

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boyle.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O'Connor.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. V. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive. Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. Ms. A. O'Rourke, Director of Services, Housing. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Emergency Management and Climate Action. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator. Ms. R. Lynch, Administrative Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Cassidy family on the death of Ellen Cassidy.
- The Potts family on the death of Tom Potts.
- The McDonnell family on the death of George McDonnell.
- The Buckley family on the death of Sean Buckley.

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

- Paul Moynihan on his retirement from Cork City Council.
- Cork City Council and staff on the holding of the Cork Marathon.
- Cork City Council and staff on the hosting of European Maritime Day.

- David Howard on the incredible achievement of winning the ‘East of Ireland Amateur Men’s Title’ in Baltray, Co. Louth.
- Fr. Charlie Kiely on the celebration of his 25 years’ service as a priest.
- Cheeky Cherubs on celebrating 20 years in business.
- Horizons Montessori on celebrating 20 years in business.
- Cork Senior Hurling Team on winning the Munster Hurling Championship.
- Blondie Café on the opening of their new business.
- Gaelscoil na Duglaise on their Sciath na Scol Camogie title and Boys C2 title.
- Blackrock Hurling Club and Alan Connolly, Robbie Cotter and Wayne Sherlock on their Munster Hurling Final win.
- Mossy Duggan on presentation to Marymount of a Cork jersey signed by all former captains.
- Mahon Tidy Towns on hosting of Street Feast 2025.
- SIPTU on the hosting of Senator Bernie Sanders together with Dr. Jane Sanders in Cork Council Trade Union.
- Cork City Hospital Children’s Club on ‘Lap the Lough’ initiative.
- Let’s Play Cork on operation of Lapp’s Quay as an Open Street.
- Douglas GAA Club and Shane Kingston on his Munster Hurling Final win.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **LORD MAYOR’S CHARITY BALL**

An tArdmhéara thanked members who attended the Lord Mayor’s Charity Ball on Friday 6th June 2025 in the Vienna Woods and acknowledged a great night.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR UCC BLUE DEMONS**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that a Civic Reception would take place for UCC Blue Demons on Thursday 12th June 2025.

3.3 **CORK ROCKS FOR RORY**

An tArdmhéara informed members of the ‘Cork Rocks for Rory’ launch taking place Friday 13th June 2025 and the great line-up of events planned.

3.4 **ANNUAL MEETING**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that the Annual Meeting would take place on Friday 20th June 2025 at 6pm.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 7th April 2025.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 12th May 2025.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **NORTHSIDE OF CORK CITY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive commits to present the development of a strategic plan to reimagine the Northside of Cork City in the year 2025, in a presentation to council to include deliverable actions across the Northside involving, placemaking, retail, infrastructure capable of early delivery and at a higher level the bringing forward of plans for regeneration of properties which may attract government funding under the Infrastructure Investment Fund.

REPLY

The Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a strategic development framework for the whole of Cork City. It is the first statutory development plan that encompasses Cork City and all its suburbs, including the towns of Blarney, Tower and Glanmire, the villages of Kerry Pike, Killeens and Upper Glanmire, the contiguous suburban areas including Ballyvolane, and the immediate hinterland areas.

The Plan coalesces several national, regional and metropolitan strategies, including the National Planning Framework (NPF), Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), Cork Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (Cork MASP) and Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS). The Plan covers a broad range of issues, including the provision of homes, jobs, schools, retail, amenities and strategic infrastructure, and brings together a wide range of sustainable planning principles informed by broad consultation with residents and interest groups in Cork City and a suite of studies, international comparators and socio-economic forecasts and assessments. This comprehensive development strategy is set out at a whole-city level.

The north side of the City is a vast area, covering almost 100 km² with a population of over 86,000 people in the 2022 Census (NE and NW LEA). Within the overall citywide strategy, the City Development Plan identifies several areas of the north side of Cork City for more focused strategic planning, including Glanmire, Blarney and Ballyvolane, among other areas. Once the strategic planning of each these areas has been undertaken, they will together form an overall plan for the north side within the city-wide context. Significant work has already been undertaken on the north side of Cork City – including the publication in March 2025 of a ‘Integrated Urban Strategy’ for Shandon that sets out an action-oriented roadmap for the Shandon neighbourhood – and significant works continues to be carried out, notably on a major body of work

to prepare a framework plan for the North Blackpool / Kilbarry area. Significant works on active travel, public realm and amenities have been and are being delivered across the north side. Projects which are currently at construction or were completed over the past eighteen months include the Ballyvolane Strategic Corridor Improvement Scheme, Blarney Business Park Active Travel Connection, Glashaboy Flood Protection Scheme, NW City Pedestrian Facility Improvements, Glanmire Roads Scheme Ph 2, Hazelwood Rd Junction, McCurtain St PTI Scheme, Glanmire Road Improvements Ph 1, Dunkettle to Glanmire Pedestrian/Cycle Route, Knapps Square Improvements and the Upper Glanmire Pedestrian Scheme. The current pipeline of schemes at the planning/design stages also includes for infrastructure improvements at Kilcully, Kerry Pike, Blarney, Knockpogue Ave/ Knockfree Ave, Glenryan/ Cattle Market Ave, Mayfield to Glen, Dunkettle to City, Banduff Rd, Nashes Boreen, Colmcille Ave etc.

Other projects referenced in the City Development Plan that are proceeding in the north side of Cork City include the Northwest Regional Park, North Docklands Infrastructure and the Cork Northern Distributor Multimodal Road, which have the potential to unlock investment opportunities that previously only existed in other parts of the City, bringing equivalence of opportunity. Cork City Council will continue to work with other stakeholders including the IDA, State agencies and Government departments to realise the potential in the north side.

Significant social and affordable housing schemes are currently being considered and delivered across the northside. Cork City Council also continues to deliver, on a phased basis, the Regeneration Masterplan for Knocknaheeny which includes the provision of 650 new homes, new public realm and associated infrastructure underpinned by an annual Social Economic and Environmental Programme (SEEP) of community interventions. A large residential development at Old Whitechurch Road is also planned to deliver over 520 homes with a mix of tenure types proposed across the entire scheme, including the reservation of a site for the development of a school by the Department of Education . This project has commenced with Phase 1 of an Affordable Housing Scheme with 38 three bedroom homes recently advertised for prospective purchasers, and on completion will deliver a total of 86 Affordable Homes and 9 social housing homes.

The measures, plans and projects referred to above will be assessed to identify gaps and opportunities for the next City Development Plan.

