charity and believe that it should be secular in ethos and management and in the ownership of the state.’

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (10)

ABSTAIN: (0)

The numbers voting for was greater than those voting against. However, given the vote was not carried by a 2/3 majority, as prescribed in the Standing Orders, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal to suspend Standing Orders was rejected.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Sullivan Family on the death of Patricia Sullivan.
- The Bridgeman Family on the death of George Bridgeman.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Tom McCarthy.
- The Dennehy Horgan Family on the death of Ann Dennehy Horgan.
- The O’Dea Family on the death of James O’Dea.
- The Coughlan Family on the death of Marie Coughlan.
- The Heffernan Family on the death of Liam Heffernan.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Finbarr O’Sullivan.
- The O’Mahony Family on the death of Dan O’Mahony.
- The Foley Family on the death of Pat Foley.
- The McEniff Family on the death of Councillor Sean McEniff.

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

- Organisers of the March for Justice in Support of Ava Twomey’s ongoing struggle for the chance to access potentially life changing treatment in the form of cannabis oil as well as her mother Vera Twomey.
- The Wives and Partners of the Defence Forces who organised last week nationwide protests outside Naval Bases and Barracks in support of their loved ones.
- The Members of The Citizens Assembly who recommended wide ranging changes to the Irish Abortion Laws.
- Mayfield Boxing Club on winning National Titles on Saturday April 22nd in National Stadium Dublin.
- Brian Dillons GAA Club Under 12’s Team visit to Croke Park last weekend.
- Ruth Buckley in the Cork City Council the founder of ‘I Wish’ organisation.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

No items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for March 2017.

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2016.

6. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 10th April 2017.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **REMOVAL OF DUNSCOMBE FOUNTAIN**

The Dunscombe fountain was removed to make way for another fountain which was constructed in Brown's Square in the 1980s as part of the Cork 800 celebrations in 1985.

This fountain was removed in 2003 before the 2004 remodelling of the area as part of the Shandon renewal scheme.

Could the CE inform the council where is the fountain which stood near the foot of Shandon Street known as the Dunscombe Testimonial Fountain?.

Gifted by the Dunscombe family, that has been associated with Cork since the seventeenth century.

And what plans she has, if any, to bring this important part of cork history back into the public realm?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

Deferred

7.2 **FUTURE PLANS AT MACSWEENEY'S FARM**

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 give details of future plans at MacSweeney's farm at the Fairfield and are Council planning to transfer the services of the Parks Department and developing the existing site?

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

There are no current plans to transfer the Parks Depot to the Mac Sweeney farm site.

A Working Group is currently looking at the need for a youth and community facility in the area and a report on this will be considered in due course.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment and Recreation**

7.3 **FUNDING FOR FLATS ON NOONAN'S ROAD**

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

Has any application been made to Central Government in relation to funding for the re-construction of the flats in Noonan's Road, Fort Street and Dean Street. Is there any money available to upgrade these flats?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Cork City Council, with financial support from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, through the Southern Regional Assembly and the ERDF Priority 4 programme will be allocated €3M in 2017 to carry out a pilot project of deep energy retrofitting on selected apartments in Cork City. The apartments to be included in the 2017 works will be single block units built prior to 1970.

On conclusion of the pilot, the program in its full capacity is expected to commence in 2018 and concluded by 2020. Subject to funding allocations/approvals, the units on Noonan Road, Fort Street and Dean Street will be included. Full allocation/approval of funding, beyond the 2017 pilot, will be determined on the conclusion of the pilot.

This funding is a very positive step towards addressing shortcomings in our apartment stock and all efforts will be made to ensure the pilot is successful and further funding allocations secured.

**V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services**

7.4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICE REPORT**

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

Can the CE please circulate a copy of The Local Government Audit Service Report for y/e 31 December 2015 to each member of Council with a comprehensive explanation of what progress has been made under each item for which the Local Government Auditor made comment or recommendation which required action by Council officials. This request is made as part of the Corporate Governance responsibility of the elected members.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The Local Government Auditor made a number of recommendations in the Statutory Audit Report, (published on the 5th of December 2016), on Cork City Councils 2015 AFS. The attached is an action plan which contains these recommendations and outlines the progress made to date in relation to these recommendations.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed that a full and inclusive Action Plan would be circulated to Members and is hereby included in this minute.

**John Hallahan
Head of Finance**

Cork City Council - Action Plan to address LGA Audit Report Recommendations for 2015

Ref	Audit Report	Audit Report Recommendation	Action	Current
2	Financial Standing			
2.2	Fixed Assets	Update Property Interest Register(PIR) & reconcile records with Fixed Asset Register (FAR)	PIR implementation to be complete in Q2, 2018. Post implementation, reconciliation with the Fixed Assets Register will commence	On-going
2.3	Work in Progress & Preliminary Expenditure	Correct reclassifications of Work in Progress & Preliminary Expenditure	Reviewed remaining capital projects & incorporated reclassifications into 2016 AFS	Complete
	2.5 Loans Payable			
	Bridging Finance & Unsold Affordable Housing Units	Use of 79 units allocated to voluntary housing bodies under the social leasing scheme must be reviewed in accordance with the circular following the expiry period of the individual scheme	Use of units will be reviewed in accordance with the circular following the expiry period of the individual scheme	On-going
	Land Loans	Development of lands/recoupment of costs	Costs to be recouped once lands have been developed	On-going
3	Income Collection			
3.2	Rates	Continue initiatives to strengthen debt collection	Rates collection continues to be a high priority for the City Council. National initiatives are continuously rolled out to assist with debt collection	On-going
3.3	Rents	Continue initiatives to strengthen debt collection	Rent collections continues to be a high priority for the City Council	On-going
		Continue with global rent review	Global Rent Review still in progress	On-going
3.4	Housing Loans	Develop a suitable approach to deal with loan arrears in a timely manner	Staff compliment re established to manage loan arrears	Complete