Niall Ó Donnabháin
Director of Service,
Planning & Integrated Development Directorate.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

Alison O’Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.2 **VACANT PROPERTIES IN NORTH EAST LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA**

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

Can the CE please advise as to exactly how many City Council owned properties are currently vacant in the **North East Local Electoral area** and how long will it take to return each of these properties to service, and provide much needed Homes for the many families in our City currently looking for a Home?

REPLY

Cork City Council currently has 90 vacant properties in the North East Local Electoral Area.

- 18 properties are awaiting tenancy
- 72 properties are currently under repair

It is important to note that the reletting time varies across programmes, and includes the time taken to both repair and upgrade vacated properties to an acceptable letting standard and to relet those properties in line with the City Council's Scheme of Lettings. The degree of work required can vary greatly between properties. Cork City Council prioritises those with the least amount of work, with a view to getting the maximum number of properties returned to service as quickly as possible.

As such, the time taken to relet a property is dependent on the condition of a property at the time of return and how long it takes to relet a particular property depending on uptake and acceptance by applicants on the social housing list.

Alison O'Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.3 **AVERAGE PROCESSING TIME FOR APPLICATIONS TO HOUSING LIST**

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

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the current average processing time for applications to the Cork City Council Housing List? I have been reliably informed by a number of constituents that it is taking an unreasonably long time for applications to be assessed and progressed.

REPLY

The conduct of a social housing assessment is carried out under the criteria detailed in the Social Housing Assessment Regulation 2011, in particular Section 12 refers;

12. (1) Subject to proper completion of the application form by the household and to paragraph (2), the housing authority of application shall deal with

the application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt or, where the authority has requested additional information for the purpose of verifying information relating to the application, within 6 weeks of the receipt of such additional information.

As the time frame for assessing an application is dependent on the Assessment Officer having all the required information, it is not possible to give an average length of time to process an application. However, the table below gives an indication of the volume of application being received in recent years.

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Once an application is received in the Allocations Section it is reviewed to ensure it includes all the necessary documentation. This would include personal information for all household members, income details for the preceding 12 months for all household members, documentation in relation to separation/divorce and property ownership. If any of this documentation is missing the application form may be returned to the applicant with a letter advising what information is required. This initial review is done to reduce the likelihood of delays at assessment stage.

Once a completed application has been received it is forwarded to an Assessment Officer for full assessment. The Assessment Officer may require additional information or clarification in relation to the application. In most cases this relates to information regarding income, previous tenancies with a local authority/Approved Housing Body, access & maintenance arrangements, documentation regarding Mortgage Arrears Process (MARF) (if relevant) or proof of citizenship/permission to remain in the country. If the information is not received within the appropriate time frame an application will remain closed until the applicant re-engages.

It should be noted that changes to the Household Means Policy introduced in March 2021 means that an Assessment Officer is now required to review documentary evidence of income for the preceding 12 months. This can involve a number of interactions with an applicant. In addition, the changes in the income bands introduced in January 2023 saw an increase in applications from households who were previously not eligible. Also, the removal of the Central Broker function on the iHouse system means that we can no longer determine if an applicant has an open application with another local authority. This means that we may need an applicant to provide a letter from a local authority in whose area they previously lived confirming they do not have a tenancy or open application with them. Alternatively, we may have to contact the local authority to investigate this. This additional work, which was not required in previous years, can result in delays in processing an application.

In all cases we endeavour to process an application as quickly as possible. While applications are processed in the order they are received, we do prioritise applicants identified to us as being particularly vulnerable. This would include those in emergency accommodation or at risk of imminent homelessness, Care Leavers, those accommodated in a Domestic Violence refuge or persons unable to leave hospital due to lack of suitable accommodation.

In all assessments where the application is approved, the applicant's credit time on our social housing list is back dated to the date the application was received.

Alison O'Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.4 **ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING**

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

How much money has Cork City Council received in Active Travel funding in the years 2022. 2023. 2024. and 2025?

REPLY

The City Council secured funding for Active Travel and Public Transport Infrastructure projects as follows: 2022 = €29.88m, 2023 = €35.29m, 2024 = €33.10m.

As previously advised, the initial funding allocation for 2025 amounts to €34.5m

The funding was provided over the period in question to advance a broad range of projects including –

- Passage Greenway (Phase 1- Mahon to Marina)
- Mary Elmes Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge
- South Mall Cycle Infrastructure
- Victoria Rd to McSwiney Quay Interim Cycle Scheme
- Melbourne Rd and Donovan's Rd to Glasheen Cycle Improvements
- Grange Rd to Tramore Valley Park (incl N40 Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge)
- Horgan's Quay Cycle Lane
- MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme
- Knapps Square Improvement Scheme
- City Centre Pedestrian Upgrades
- Western Road Pedestrian Improvements
- Ballybrack Active Travel Scheme
- Marina Promenade Pedestrian and Cycle facilities
- Glanmire to City Centre Ph 1 (Village to Dunkettle Roundabout)
- Skehard Rd Phase 3

- Half Moon Lane Upgrade Works
- L2998 Upgrade of Dunkettle Road (Phase 1)
- South Douglas Road (Junction Improvement Scheme)
- Junction Surveys
- Mahon Area Street Renewal Scheme
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- Donnybrook Hill Pedestrian Upgrades
- Kilcully & Upper Glanmire Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
- Curragh Road Improvement Scheme
- Hazelwood Road - Junction Upgrade
- Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures
- Active Travel Measures at Innishmore, Ballincollig
- Active Travel Staff Costs
- Beamish & Crawford Urban Regeneration
- Cork City Wayfinding Project
- Ballyvolane Strategic Transport Project -North Ring Road to Ballincolly
- Blarney Business Park Linkage
- Automatic Cycle Lane Counting/Usage Monitoring
- MID Improvements
- City Centre Pedestrianisations
- Driver Feedback Signs
- Cycle Detection at signalised Junctions
- SCOOT/Urban Traffic Control Review
- Bus Stop and Shelter Upgrades
- ITS Pedestrian Junction Upgrade Schemes
- ITS Public Lighting Projects
- ITS Infrastructure review - Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossings
- Active Travel - Multi Intervention & Pedestrian Crossings
- Additional Bike Parking Infrastructure
- SRTS - Scoil Naomh Caitríona
- SRTS - St. Lukes NS
- SRTS - Bishopstown Community School
- SRTS - Glanmire Community College
- SRTS - Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Riverstown
- Lehanaghmore Road Improvement Scheme
- Glanmire to Riverstown Greenway
- Northern Distributor Road - Route Selection
- Kerry Pike Ped Improvement Scheme
- Frankfield Road Active Travel Project
- Active Travel Measures at Leo Murphy Road, Ballincollig
- Cooney's Lane Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
- Lee to Sea Cycle Route
- Southern Multimodal Corridor
- Model Farm Road Bridge Design
- Viaduct to City Cycle Route Ph 1 Viaduct to Kinsale Road
- Banduff Road Improvement Scheme
- Passage Greenway Project (Phase 2 Mahon to Passage West)