4	Transfer of Water & Sewage Functions to Irish Water (IW)			
		Over-ground assets to be transferred to Irish Water (IW)	Transfer overground assets to Irish Water	On-going
5	Capital Account			
5.2	Housing Capital - Inactive Balances	Review Housing Capital job codes & take appropriate action to clear each project balance	Reviewed & appropriate action taken	On-going
5.3	Housing Capital - Unfunded Balances	Review all housing project balances	Capital Balances reviewed. Application made to Department for legitimate monies due to City Council. Loan taken out to clear unrecoverable debit balances	On-going
5.4	Funding Received for Projects that did not progress	Seek resolution with Department	Continue to seek resolution with Department	On-going
5.5	Non-Housing Projects - Unfunded Balances	Docklands Bridge: To be addressed as part of the overall Docklands Development	The funding of the Docklands Bridge will be addressed as part of the overall Docklands Development	On-going
		St. Catherine's Extension : To be funded from sale of plots	The costs associated with St. Catherine's cemetery will be funded from the future sale of plots	On-going
		Parnell Place: Property to be offered to market for disposal	Property currently on sale to market	On-going
6	Development Contributions			
		Apply appropriate resources to inspection of development sites	Strategic inspection regime being put in place	On-going
7	Procurement			
		Continue initiatives to strengthen compliance in the purchase to pay cycle	Ongoing initiatives including training and systems upgrades undertaken to strengthen compliance in Procurement & the Purchase to Pay Cycle	On-going
8	Refundable Deposits			
		Address issue of absence of reconciliations & back up schedules	Reconciliations complete & presented to Local Government Auditor prior to completion of 2016 AFS	On-going

9	Property Management			
		Improve governance & financial controls over land and buildings of the Council.	The completion of the PIR project and reconciliation with the fixed asset register will enable improved governance and financial control over land and buildings. As part of the 2016 AFS process directors of service will review & sign off on the custody of assets under their control	On-going
10	Pulse of Tradition & the Lee Sessions			
		Improve controls in place	Internal Audit highlighted weakness in controls and recommendations from this audit have been implemented	On-going
		Carry out cost benefit analysis for both projects	Cost benefit analysis has been carried out & Pulses of Tradition has been discontinued	Complete
11	Corporate Governance			
11.1	Internal Audit	Complete review of outstanding recommendations between 2011 & 2015	Recommendations reviewed & placed on an electronic audit tracker system	Complete
11.2	Interest of Local Authority in Companies	Apply proper corporate governance to companies that Council has an interest in	A Risk & Compliance Officer was appointed by the City Council in 2016 who will have responsibility for monitoring & improving governance across the organisation	On-going

7.5

DETERIORATING CONDITIONS AT THE GATE LODGE ENTRANCE TO THE ENTERPRISE PARK, MODEL FARM ROAD

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

To ask the Chief Executive Officer, with respect to the Gate Lodge at the entrance to the Enterprise Park on the Model Farm Road, and mindful of my previous questions and motions in relation to the deteriorating condition of this building;

- How long has the Lodge been in the ownership of the City Council?
- When was the last time the Lodge was used for operational or functional purposes and what were those purposes?
- Is the Lodge on the Derelict Properties Register, if not, has action commenced to place it on the Register?
- Is the property a listed building and if so what listed status or designation does it have?
- How would the CEO describe the current condition of the building?
- What plans does the City Council have for the refurbishment and use of the building?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

The former Gate Lodge at Model Farm Road has been in the ownership of Cork City Council since December 1984 and was used as a social housing unit up to November 2004. The Lodge is not on the Derelict Sites Register but given its derelict condition has been formally declared derelict and the Council has been working towards a solution to the removal of the dereliction on site for some time. The Lodge is not a Protected Structure but is listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. As previously advised the Architects Department have completed a thorough review of the condition of the building and determined the scope and costs of undertaking a partial or full refurbishment of the lodge to be between €70,000 and €200,000. The Council does not have the budget or identified use for the building to warrant such expenditure.

Independent valuation advice was obtained in respect of the property, and it is being suggested that efforts should be made to liaise with the adjoining property owner, the IDA, to determine their interest in disposing of additional ground around the Lodge to make for a more developable and attractive site. I hope to conclude discussions with the IDA before finalizing a strategy for disposal of the property. The intention will be to have the property placed for sale on the open market with written proposals/offers invited for the best use and financial offer for the building.

The preferred use and offer will then be recommended to the Elected Members for final approval. The disposal, if agreed, would be subject to standard derelict site conditions which require the building to be developed within an agreed timeframe.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

7.6 **RE-SURFACING OF DOUGLAS POOL CARPARK AND HILL**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the re-surfacing of Douglas Pool carpark and hill?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Tenders and Tender Report have been received in relation to works to the entrance roadway and car park at the Gus Healy Pool. Whilst the tender price is higher than project estimate it is hoped to be in a position to appoint a contractor in the coming weeks. In the meantime, basic temporary repairs have been carried out and these are being monitored on a weekly basis with additional toppings applied as necessary.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

7.7 **MEMBERS OF TRAVELLING COMMUNITY OFFERED SOCIAL HOUSING**

Can the CE report on the number of members of the Travelling Community offered social housing since the introduction of Choice Based Letting and the numbers of those subsequently housed?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

Deferred

7.8 **FILTER LIGHT FROM THE DOUGLAS ROAD TO THE WELL ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the CE confirm if it is possible to have the filter light directing traffic from the Douglas Road (Douglas Village) to the Well Road re-instated? If so, when will this change happen?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Cork City Council, working with the Cork County Council has recently upgraded traffic signal controls at the Douglas Village and Douglas Road/Well Road junctions as follows:

1. Provision of new traffic signal controller at Douglas Road – Well Road
2. Provision of new replacement signal heads at Well Road junction
3. Installation of 2 new induction loops for traffic detection
4. Provision of a CCTV surveillance camera and associated communication hardware to provide linkage to Traffic Control Room
5. Communications to cater for IP linking of closely positioned junctions with restricted queuing capacity

The implementation of staging on each of the junctions followed a comprehensive modelling of the network, undertaken by specialist consultants, to select an optimal configuration that would cater for improved coordination between the signal controllers.

This work has had the following impacts on the Douglas Road - Well Road junction:

- The dedicated right turning arrow onto the Well Road is safer and provides more dedicated green time and improved flow overall than was the case before
- Reduced cycle times; unlike before, vehicular traffic now flows on all stages, thereby giving more time for traffic flow.
- An increase in available Green Time during peak periods, and to cater for unexpected events e.g. traffic diverting through Douglas due to accidents at Bloomfield or Carrs Hill.
- Reduced cycle times minimises the waiting time for pedestrians.
- A new camera has also been installed so that traffic volumes can be monitored remotely.
- The new controllers allow for remote access to the controller via the Urban Traffic Control System operated by the Transportation Division, Cork City Council to monitor the status of the installation and to cater for the optimisation of timings.
- The flashing amber left turn arrow into Well Road from the Douglas Road South Bound approach caters for cyclists by advising vehicular drivers that they need to look out for cyclists on the cycle lane inside them.
- There is extra flexibility for traffic optimisation system operated by Cork City Council (SCOOT Urban Traffic Control system), facilitating optimised signalling in response to variations in traffic flow.
- The new arrangement also facilitates the pedestrian crossings every cycle (if there is a push-button demand) across Well Road during busy pedestrian periods with minimal impact on vehicular traffic.
- The original controller was of the order of 20 years old and spare parts etc are no longer available. The new equipment therefore will bring an additional degree of reliability.

In summary, the works recently carried out during 2016 at these junctions will ensure more efficient functioning of the junction in question. It can be noted that there were operational problems at the time with the installation of the new equipment and with repair of some associated induction loops that had been damaged. These aspects were addressed and the junction is now operating as intended. The junction is constantly monitored and its performance kept under review. We will schedule additional fine tuning, for the evening peak period in particular, to ensure that this junction continues to operate as intended.

It should also be borne in mind that Douglas Village is a traffic bottleneck primarily because of the restricted crossings of the N40 and the estuary. This can lead to significant traffic congestions in Douglas at peak periods. While we can make improvements to the junction and improve the traffic management there, the elimination of peak hour traffic congestion is unrealistic. The Council is monitoring the performance of the upgraded signals to ensure that they operate beneficially for all users.

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

7.9 **PART 8 PLANNING FOR LANDS IN THE TANK FIELD**

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

In relation to the Disposal Orders and the Part 8 Planning for lands in the Tank Field that came before Council in 2005 and 2006

- (a) Is it not the case that for the purpose of arriving at decision that Councillors were informed
- that Councillors were informed that the lands in question were acquired by order of the County Registrar by means of conveyance dated 9th October 2001,
 - that the Councillors were provided with a map showing the land in question,
 - that a significant area of land shown in that map was not in fact part of the land acquired by the order of the County Registrar and was privately owned land,
 - that these lands were in the ownership of the property company that had developed the Mayfield Heights housing estate,
 - that they constituted a significant part of the mandatory 10% free area that was required under the planning permission for the Mayfield Heights housing estate,
 - that Councillors were not informed (a) that the Council did not own the land in question and (b) that it constituted a significant part of the 10% green area of Mayfield Heights housing estate?
- (b) Is it not also the case that in relation to the Part 8 Planning Report presented to Council in February 2006.
- that Councillors were provided with a map of the area concerns for development, that this map included the land referred to above that was part of the 10% green area of Mayfield Heights housing estate,
 - that the permission of the company that owned the land was neither sought nor obtained for the purposes of Part 8 planning,
 - that Councillors were not informed that the land in question was part of the 10% green area of the Mayfield Height housing estate,
 - that Councillors were not informed that the permission of the company who owned the land in question had been neither sought nor obtained,
 - that included in the Part 8 report was a proposal for putting a playing pitch on an area that was not zoned for Sport,
 - that it should have required a process for material contravention of the Development Plan and that it was not subject to any such process?