- Glanmire to City Ph 2 (Dunkettle to City) /Pathfinder Project
- Curraheen Pedestrian & Cycleway Upgrade
- SRTS – Gaelscoil na Duglaise
- SRTS – Cork Educate Together NS
- SRTS - Scoil Barra Naofa Buachailli
- SRTS - Scoil Barra Naofa Cailini
- Douglas to Grange Cycle Route
- Sarsfield Road to MTU Active Travel Scheme
- Sarsfield Road to Clashduv Road Cycle link
- Airport Rd Improvements
- Monahan Rd Extension Scheme
- Rochestown Rd to Douglas Active Travel Scheme
- Blarney Village Cycle Route
- Bessboro to Mahon - Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
- Mary St, Douglas St, White St Upgrades
- Glen Ryan and Cattle Market Area Active Travel Improvement Works
- Maryborough Woods Active Travel improvement Works
- Knockpogue Avenue and Knockfree Avenue Active Travel Improvement
- Cork North Docks Public Realm And Transport Infrastructure
- Wellington Road Improvements
- Colmcille Avenue Active Travel Improvements
- Nashs Boreen Active Travel Scheme
- Shanakiel/Strawberry Hill Cycle Scheme
- Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme
- The Glen and North Ring Road Environs Sustainable Transport Improvement Scheme
- South Quays Public Transport Improvement scheme
- SRTS – North Monastery School
- SRTS – Gaelscoiland Teaglaigh Naofa
- Bus Connects – Black Ash Park and Ride

Members will continue to be updated on the progress of the various projects and also on the ongoing development of the overall programme of works and related funding.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development Directorate.

6.5 **MOSS TREES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to detail, in tabular form, the total Spent by Cork City Council on purchase, installation, maintenance of the Moss Trees initiative and to specify where they are stored now and if there is any cost involved to Cork City Council with their current storage location?

REPLY

The total spend is tabulated as follows:

Date	Amount	Details	Total
22/10/2020	€213,063.60	Purchase cost	
06/11/2020	€28,763.59	Purchase cost	
27/11/2020	€124,287.10	Purchase cost	
27/11/2020	€16,778.76	Annual Maintenance	
01/02/2021	€17,755.30	Annual Maintenance	
05/02/2021	€2,396.97	Repairs	
09/12/2022	€17,880.00	Annual Maintenance	
24/07/2024	€8,940.00	Annual Maintenance	
19/07/2024	€14,497.70	Annual Maintenance	
			€444,363.02

The trees are currently located at the Tramore Valley Park and there are no costs associated with their storage.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.6 **TENANT IN SITU**

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

To ask the CE the number of tenant in situ families/households that were sale agreed or at conveyancing, for which insufficient funding was received, that are still at risk of homelessness and whether the Dept Housing have indicated the release of additional funds to purchase these homes.

REPLY

The Housing Directorate is engaging with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on its overall acquisition programme for 2025, and on that basis is reviewing each individual acquisition to determine the best source of funding for same, e.g. SHIP Renewal programme. In the context of this wider review of the Acquisitions programme, final data is not currently available. The Council is, however, engaging with tenants and landlords on all outstanding cases as a case determination is made.

Alison O'Rourke
Director of Services
Housing.

6.7 **SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT – PROCESSING TIME FOR APPLICATIONS**

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

That the CE set out the current processing time for applications for social housing support; the reasons for current delays; and what action is being taken to ensure that applications are processed in a timely manner.

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Alison O'Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.8 **BONDED HOUSE WAREHOUSES**

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 planning status around the historic Bonded House Warehouses, which are now in a very poor state.

REPLY

The Bonded Warehouses are Protected Structures of national significance. The site is in private ownership and the responsibility for the site and building rest with the owners.

There is a live planning application on this site (An Bord Pleanála ref. 308596-20, Cork City Council ref. TP 19/38589) granted by An Bord Pleanála on 22/3/2021 for the redevelopment of the Custom House site at North Custom House Quay and South Custom House Quay, Custom House Street, Cork City, to provide a 240-bedroom

hotel, 25 no. hotel serviced suites and a range of commercial uses including, retail, office, food and beverage, distillery, tourism and leisure.

Cork City Council fully supports the development of this important heritage and gateway site. Following engagement, the owner remains focused on developing the site in line with the granted planning permission and Cork City Council will assist where possible, including exploring potential funding opportunities, to see this realised.

Niall Ó Donnabháin
Director of Services
Planning and Integrated Development

6.9

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

To mark World Bicycle Day, to reflect that cyclists have priority over turning vehicles when travelling straight through junctions, and to be consistent with the example of Dublin City Council, that Cork City Council will review its traffic lights to include flashing amber arrows for left-turning vehicles at junctions, and to synchronise the timing of both general and bike-specific traffic lights so that cycling may continue for the full time that general traffic lights are green, including specifically for eastbound movement from Parnell Bridge to Eamon de Valera Bridge along Albert Quay, and for westbound movement from Brian Boru Bridge to Christy Ring Bridge along Saint Patrick's Quay and Camden Place.

REPLY

The use of flashing amber left turn signal for vehicles approaching a junction (with a green cycle signal for a straight through cycle movement) was introduced in the 2023 cycle manual by the NTA.

As funds are provided by the NTA, each new Traffic signal site is reviewed site specifically and designed for multi modal operation. In the first instance, it is desirable that left-turning motor traffic and straight-ahead cyclists would be separately staged to eliminate conflict risk but this is not always feasible during the design process. The signalling configuration above, does allow for above signalling configuration for cyclists with partial conflict but is not advised in certain situations as a result of high volumes of left turning traffic, two way cycle tracks, poor site and intervisibility lines in addition to high bus and truck left turning use. In addition, the traffic signal configuration may not be amended in isolation but further civil works may be required to facilitate the junction design.

In conclusion, the facility will be actively considered in any future NTA active travel funded schemes as part of the toolkit for signalling as part of overall network and modal management as designs allow.