- (c) Is it not therefore the case that the information on which Councillors based their decisions in relation to the Disposal Order and the Part 8 Planning was materially incorrect and that both decisions should be considered invalid as a consequence?
- (d) Finally, in view of the subsequent information provided to Councillors, which stated that the Council had possessory title (Squatters Rights) of the land referred to above, will the Chief Executive inform Council when any such rights were established and registered

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

- (A) At the time of approval of the relevant disposal notices by Council to the Department of Education and Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club in March and October of 2005 respectively and at the time of the Part VIII Planning in February 2006 Cork City Council was the owner of the lands at the Tank Field. The greater part of the Tank Field was then and is held by Cork City Council in fee simple under and by virtue of a Deed of Conveyance dated the 9th of October 2001, made between The Unknown and The Unascertained Owner of the Fee Simple and other Intermediate Interest(s) (if any), the Chief Clerk of the Circuit Court of the one part and The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Cork of the other part.

The area of land alleged to have been in the ownership of the property company that developed the Mayfield Heights housing estate was at the time of the Disposal Notices held in possessory title by Cork City Council for over 40 years. Cork City Council had been in possession and occupation of the lands since the mid to late 1960's. This land was subsequently the subject of the Iona Road - Murmont Road Compulsory Acquisition Order No. 1 of 2013 ("Order No. 1") measuring an area approx. 3456sqm or 0.85 acres. The purpose of Order No. 1 was to improve Cork City Council's existing title by acquiring a freehold interest in the subject lands.

While the CPO was objected to and the matter duly referred to an Bord Pleanala for determination the Council was informed by the Board on the 18th July 2013 that "... The Board hereby informs you that it has received no valid objections to this compulsory purchase order within the period provided for making objections and it is now open to you to confirm/refuse to confirm the order...". The Board upheld the Council's view that no valid objections were made as the objections were not made by owners, lessees or occupiers of the Compulsory Purchase Order lands, i.e. entities that constitute a category of person upon whom such a notice is to be served. Cork City Council therefore pursuant to its powers in that behalf duly confirmed the CPO.

- (B) At the time of approval of the Part VIII Planning in February 2006 Cork City Council was the owner of the lands at the Tank Field. As such the consent or otherwise of other parties was not required to advance the Part VIII process and seek Council approval for same. In preparing the original Part VIII Planning the City Council relied on drawings submitted by qualified and experienced consultants acting for Brian Dillon's Hurling and Football Club who were and continue to use the Tankfield as a local sports and community facility. It is not uncommon for lands zoned Public Open Space in the City to incorporate public sports facilities and grounds across the city and as such no material contravention of the existing City Development Plan occurred.

- (C) This is not the case. I am satisfied that the lands in question were within City Council ownership and control allowing the relevant disposal notices and Part VIII to be prepared and brought before Council for approval. As such the necessary legislative procedures were carried out validly and appropriately.
- (D) The Law Agent has advised that the Council has a non-registered Possessory Title to this part of the Tankfield and has had exclusive use and control over same for over 40 years.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

7.10 **SUBMISSIONS MADE BY OUR FINANCE TO DEPARTMENT TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Can the C.E. give Council Members an updated report on what submissions has been made by our Finance Department to the Southern Regional Assembly for funding which projects in 2018 - 2021 period from the unallocated [2.655 Billion Euro] Mid Term Review of the Capital Plan?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

Deferred

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held 18th April 2017.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st March 2017.

8.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S STATUTORY REPORT ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015 & THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT UNDER SECTION 121**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Local Government Auditor's Statutory Report on the Annual Financial Statement 2015, and the Audit Committee's Report under Section 121.

Mr. Aidan Horan, Chairperson of Cork City Audit Committee briefed An Chomhairle in relation to the Audit Committee's Report under Section 121 and responded to queries raised.

8.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Aidan Horan, Chairperson of Cork City Audit Committee briefed on Chomhairle in relation to the Audit Committee 2016 Annual Report and responded to queries raised.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee 2016 Annual Report.

8.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

Mr. Aidan Horan, Chairperson of Cork City Audit Committee briefed An Chomhairle in relation to the Audit Committee Charter and responded to queries raised.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Charter.

8.5 **AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017**

Mr. Aidan Horan, Chairperson of Cork City Audit Committee briefed An Chomhairle in relation to the Audit Committee Work Programme for 2017 and responded to queries raised.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Work Programme for 2017.

8.6 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Financial Statement 2016. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED**, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2016 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the overexpenditure as outlined in Note 16 are hereby approved.”

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 10th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee held 10th April 2017.

9.1 **AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL’S ALLOCATIONS SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 23rd March 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the Amended Draft Allocation Scheme.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 10th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held 10th April 2017.

10.1 **REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

10.1.1 **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Speed Limit Review Report and associated Guidelines for the setting and managing speed limits in Ireland.

10.2 **BUS STOPS ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD AND UPPER LOTABEG ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I propose that Cork City Council requests Bus Éireann to install two bus stops on Silverheights Road and Upper Lotabeg Road in Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/046)

The Report stated that, it is a matter for Bus Éireann to install bus stops. Any requests to install bus stops will be forwarded to Bus Éireann for consideration.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee held 18th April 2017.

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 13th April 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending March 2017.

11.2 **PART 8 PLANNING REPORT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED) FOR SKEHARD ROAD PHASE 3 FROM CHURCH ROAD JUNCTION TO THE CSO/MAHON LINK ROAD JUNCTION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 on Part 8 Planning Report (Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended) for Skehard Road Phase 3 from Church Road Junction to the CSO/Mahon Link Road junction.

11.3 **RESURFACE ROADS LEADING INTO MURPHY’S FARM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the resurfacing of roads leading into Murphy’s Farm.

‘Can we get the roads resurfaced leading into Murphy’s Farm & the parking area there? The laneway leading into it, the car parking area down there is a total disgrace, there is a residential unit and a lot of groups using the area, the Lions Club residential centre, a Disability School which has buses coming from all over to drop the kids off there is a preschool, a tennis club & courts with a cafe, there are 4 soccer pitches with the dressing

rooms, the scout hall & the youth project as well as all the visitors who use the area for walking, jogging etc. There is a lot of traffic in & out of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/064)

The report stated that the car parking area in the Murphy’s Farm municipal park is managed by the Environment Directorate and this request will be forwarded to it for their attention.

11.4 **STREET NAMES AT COURTOWN PARK & COURTOWN DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the street names at Courtown Park & Courtown Drive.

‘That Cork City Council erect street names at Courtown Park & Courtown Drive Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/079)

The Report stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The appropriateness of the street name signs for Courtown Park and Courtown Drive, Knocknaheeny will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for erection, subject to funding being available.

11.5 **REPAINT ROAD SIGNS IN BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the repainting of road signs in Ballyphehane.

‘That Cork City Council, in conjunction with the Ballyphehane 1916-2016 Commemoration Committee, undertakes to repaint all the relevant road signs in Ballyphehane that honour the 1916 Rising patriots as one of the final legacy projects of a hugely successful collaborative year which has won local, national and indeed international admiration. The process/funding etc. To be discussed at an early meeting between the council and the committee.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. P. Dineen 17/080)

The Report stated that this proposal was considered previously by the Commemoration Motions Committee of Cork City Council and it was deemed that resources were not available to undertake the work required.

11.6 **TRAFFIC SURVEY OF GOLDSMITH AVENUE AND RICHMOND HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding traffic survey of Goldsmith Avenue and Richmond Hill.

‘That Cork City Council carries out a full traffic survey of Goldsmith Avenue, Richmond Hill and surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/083)

The Report stated that Goldsmith Avenue, Richmond Hill and the surrounding areas are located within a short distance of the number of schools and the core city centre. Therefore traffic movements on these roads are busy particularly during the peak morning hours of 07:30 – 09:30 and the evening hours of 16:30 – 18:30.

There is currently no proposal to make any changes to the traffic management in this area.

11.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding Traffic Calming measures on Evergreen Road.

‘Following a recent near miss with a motor vehicle and a youth child I ask that the Roads & Transport Directorate would consider installing traffic calming measures on Evergreen Road between the junction known locally as Timber Cross and Murphy’s Gardens. The said calming measure should be situated on the outbound lane as you travel toward the Murphy’s Gardens, Summerhill South junction. It has being noted on numerous occasions that traffic heading outbound increase their speed as they approach the junction when the traffic lights are indicating a green light.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/091)

The Report stated that Evergreen Road between the junction known locally as Timber Cross and Murphy’s Gardens/junction with Summerhill South/St. Patrick’s Road 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 by Ward Members to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to the funding being available.

11.8 **FLOOD WATER LODGING OUTSIDE THE TECHNOLOGY PARK, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding flood water lodging outside the technology park, Model Farm Road.

‘That Cork City would once again examine the drainage system for flood water lodging on the roadway outside the Technology Park on the Model Farm Road. The City bound lane was once again blocked for 3 days at the start of March due to floodwater not escaping into the drains. This is happening all the time after a heavy rainfall and very dangerous for traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/094)

The Report stated that the gullies at this location were recently jetted but this has not completely resolved the problem. Further works will be required involving access to an adjacent property and this is currently being arranged. It is expected that the works to resolve the problem will be completed in the coming months.

11.9 **ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRING OUT OF ORDER PUBLIC LIGHTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the estimate for repairing out of order public lights.

‘Considering there are 421 public lights out of order for a period of over 10 days and as many of these lights require significant capital funding can the roads directorate provide an estimate of total costs for repairing all of these lights with a view to then calling on the Minister for a one off grant to clear the backlog.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/098)

The report stated that the full list of public lights being out of order at any point in time will include a variety of issues that form works in progress as well as items awaiting quotation by the Contractor which have to be submitted for approval by the Local Authority. The dynamic list represents those jobs and works identified as being in addition to the Normal Standard Maintenance and the process of allows for the proper management of the maintenance contract with SSE Airtricity by Cork City Council.

Approvals by the Transportation Division caters for the prioritising of work based on a Tendered schedule of rates in the context of the budget allocation on the Roads Programme. The following is an example of Job Tickets listed on 13/04/2017:

AAI (Access Issues) - with SSE AUS.	69 JobTickets	Mostly tree cutting required, working
AER (ESBN) -	71 JobTickets	ESBN have a copy of this list
AO (Others) – Housing/Roads/Parks etc projects	44 JobTickets	Dynamic JT’s caused by ongoing
LAA (Approved Jobs) -	45 JobTickets	Work approved to proceed
LAD (Further Information) -	76 JobTickets	More information requested by CCC
LAR (CCC Surveys required) – Visit	41 JobTickets	More information requiring CCC site
NLR (Replacement Lantern Required)	39 JobTickets	€750 per unit
OHB (Overhead Brackets) -	24 JobTickets	€1000 per unit
QR (Quotes Required) – quotes	77 JobTickets	SSE AUS working to provide JT’s awaiting SSE AUS attendance
S (Submitted jobs) – and Mass Replacement replacements	102 JobTickets	JT’s awaiting SSE AUS attendance
TMR (Traffic Management) – Management to allow repair	6 JobTickets	JT’s requiring extra traffic

The list of public lighting Out of Order includes locations for which attendance by ESB Networks is deemed essential as notified by AUS and for which we do not have a commitment or service level agreement with ESB Networks. AT present there are 71 Job Tickets for ESB Networks to attend on site.