Paul Moynihan,

Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations

6.10 **TOGHER FLAT COMPLEXES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Further to the recent update from the Director of Services, Housing Directorate, to the South West Ward Local Area Committee regarding the current prioritisation of maintenance works at the Togher flat complexes, I would be grateful if you could provide the following:

- A **timeline for when interim internal and external maintenance works** are scheduled to be carried out at the flat complexes located at **Clashduv Road, Togher Road, and Sycamore Park.**
- A **list in tabular format of all internal and external maintenance works completed to date** at each of these locations, indicating the type of work carried out and the date of completion.

REPLY

The Housing Directorate is continuing to prioritise maintenance requests to these complexes. The Council is aware of the need for a longer-term renovation and refurbishment of this portfolio of apartment complexes and is at the early stages of reviewing this longer-term strategic refurbishment opportunity, and the Directorate will ensure members are fully informed as soon as any strategy is developed. It should be noted that this will be a longer-term programme, requiring careful design and sustainable remediation, as well as needing significant additional funding.

Below are details of all repairs carried out at Clashduv Road, Togher Road and Sycamore Place from the 04/6/2023 to 04/6/2025.

Address	No. of Internal Repairs Completed	Types of Work	No. of External Repairs Completed	Types of Work
Clashduv Road	81	Plumbing, Heating, Electrical, Plastering	52	Electrical, Plumbing, Windows, Carpentry & roofing
Sycamore Place	53	Plumbing, Heating, Masonry Electrical, Plastering	22	Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Masonry
Togher Road	51	Plumbing, Heating, Electrical, Plastering, DPG	48	Electrical, Plumbing, Windows, Carpentry & roofing

Alison O'Rourke,

Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.11 **SITE IN GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the proposed construction start date on the site in Gerald Griffin Street as it is a number of years now since enabling works were completed.

REPLY

The proposed housing development at the Gerald Griffin Street site is currently going through a public procurement process. This process is nearing completion, as it is at the tender stage. On successful conclusion of the tender process, it is the intention of the Council to award a contract, and this will include for a Part 8 planning process. Once Part 8 planning approval is in place the project will then progress to the construction stage, which is due to commence in Q4 of 2025.

Alison O'Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.12 **FOREIGN TRAVEL EXPENDITURE 2024**

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

Further to my question raised at the City Council Meeting on 10th March, 2025, and subsequent correspondence which confirmed the total sum expended on foreign travel by Cork City Council in 2024 as €244,218.37: Can the Chief Executive give an outline of the procedures employed for the approval of foreign travel requests, and kindly detail the processes employed in discharging all foreign travel costs, outlays and expenses, as well as confirm if the CE considers it prudent to publish quarterly reports detailing all [foreign travel expenditure incurred by staff and City Councillors](#) in a like manner to the quarterly data currently published by Dublin City Council?

REPLY

Approval for foreign travel on Council business is required for both Elected Members and Council employees. Elected Members seek approval for international travel through full Council meetings. A new Staff International Travel Policy for Council employees was introduced on 25th March 2025 to strengthen governance in this area.

Applications for foreign travel approval for Council staff require the submission of a detailed business case, which is subject to review by line management and the relevant Director of Services. Final approval rests with the Chief Executive, or Assistant Chief Executive (as appropriate).

The business case consists of a detailed concept note, explaining the purpose of the proposed travel, expected outcomes, and plans for follow up and implementation of concept after the visit. The business case must demonstrate alignment of the proposed travel with Council objectives, demonstrate what external funding opportunities have been sought to support the travel, and demonstrate adherence to the appropriate procurement processes in line with the Public Spending Code.

In the event that travel takes place, a report must be prepared by the travelling member of staff on the impact of the visit and outlining proposed next steps no more than two weeks after the travel is completed. A copy of the business case and report template is available for circulation, and the International Relations Office in the Corporate, Community & Culture Directorate is the central secretariat for the organisation's foreign travel, maintaining a register of foreign travel under the new Policy to facilitate audit, review and budget preparation or amendment. The Office is furthermore a resource for the organisation in planning and executing tangible and value for money programmes of engagement for Cork City Council.

Council's draft *International Relations Strategy* proposes to further strengthen the governance role of the International Relations and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee with regard to foreign travel. Under the proposed *Strategy*, the SPC will review reports of foreign travel and project reports, ensuring impact, value for money, and alignment with the strategic objectives set out in the *Strategy*, in addition to adherence to the Public Spending Code.

To date, the Council has not maintained a central register of foreign travel. However, the introduction of the new Foreign Travel Policy, will offer the opportunity to collate foreign travel details across the organisation. Whilst it is not proposed to publish these details immediately, once the new procedure and process is embedded it would be possible to publish such details. This matter will be referred to the Corporate Policy Group for discussion in due course.

Rebecca Loughry,
Director of Services,
Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

6.13 **62-65 NORTH MAIN STREET**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the buildings at 62-65 North Main Street and to provide detail regarding the Council's plans to bring the said properties out of dereliction?

REPLY

Cork City Council is progressing viability assessments of several options to strategically redevelop properties known as 62-65 North Main Street (inclusive)

enabling the preparation of a conceptual design for consideration and approval by the Executive.

On conclusion of the viability assessment process it is envisaged a formal development proposal will be advanced for planning permission and ultimately commencement of redevelopment.

Niall O'Donnabhain,
Director of Service,
Planning & Integrated Development.

Cormac Ó Súilleabháin
Director of Service,
City Centre Development & Operations.

6.14

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

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a single staff member within an appropriate Directorate who can act as a focal point for issues relating to urban core residential areas like St Luke's, South Parish and Blackpool? These areas are part of the historic urban fabric but have distinct qualities and needs within the city.

REPLY

Cork City Councils Community Team works with communities across Cork City with a focus on communities, the voluntary sector and agencies working together in partnership for the betterment of the community. The Area leads and their contact information are:

- **South West Ward:** Kieran O' Connell. kieran_oconnell@corkcity.ie Ph: 0860105462
- **South East Ward:** Martha Halbert martha_halbert@corkcity.ie Ph: 086 6034102
- **South Central Ward:** Martin Dineen martin_dineen@corkcity.ie Ph: 086 7968946
- **North West Ward:** Sandy McGroarty sandy_mcgroarty@corkcity.ie Ph: 086 1275325
- **North East Ward:** Stephen Murphy stephen_murphy@corkcity.ie Ph: 087 9814803

The Community email is also available: community@corkcity.ie

Any update to area leads will be communicated.