11.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MILITARY HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the pedestrian crossing on Military Hill.

‘That a Pedestrian Crossing be put in place outside Holy Family Church on Military Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/038)

The Report stated that due to its steep topography, Military Hill is not suitable for a signalised pedestrian crossing.

11.11 **YELLOW BOX AT SILVERCOURT AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the yellow box at Silvercourt and Silversprings Court.

‘That Cork City Council will complete the Yellow Box at the entrance to Silvercourt and Silversprings Court on the North Ring Road to cover the full width of the Road. At present it only covers half of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/039)

The Report stated that the yellow box at the entrance to Silvercourt and Silversprings Court on the R635 North Ring Road is located in the two uphill lanes only as it’s purpose is to facilitate vehicles turning right from Silvercourt and Silversprings Court when the traffic queued back to Silvercourt and beyond from the signalised junction of the R635 North Ring Road with Colmcille Avenue. The queuing is in one direction only, i.e., uphill. Therefore the yellow box is not required in the nearside downhill lane.

11.12 **EXTEND TRAFFIC LINES AT THE CONCEALED EXIT OF SHANDON COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 13th April 2017 regarding extension of traffic lines at the concealed exit of Shandon Court.

‘That Cork City Council extends traffic lines at the concealed exit of Shandon Court by means of double yellow lines to facilitate resident’s entry and exit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/084)

The Report stated that the lining at the exit of Shandon Court onto Richmond Hill will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

11.13 **INCLUDE HILLCREST VIEW, BLARNEY ROAD IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 ton include Hillcrest View, Blarney Road in the Road Resurfacing Programme.

‘That Cork City Council Repair the potholes and include Hillcrest View Blarney Road in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/098)

The Report stated that Hillcrest View will be inspected and any necessary road surface repairs will be carried out. The estate is not included in the 2017 Road Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for future resurfacing programmes.

11.14 **RESURFACE PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the resurfacing of Pearse Road.

‘That Pearse Road from Kinsale Road to Connolly Road be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/101)

The Report stated that, the section of Pearse Road between the junctions with Bothar Ceannt and Bothar na mBlath is included in the 2017 Road Resurfacing programme. The remaining sections will be inspected and any necessary localised repairs will be carried out.

11.15 **RESURFACE CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the resurfacing of Connolly Road.

‘That Connolly Road be immediately resurfaced in the areas where it is visibly cracking and disintegrating.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/102)

The Report stated that Connolly Road will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme. In the interim, the road will be examined and temporary repairs carried out as necessary.

11.16 **REMOVAL OF OLD LIGHTING FIXTURES ON BARRACK STREET AND ERECTING GATES AT GRIFFITH COURT/DESMOND SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding the removal of old lighting fixtures on Barrack Street and erecting gates at Griffith Court/Desmond Square.

‘That the Roads & Transportation Directorate, in view of the lengthy delays (two years in one case) in the following matters, produces plans of action for:

- (1)The removal of old lighting fixtures on Barrack St and the use of the new ones, two years after the scheme was supposed to be completed.
- (2)The erecting of gates at Griffith’s Court/Desmond Square (following site surveys/petitions almost two years ago) and at Nicholas Church Place, Cove Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/105)

The Report stated that following review of reports at recent South Central ward meeting, the Members agreed that gates will be installed at Griffiths Square/Desmond Court. Roads Asset Management will commence the process to allow for same. The ownership of the laneway at Nicholas Church place is to be investigated by Cork City Council, who will in turn advise councillors if it will be possible to install gates at this location.

The Roads Directorate had a number of meetings with the relevant Contractor and the ESB concerning this matter. The Contractor was instructed to carry out corrective work on the underground ducting to enable the ESB to complete their outstanding work. The Contractor has yet to complete the work hence the Roads Directorate have withheld a sum of money equivalent to costs involved. The provisions of the Contract will now be enforced and the Contractor will be given a deadline for completion after which the withheld finances will be made available for the appointment, if necessary, of an alternative Contractor.

11.17 **SAFETY GATE AT SULLIVANS LANE, BARRACK STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 13th April 2017 regarding a safety gate at Sullivans Lane, Barrack Street.

‘That this Council would take another look at the feasibility of erecting a safety gate at Sullivan’s Lane, Barrack Street, The residents have ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour due to its close proximity to bars in the area and the fact that it is on a main route into the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/107)

The Report stated that the matter of gate installation at Sullivans Lane was discussed at recent South Central ward meeting, where it was put forward that installing a gate of any type in such a narrow public laneway posed a significant risk in the event of a fire or other emergency.

11.18 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GARDINERS HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 13th April 2017 regarding Traffic management plan for Gardiners Hill.

‘That Cork City Council prepare a Traffic Management Plan for Gardiner’s Hill as residents are experiencing serious difficulties in relation to indiscriminate parking and speeding at weekends in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/111)

The Report stated that there is currently no proposal to make any changes to the traffic management in this area.

Gardiner’s Hill is a predominantly residential road, approximately 700m long between Old Youghal Road and Ballyhooley Road and direct access to the St. Patrick’s Schools’ campus. The road widths vary between 6.5m and 10m over the course of its length. On-street parking helps to keep the road widths narrow and this in turn helps to keeps speeds within the 50kph speed limit for Gardiner’s Hill.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee held 18th April 2017.