Rebecca Loughry,
Director of Services,
Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

6.15

DERELICT BUILDINGS

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the derelict buildings in our city centre:

Roches Stores- Debenhams' Building - Patrick Street

Savoy Shopping Centre - Patrick Street
Old Maher's Sports / Flor Griffins on Parnell Place
62 - 65 North Main Street
North Main Street Shopping Centre
Old Argos Building - Grand Parade
Old Grand Parade Hotel - Grand Parade
4 - 5 Fr Matthew's Quay

REPLY

Several of the above referenced properties, identified for update, do not fall within the category of '*Derelict*' as defined in the Derelict Sites Act 1990. They would instead be categorised as '*Vacant*'.

These include:

- Roches Stores Building
- Savoy Shopping Centre
- Old Argos Building
- North Main Street Shopping Centre

Those properties are privately owned and are inspected periodically, continuously monitored and subject to active engagement with the property owners to encourage and support the return to use of properties.

In respect of the following Derelict properties, please be advised as follows;

- 62 – 65 North Main Street, Cork:
Cork City Council is progressing viability assessments of several options to strategically redevelop the City Council owned properties known as 62-65 North Main Street (inclusive) enabling the preparation of a conceptual design for consideration and approval by the Executive.
On conclusion of the viability assessment process it is envisaged a formal development proposal will be advanced for planning permission and ultimately commencement of redevelopment.
- Old Grand Parade Hotel
This property is in Council ownership and forms part of the Grand Parade urban block which incorporates the existing City Library. Plans are being developed to consider development options for this important city centre block in the context of the Council's wider ambitions for the regeneration of the area in line with URDF funding secured to date which will see the upgrade of the public realm and redevelopment of Bishop Lucey Park in 2025.
- 4-5, Father Matthew Quay, Cork.
This site is privately owned and is subject of ongoing engagement between Cork City Council Planning & Integrated Development Directorate and the property owner which will hopefully see the return of the property to use as a commercial premises in the short term.
- 7 & 8 Parnell Place, Cork. (Formerly Maher's Sports / Flor Griffins)

The property is currently in private ownership and the City Council is engaging with the owner to help realise its redevelopment as quickly as possible.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Service,
Planning & Integrated Development Directorate.

6.16 **PROPERTIES IN NEED OF RETROFITTING**

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

Could the CE provide a report in relation to the number of Cork City Council's almost 11,000 properties in need of retrofitting to bring them up to energy efficient standards and how many of Cork City Councils tenants have put in requests for housing maintenance in tabular form e.g leaks, window, doors, boilers, heating and more to include a breakdown of these by wards for the periods of 2024 to 1/06/2025.

REPLY

The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Program (Phase 2) will run from 2021 to 2050. Prior to 2025 the aim was to ensure that each house would have a building energy efficiency rating of B2 or better or the cost optimal equivalent. From 2025 the project aims to ensure that all Cork City Council social housing properties achieve a building energy rating of B2 or better. Cork City Council has approximately 9,000 social housing units that need to be improved to achieve the B2 standard. From 2026 onwards the aim will be that all properties retrofitted will achieve an energy rating of A3 or better. All properties built prior to 2008 will be assessed to see what measures need to be installed to ensure that they achieve the A3 building energy rating standard, and a programme of renovation will then be required to be developed, subject to funding. Cork City Council will continue to explore all possibilities for funding what will be a very ambitious and significant programme of retrofitting.

The tables below set out Tenant Requests for Housing Maintenance for the periods 2024 and 2025 broken down by area and type. It is not currently possible to produce these figures fully by local ward area.

	2024 Tenant Requests (01/01/2024-31/12/2024)				
	South Area	North East Area	North West Area	Transition Areas	
Disabled Adaptations	34	27	26	10	
Fitting	48	13	35	12	
Masonry	213	105	142	66	
Plastering	102	84	126	62	
Roofing	249	209	189	119	
Specialist Services	302	182	237	116	

Electrical	1058	665	739	404	
Heating Repairs	1375	905	1332	736	
Painting and Glazing	7	9	4	6	
Plumbing	2020	1189	2001	742	
Security	10	8	9	2	
Carpentry	918	607	772	388	
TOTAL:	6,336	4,003	5,612	2,663	18,614

	2025 Tenant Requests (01/01/2025-01/06/2025)				
	South Area	North East Area	North West Area	Transition Areas	
Disabled Adaptations	31	22	29	7	
Fitting	14	7	23	4	
Masonry	106	53	59	25	
Plastering	53	29	15	30	
Roofing	140	116	98	57	
Specialist Services	135	91	109	68	
Electrical	435	314	315	184	
Heating Repairs	547	376	540	337	
Painting and Glazing	2	2	1	1	
Plumbing	819	520	744	349	
Security	3	5	3	1	
Carpentry	416	329	329	184	
TOTAL:	2,701	1,864	2,265	1,247	8,077

Alison O'Rourke,
Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, a vote was called for on the suspension of standing orders to discuss motion 57 on Appendix 1, Long-Term Vacancy of Council Homes, at the end of the meeting, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O'Connor, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, N. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, A. Deasy. (9)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, and the vote was carried by a 2/3 majority as prescribed in standing orders, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposal to suspend standing orders approved.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, a vote was called for on the suspension of standing orders to discuss motion 47 on Appendix 1, Derelict Buildings on North Main Street, at the end of the meeting, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, F. Kerins, N. O’Connor, J. Lynch, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, N. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M.R. Desmond, S. Martin, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, A. Deasy, T. Coleman. (14)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour of the proposal to suspend standing orders did not meet the 2/3 majority required in accordance with standing orders, An tArdmhéara declared the proposal defeated.

An Chomhairle noted that the motion will be considered, as referred by the Meetings Administrator, by the South Central Local Area Committee.