12.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 13th April, 2017 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 10, Lee View Terrace, Off Blarney Street, Cork to Mr. Arthur Nagle, c/o Mary Dorgan Solicitors, No. 96, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €45,050.00, (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan. An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- b. Disposal of leasehold interest in property known as “Belrose”, No. 35, Victoria Avenue, Cork to Aidan O’Shea, c/o Charles C. Daly & Company Solicitors, No. 17, Casement Square, Cobh, Co. Cork for the sum of €93,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican. An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- c. Disposal of freehold interest in lands located at Glasheen Road, Cork to Callum Star Holdings Limited c/o J.W. O’Donovan Solicitors, No. 53, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €25,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican. An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

12.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for March, 2017.

12.3 **FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on funding for Homelessness.

12.4 **HOMELESS COLD WEATHER STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the Homeless Cold Weather Strategy.

12.5 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD – ACCOMMODATION AT FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at Knockpogue Avenue, Fairhill, Cork by Carbery Housing Association Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N .O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €18,900 be granted to Carbery Housing Association Limited in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 151 Knockpogue Avenue, Fairhill, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

12.6 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – MONTHLY UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

12.7 **YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FAIRHILL/FAIRFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would secure the funding to purchase the vacant site known as ‘MacSweeney’s Farm’ in Fairhill for use by the Fairhill/Fairfield Community Association with the aim of establishing a purpose built youth and community centre on site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 17/044)

The report of the Director of Services advised that a working group is currently meeting to examine the need for a Youth and Community Facility in the Fairhill area. The group was established following calls from the Community Association in Fairhill. Establishing a working group to address this need was identified as a priority by the RAPID Area Based Committee to work towards the realisation of a Youth and Community Facility, as funds become available. The Committee includes members of the Community agencies i.e. HSE (HAZ), Cork City Council, Cork City Partnership, TúsIa, ETB, Foróige and local councillors. The work of the group is on-going with the assistance of the RAPID Co-Ordinator for the area. A report will issue in due course once the deliberations have concluded. The McSweeney’s Farm site has become part of the discussion.

12.8 **HOUSING UNITS FOR THE ELDERLY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council takes demographic trends fully into account planning future housing programs and in particular includes provision for an increase in the number of units for elderly people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/066)

The report of the Director of Services advised that the City Council has a construction programme in place to significantly increase the level of social housing supply in the City. There are a number of unit types in the various developments that are being planned that will cater for the needs of older persons. The City Council is also progressing with plans for a thirty unit sheltered housing scheme in the City which it is intended will be used for the purpose of downsizing. Other options are being explored to further increase the supply of purpose built complexes for older persons.

12.9 **PHASE 2 – FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on phase 2 of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme, the works involved and the timeline for same, the council will ensure that areas in the latter phases of the City North West Regeneration Scheme are included.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/076)

The report of the Director of Services advised that Council will report on Phase 2 of the Fabric Upgrade Programme when sanction to proceed with the programme is received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. The report will include the works involved and the timeline for same. It is the Council’s view that as many properties as possible should be included in the programme including those in the latter phases of the City North West Regeneration Scheme.

12.10 **INSPECTION PROGRAMME – PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council report on the inspection programme carried out by Cork City Council on the private rented housing sector in 2016.

The report to contain

- a) The number of inspections carried out.
- b) The number of dwellings inspected.
- c) The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet standards on first inspection.
- d) The number of HAP units inspected.
- e) The number of HAP units inspected within 8 months of start of tenancy.
- f) The number of HAP units failed to meet standards.

The report to also contain the amount of Government Payments made to Cork City Council for carrying out inspections in 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/093)

The report of the Director of Services outlined details of inspections for 2016 as follows:

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The number of inspections carried out in 2016

The number of dwellings inspected in 2016

The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet standards on first inspection in 2016

The number of HAP units inspected in 2016

The number of HAP units inspected within 8 months of start of tenancy (2015 & 2016)

The number of HAP units that failed to meet standards (2015 & 2016)

Please note the first HAP inspection took place in October 2015. The amount of government payments made to Cork City Council for carrying out inspections in 2016 was €111,650.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

12.11 **INSTALLATION OF GATES AT DISTILLERY COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 13th April, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘For Cork City Council to report on a previous motion carried in 2010 regarding the installation of gates at the entry of Distillery Court Blackpool, and whether funding will soon be allocated considering the disproportionately poor investment seen in the region as confirmed by the Blackpool Local Area Plan 2011-2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 16/329)

The report of the Director of Services advised that the existing pedestrian and vehicular gates at Distillery Court were installed in 2014 and are in good condition. The upstand to hold one of the vehicular gates opened is missing but will be replaced shortly. No complaints have been received in recent times in relation to the operation of the gates. There is no funding available for the installation of automatic gates and provision of a remote control facility.

13. **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th APRIL 2017**

It was noted the date of the Special Meeting of the Housing Functional Committee was to be amended to read the 10th April 2017.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Housing Functional Committee held 10th April 2017.