7. STATUTORY ITEMS

7.1 PROPERTY DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 29th May 2025 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring 197.5 m² (approximately) situated adjacent to 75, Hollyville, Hollyhill, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Alan & Bernadette Raggett, c/o Conor Buckley Solicitor, 80, Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring 55.5 m² (approximately) situated to the rear of No. 107, Ardculen, Hollyhill,

Knocknaheeny, Cork to Carolann Murphy & John Paul Murphy, c/o O' Dowd Solicitors LLP, 6, Crestfield Centre, Glanmire, Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of the freehold interest in property known as 3 & 3A Iona Park to Adrienne Looney, c/o Charles C. Daly & Co. Solicitors, 2, Westbourne Place, Cobh, Cork for the sum of €4,000.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

4. Disposal of the freehold interest in property known as 22, Wycherley Terrace, College Road, Cork to David Morton, c/o BDM Boylan Solicitors, Clarkes Bridge ouse, Hanover Street, Cork, for the sum of €64.00 together with costs in the sum of €550.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5. Disposal by way of exchange of property known as 9, Beara Drive, Knocknaheeny, Cork to James & Michelle Ross, c/o Frank Nyhan & Associates Solicitors, 11, Market Square, Mallow, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by the said James & Michelle Ross, at 90, Killala Gardens, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

6. Disposal by way of lease of the ground floor unit situated at No 79, Glenamoy Lawn, Mayfield, Cork by way of lease to Cork City Partnership CLG c/o O'Flynn Exham Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork subject to a rent of €520.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of land (approximately 1.52 hectares), situated adjacent to Ashbrook Heights, Lehenaghmore, Cork to the Minister for Education, c/o Chief State Solicitor's Office, Osmond House, Ship Street Little, Dublin 8, for the sum of €2,000,000.00 (exclusive of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

8. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of land (approximately 3.08 hectares), situated at Brooklodge, Glanmire, Cork to the Minister for Education, c/o Chief State Solicitor's Office, Osmond House, Ship Street Little, Dublin 8, for the sum of €1,500,000.00 (exclusive of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BLACKTHORN DRIVE, BLACKSTONE BRIDGE, KILLEENS, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd May 2025, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Blackthorn Drive, Blackstone Bridge, Killeens, Cork.

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

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd May 2025, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Blackthorn Drive, Blackstone Bridge, Killeens, Cork, are public roads.”

7.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT GLEANN IRIS, RATHPEACON, KILLEENS, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd May 2025, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Gleann Iris, Rathpeacon, Killeens, Cork.

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

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd May 2025, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Gleann Iris, Rathpeacon, Killeens, Cork, are public roads.”

7.4 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT INNISHMORE**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered the proposed residential development at Innishmore, Ballincollig, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 5th June 2025.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Flynn, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed residential development at Innishmore, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, D. Cahill, H.

Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (25)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí N. O'Flynn, K. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (3)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed residential development at Innishmore approved. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Lynch, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Innishmore, Ballincollig, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Innishmore, Ballincollig, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th June 2025.”

7.5 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 24 THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed development at 24 Thomas Davis Street, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 5th June 2025.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at 24 Thomas Davis Street, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Thomas Davis Street, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th June 2025.”

7.6 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BOREENMANNA ROAD**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered the proposed residential development of Clanrickarde Lodges at Boreenmanna Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 5th June 2025.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed residential development of Clanrickarde Lodges at Boreenmanna Road, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, P. Horgan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, C. O’Connor. (22)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Boylan, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, A. Deasy, G. O’Brien. (7)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed residential development of Clanrickarde Lodges at Boreenmanna Road approved. On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Boreenmanna Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Boreenmanna Road, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th June 2025.”

7.7 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF BUS INTERCHANGE AT THE BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE – PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed development of Bus Interchange at the Black Ash Park and Ride and the report of the Director of Local Area Development and Operations thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development of Bus Interchange at the Black Ash Park and Ride and the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations dated 29th May 2025, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the proposed development of bus interchange at the Black Ash Park and Ride be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, Cork City Council.”

7.8 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STRATEGY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the International Relations Strategy.

7.9 **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Report 2024.

7.10 **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS ALLOCATION FOR 2025**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Sports Capital Allocation Grant Scheme 2025.

7.11 **CORK CITY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders governing the business of Cork City Council.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, a vote was called for to provide for meetings of Strategic Policy Committees without external representatives present to discuss certain items e.g. grant recommendations as outlined in the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, C. O'Connor. (17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien. (12)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed amendment approved.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for on the holding of Ordinary Meetings at the earlier time of 5.00p.m. as outlined in the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. Martin, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch. (8)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed amendment approved.

An Chomhairle approved the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders governing the business of Cork City Council. On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed amendments to Standing Orders and the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 7th May 2025, pursuant to the provisions of Section 44 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, that the revised Standing Orders governing the business of Cork City Council be adopted.”

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 3rd JUNE 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 3rd June 2025.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30/04/2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30/04/2025.

8.2 **WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION MAYORS SUMMIT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved acceptance of the invitation from the World Health Organisation for Cork City to host the World Health Organisation Mayors Summit in Autumn 2026.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 26th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 26th May 2025.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - CAIDREAMH IDIRNÁISIÚNTA & TURASÓIREACHT – 19th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th May 2025.

10.1 **REPORT ON LORD MAYOR-LED DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs, dated 14th May 2025 on the recent visit to San Francisco.

11. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 20th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 20th May 2025.

11.1 **LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME PRESENTATION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the presentation by Mr. Barry Deane, South West Regional Co-ordinator, Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) on the Water Action Plan 2024: A River Basin Management Plan for Ireland and the work of LAWPRO.

11.2 **PRESENTATIONS ON THE GLASHEEN STREAM IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the presentations by Ms. Letizia Cocchiglia on the *Freshwater Ecology Survey of the Glasheen Stream in Cork City* and Dr. Simon Harrison on the *Glasheen River – Overview of the current situation and moving forward*.

11.3 **MOTIONS**

11.3.1 **FEBRUARY PARK OPENING HOURS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 16th May 2025 on the following motion which was held in committee:-

‘That Cork City Council extend February park opening hours till 6.30pm each evening and ensure that weekend opening hours match weekday opening hours as agreed by the Council of 2019 - 2024.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/086)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current opening hours for parks, follows a principal of opening at 8.30am, and closing at a designated time to take account of approximate time of dusk during the year. These parks do not have public lighting which is a Health & Safety factor considered in these closing times.

November to February – 5pm closing

March & October – 6pm closing

April & September - 8pm closing

May & August – 9pm closing

June & July - 10pm closing

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

11.3.2 **STREET PERFORMER BYE LAWS 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 19th May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council amend the Cork City Council Street Performer Bye Laws 2024 by the insertion of the following section after section 8:

“8A. The equipment used by a Street Performer shall not include any electronic amplifier, amplification system or loudspeaker.”

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 25/119)

The report of the Director of Services stated that when Cork City Council approved the making of the Bye Laws in May 2024 the Councillors requested that the Bye Laws be reviewed after 18 months. Accordingly, they are due for review in November 2025.

It should be noted that to date most performers such as singers, guitarists, circus performers use amplification and backing tracks to support their performances. Regarding the noise levels, any performers that Cork City Council inspectors have met that may have been exceeding the 75dB prescribed level have always obliged by lowering the volume when asked.

Cork City Council will consider all information during the 18 month period before making any amendments.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

11.3.3 **COMPOSTING CENTRES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 19th May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will locate composting centres in accessible locations to accept food waste and other easily biodegradable items; or support a social enterprise to collect waste in this way for sale or redistribution as compost.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/136)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council accepts food waste at its Civic Amenity Site in Tramore Valley Park, this waste is collected under licence by a third party and ultimately is recycled / reclaimed by composting and other

biological transformation processes. Cork City Council previously operated a composting centre at TVP however, vermin and odour issues arose around the process which resulted in the current situation being implemented, where food waste received at the centre is sealed in bins for collection and export for composting off site. As part of our climate change goals and in terms of minimising and recycling waste streams, Cork City Council is happy to work with any local enterprise and provide as much advice and support as possible in terms of biodegradable waste.

11.3.4 **ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 19th May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council provide a report to each Local Area Committee by the next scheduled committee on all animal welfare issues currently at play in each of the five electoral wards of Cork City and if the following areas will be addressed in full:

- Number of animal cruelty cases reported
- Processes that Cork City Council have in place and personnel in charge for animal welfare
- Actions carried out by Cork City Council in the last 12 months, in tabular form
- Fines and court proceedings given to those found guilty of animal cruelty.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the primary responsibility for animal welfare lies with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013.

Cork City Council has certain responsibilities in relation to dogs under the Control of Dogs Acts, namely the provision of a Dog Shelter and a Dog Warden service. The CSPCA, as an agent of the Council, and reporting to the Parks & Recreation Department, operate these services for the Council, having a purpose-built Shelter at Mahon and employing three Dog Wardens.

On average the CSPCA receive approx. three calls a week from across the city in relation to possible dog cruelty cases, some of which prove to be mischievous, and endeavour to follow up and investigate. A number of cases are resolved by a visit from the Dog Warden, surrender of the dog, or if necessary, are further escalated by referral to the ISPCA whose officers have powers under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 to investigate such cases and issue fines. Dog Wardens do have powers to issue fines for dog control related issues.

While the Housing Directorate does not have direct responsibility for animal welfare or a dedicated Animal Welfare Officer, 19 cases of animal welfare concerns have been reported to the Housing Directorates for the period May 2024 to April 2025. Cork City Council generally will refer any welfare issues to the ISPCA for investigation in the first instance.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

11.3.5 **EFFECTS OF PAIR TRAWLING IN CORK HARBOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council invite Ecologist and Fisheries Scientist, Ross Macklin to give a presentation and report to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee regarding the effects of pair trawling in Cork Harbour and other Irish coastal areas, including how it is:

- contributing to the collapse of inshore marine ecosystems;
- having a devastating impact on the environment;
- having a detrimental effect on the livelihoods of small fishermen; and
- threatening the long-term socio-economic viability of coastal communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 25/175)

The report of the Director of Services stated that should the Committee be agreeable, the necessary arrangements will be put in place for requested presentation and report to be given at an upcoming meeting.

12. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 22nd MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 22nd May 2025.

12.1 **MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Arts Committee meeting held on 26th February 2025.

12.2 **MINUTES OF AN GRÚPA FORBARTHA GAEILGE MEETING MARCH 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge meeting held on 10th March 2025.

12.3 **MOTIONS**

12.3.1 **ACCOMMODATION CENTRES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs, dated 21st May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises the eviction of families, including those with children going to school, from Designated Accommodation Centres for International Protection in Cork, and supports, including by practical measures, their continued accommodation, at least until alternative accommodation is available.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/241)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team and chaired by the Lord Mayor facilitate and have representation at the Community Response Forum, this platform allows for discussion on various aspects of integration in Cork City. The transfer of residents, including families currently residing in Accommodation Centres for International Protection in Cork City was discussed in detail at the last forum.

Multiple agencies present at the meeting will now discuss the impact of these transfers with their own Management teams. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) based within the Community Team agreed to raise the issue at national LAIT meetings where the LGMA could highlight the impact on integration, as a result of transfers, with the Department of Justice, Integration and Home Affairs.

IPAS currently manage all aspects of accommodation for International Protection applicants and offer alternative accommodation for people who have been issued with a notice to transfer. While acknowledging the wide-ranging impact of transfers, the current system is under pressure to accommodate new arrivals nationwide and therefore people with status are required to move from their current residence. Supports are in place in each location to assist clients on the transfer list, this includes Peter McVerry Trust, who hold regular clinics assisting with housing, and Cork City Council’s LAIT who can facilitate connections with LAITs in other geographical areas who can offer supports on arrival.

12.3.2 **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CORK CITY FIRE BRIGADE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Emergency Management & Climate Action, dated 21st May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE provide an update on the fire cover review being undertaken by Cork City Council, and that an update be provided on the future development of Cork City Fire Brigade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/257)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Fire Cover Review will be published in late May or early June at the latest. An engagement with Council can be arranged once the report has been published.

12.3.3 **AUDIT OF PLACENAMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the joint report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, and Director of Services, Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs, dated 21st May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would conduct an audit of the different placenames that are placed at the entrance to different areas with a view to highlighting gaps in areas and bringing consistency to the naming process. This can be done in co-operation with the various community associations with a view to increasing the sense of identity for different communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 25/262)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council (Parks & Recreation Department) have worked with many local community groups, primarily Tidy Towns organisations, when approached, in supporting them in the provision of welcome signs in their areas. The City Council itself does not provide the signs, but will continue to provide support to local groups when asked to have identity placenames in their local areas.

Cork City Council through the Community Team support a range of Community Associations and Groups across the city annually. In September, the Community Section will host a Community Associations Forum and in advance will examine potential for an audit of signage and signage needs for collation and consideration by Council.

12.3.4 **RENAMING OF BISHOP LUCEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs, dated 22nd May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That, in view of the Ryan Report, the McAleese Report and the most recent Report of The Scoping Enquiry into Sexual Abuse in schools run by Religious Orders, Cork City Council forthwith remove the name of Bishop Cornelius Lucey, under whose watch and term of office and administrator, both as serving priest and bishop of the Diocese of Cork and Ross, much of the abuse, documented, proven or alleged, be it sexual or physical or psychological, occurred, from the public park on Grand Parade for whom he was named by a previous decision of Council.