13.1 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, M. Nugent, N. O’Keeffe and K. Collins having declared their interest excused themselves from the Meeting and the Chamber.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, the remaining Members of An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 30th March 2017 which included the Community Development Grants 2017.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

In accordance with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Conference Summary provided by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle was noted.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

17. **TRAINING**

None received.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Connolly Park be included in the 2017 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/109)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.2 **UP TO DATE FOBS**

‘To ensure the residents of Shandon Way are issued with up to date fobs to ensure access for cars/ those with mobility assistance etc. for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.3 **YOUTH CAFE IN CORK CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council will invest in a youth cafe in Cork City Centre with free internet access in Bishop Lucey Park that will facilitate young teenagers in evenings, after school and weekends that will provide free space, computers and entertainment options that will appeal to a variety of interests in light of recent criticism targeting youth in the Winthrop St, Paul St. and Bishop Lucey Park area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/134)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.4 **REPLACE THE MISSING NAMEPLATES FROM PARKLANDS, COMMONS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would replace the name plates that is missing from each of the estates in Parklands Commons Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/135)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.5 **CITY COUNCIL MOVEMENT STRATEGY**

‘That Cork City Council given the implementation of the City Centre Movement Strategy would re-open Princes St, Marlboro St and Cook St on the South Mall side for parking during the life time of this scheme. The additional funding accruing to Council to be ring fenced for estate resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/137)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.6 **RESURFACE FOOTPATHS ON EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

‘That City Council would examine all the footpaths on Edward Walsh Road with the intentions of a total new resurfacing programme for this area. These footpaths are in a terrible condition and dangerous for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/139)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.7 **FULL INSPECTION AT HAZEL ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That City Council roads section would carry out a full inspection on the condition of the road surface at Hazel Road Togher. In particular I would ask the two cul de sacs on this road be given serious consideration for resurfacing as some of the residents have had serious falls in these areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/140)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.8 **CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY PARKING TIMES**

‘That Cork City Council would amend the City Centre Movement Strategy parking times and revert back to its original times covering the areas around the Mercy University Hospital from Little Hanover St to Grenville Place and including Sheares St, Henry St, Moore St and Coach St. There is a lot of very sick patients using these Roads to park while receiving treatment along with the medical staff that work in the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/141)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.9 **REVIEW PARKING IN THE FOYLE AVENUE AREA**

‘Given the increase in services at the community buildings and senior citizens centre at Foyle Avenue Knocknaheeny that council review the parking allocation in the Foyle Avenue area keeping in mind local residents, people with medical needs and older people attending the services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/142)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.10 **REVIEW OF PARKING AND ROAD LAYOUT OUTSIDE THE SHOPPING PARADE**

‘That the Council review the parking situation and road layout outside the shopping parade near the Silver Key bar. At present there is very little parking for the five businesses trading here. There can be a lot of congestion and illegal parking around busy times and this affects business and causes problems for local residents who are left with no option but to call the Gardaí. A strip of cycle lane on the main road was formerly much used and greatly appreciated parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/143)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.11 **RESURFACE ROAD OUTSIDE GALVIN'S OFF-LICENCE ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That the Council resurface the stretch of road outside Galvin’s Off-Licence on Douglas Road. It has been in a deteriorating state for many years now.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/144)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.12 **TWO STOP STRATEGY FOR BLACK ASH PARK & RIDE**

‘Taking into consideration that the Black Ash Park & Ride is under performing I propose that the Roads & Transportation Directorate of Cork City Council review and replace its current one stop fits all strategy on Lapps Quay and replace it with a new two stop strategy. One stop being on the Grand Parade and the second stop being on Patrick Street. It is my belief that this would enable the Black Ash Park & Ride to reach its full potential while also increasing foot fall into the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/145)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.13 **FULL ESTATE RESURFACING AT MERRION COURT HOUSING ESTATE**

‘That Merrion Court Housing Estate be considered for full estate resurfacing as the roads in this estate have deteriorated considerably.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/146)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.14 **REMOVE TREES AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That the first three trees on the left going up Silverheights Road be removed as their roots have grown under the walls and into the adjacent gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/147)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.15 **ACQUIRE ‘O’KEEFFE’S SITE’ LOWER MAYFIELD**

That Cork City Council acquire "O'Keeffe's site" lower Mayfield with a view to building appropriate infill housing and eliminating a derelict site.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/150)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.16 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS TO NAME THE NEW BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council will invite the public to participate in a process to name the proposed new bridge that will link Harley St & Merchants Quay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/151)

Corporate Policy Group

18.17 **PROCEDURES TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the procedures to assist the homeless including outside of office hours, that council will ensure there are dedicated phone numbers operating 24 hour, 7 days a week for those that are homeless and needing assistance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/152)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.18 **ONLINE WEBSITE WHERE HOUSING TENANTS COULD ADVERTISE AND SOURCE SUITABLE HOUSING TRANSFERS**

‘That Cork City Council housing department assesses the feasibility of having an online website, similar to CBL- where City Council housing tenants could advertise and source suitable housing transfers that would be mutually beneficial to tenants looking to transfer. Once a mutually suitable transfer is identified, the official transfer process could commence through the housing department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/154)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **REGIONALISATION OF CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calling on the Minister for Social Protection to immediately move to stop plans to regionalise Citizens Information Services and retain the community based model currently run by local Voluntary Boards of Management including the Cork City (North) Citizens Information Service CLG in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/114)

19.2 **MANAGING THE RIVER LEE FROM INISCARRA DAM TO TOONSBRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the ESB to make a presentation to Council on how it is now managing the River Lee from Iniscarra Dam to Toonsbridge so that City Council and

city centre residents business can be reassured that we won't have a repeat of the 2009 flooding.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/149)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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