In addition, that the park be renamed Páirc na mBan Chorcaí to do honour to the women and girls who were victims of the institutional abuse that occurred under his reign both as priest and bishop and also to do honour to the women of Cork who participated valiantly in our War of Independence, such as Muriel McSweeney and

Mary McSweeney among others, and to celebrate the lives of Cork women who have distinguished themselves in Poetry, Literature, Theatre, Music, Art and Academia and those who have voluntarily contributed to the causes of Social Justice through various forms of community work and campaigning for betterment of social conditions throughout the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 25/109)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion was referred from the Party Whips meeting of 24th March 2025 to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

There are currently no plans as part of the redevelopment of the park to rename Bishop Lucey Park. Should Council request that this matter be progressed a process will be undertaken to explore same.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, a vote was called for on the approval of the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, M. Gould, K. Collins, D. Cahill, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, G. O’Brien. (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, B. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, N. O’Connor, C. O’Connor. (8)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir D. Boyle. (1)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the report of the Director of Services approved.

13. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 13th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 13th May 2025.

14. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 3rd JUNE 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 3rd June 2025.

14.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

14.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF APRIL 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to the end of April 2025.

15. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 14th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Sports Committee from its meeting held, 14th May 2025.

16. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th May 2025.

16.1 **MOTIONS**

16.1.1 **OLD WATER FONT AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 22nd May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘I ask that the old water font (painted yellow) situated on the southeast corner of the Lough be repurposed and re commissioned so as to provide fresh water for hydration for the many numbers of the public who utilise the Lough as an area to exercise. I also ask that a doggie water font be situated at the base of the said old water font so as the many dog walkers can allow their pets to hydrate also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 24/434)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Parks Department keeps this fountain in good decorative order. However, there are no available staff resources at present to facilitate this request but the proposal will be kept under review should an opportunity arise to progress.

As the initial reply stated, we don’t have the staff time to follow up on this at present. Any repurposing work will require investigation of water connection possibilities, specialist knowledge of old drinking fountains and the management of this work. If an opportunity arises in the medium term we will follow up.

17. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th May 2025.

18. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th May 2025.

19. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th May 2025.

20. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th MAY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th May 2025.

21. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

22. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries of conferences/seminars attended as follows:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB AGM, held at Galway City and County Council Offices, Co. Galway, 2nd May 2025.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Public Affairs Ireland Upcoming Audit and Risk Committee Workshop, held at Grand Canal Hotel, Co. Dublin, 29th March 2025.
- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the AILG Module 3 Training Seminar, Emergency Response – Councils supporting Communities in Weather Crises, held at Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Sligo, 22nd May 2025.

23. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir O. Moran – Cork ETB – January to May 2025.
- Comhairleoir O. Moran – Cork Local Drug Task Force – January to May 2025.
- Comhairleoir O. Moran – CORE – January to May 2025.

24. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

25. **TRAINING**

None received.

26. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management report for April 2025.

27. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1 attached, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

An Chomhairle noted that motion 57, Long-Term Vacancy of Council Homes, would be discussed under suspension of standing orders.

28. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 14th APRIL 2025**

28.1 **TENANT IN SITU SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council notes that the Tenant in Situ Scheme was an essential tool in preventing homelessness.

It allowed local authorities to buy properties from landlords who otherwise would have carried out no-fault evictions.

Last year, hundreds of families in Dublin were prevented from becoming homeless because of this effective scheme.

Cork City Council is deeply concerned that the Minister for Housing James Browne has cut funding to this scheme and introduced criteria that will result in more people becoming homeless.

Cork City Council urges the Minister for Housing to immediately reverse his decision and to reinstate the scheme in full.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/186)

29. **MOTIONS**

29.1 **END THE SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council agrees that the Central Bank of Ireland can and must act to end the sale of Israel Bonds under its authority.

It must immediately end regulation of the bonds. It must end its complicity in genocide. This is a moral obligation and a legal obligation under the Genocide Convention, international human rights and CFT legislation, under Irish Human Rights Law and Ireland as a neutral country must not act in any way to facilitate these bonds unless there is an immediate cease fire, end to killing and a lasting peace.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Tynan, Cllr. K. Collins 25/298)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, F. Kerins, D.

Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Martin, A. Deasy. (2)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill. (2)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

29.2 **RAISE THE ROOF RALLY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises the impacts of the housing and homelessness emergency on workers, families and communities in Cork and endorses the Raise the Roof rally in Cork on 21st June at 2pm gathering at the National Monument on Grand Parade.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Gould, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. H. Kamegni, Cllr. B. McCarthy, Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/300)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, P. Horgan, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, C. O'Connor. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, G. O'Brien. (8)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

29.3 **SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Education and ask her to reverse the decision that was made not to fund Scoil Íosagáin Farranree. The application was made to fit out a fourth ASD class and employ one teacher and two sna's.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/304)

29.4 **AWAAB'S LAW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘I call on Cork City Council as a matter of urgency to forward the following motion to the Minister for Housing, Minister for Health, and Taoiseach Micheál Martin:

I am highlighting the severe conditions that renters of both social and private accommodation are facing, with regards to mould and dampness in their homes.

In a recent case in the UK, a coroner blamed the death of a young child on unsafe living conditions due to mould.

The UK is currently preparing legislation on this issue. Awaab's Law, is named after the tragic case of 5-year-old Awaab Ismail, who died after being exposed to damp and mould in his council flat. This legislation is due to be signed into law by Autumn of this year, which reflects on the urgency of the problem.

I call on the Government to enact similar legislation in this jurisdiction in order to avoid preventable illness and death due to unsafe living conditions caused by mould and damp.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 25/313)

29.5 **TRADE WITH THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to An Taoiseach Micheál Martin urging him to include both goods and services in any proposed redrafted bill banning trade with the Occupied Palestinian Territories.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 25/336)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir M. Gould to address the meeting on the following motion, after which a discussion took place, and An Chomhairle approved the motion:-

LONG-TERM VACANCY OF COUNCIL HOMES

‘That Cork City Council notes:

- Families in Cork city are crying out for homes while homes are being left to rot
- FOI data released to Sinn Féin shows at least 345 Council homes are vacant in Cork City
- 196 of these have been vacant longer than 12 months and 99 have been vacant longer than 2 years

- The latest NOAC report found it takes on average 32.49 weeks to return homes in Cork city to use
- The €11,000 provided by central government for return of vacant properties to use is too low for properties that need significant repair and red-tape and bureaucracy create barriers to accessing these funds

And agrees to:

- Write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage requesting he urgently revise his approach to returning these homes to use and end long-term vacancy of Council homes by allowing Cork City Council do their job, renovate these homes and allocate them to families and people who desperately need them.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/338)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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