COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ
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CORK CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
CORK

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an data thíosluaite, ar a **3.30 A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH** chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **3.30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

GNÁTHCHRUINNIÚ – DÉ LUAIN, 9ú SAMHAIN 2026

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2026

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

   An Chomhairle to consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

   An Chomhairle to consider any item the Chief Executive may wish to raise.

5. **MINUTES**

   An Chomhairle to consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign the minutes of:-

   - Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 12th October 2026.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

   Questions submitted enclosed.

7. STATUTORY ITEMS

7.1 PROPERTY DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Chief Executive, dated 29th October 2026 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in property known as No. 8 Grange Terrace, Grange Road, Cork to Christine Corrigan c/o Alan McGee Solicitors, 96 Main Street, Townparks, Midleton, Co. Cork, for the sum of €190,000.00, plus costs of €3,000.00 plus VAT.

7.2 GLANMIRE PARK – PART 8 PLANNING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179(4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). An Chomhairle to consider the proposed Glanmire Park and the report of the A/Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate thereon, dated 4th November 2026, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and, if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz, Glanmire Park and the report of the A/Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council dated 4th November 2026, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), that the Glanmire Park be carried out as recommended in the said report of the A/Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council."

7.3 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT GERALD GRIFFIN STREET, BLACKPOOL, CORK

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed development at Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool, 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 16th October 2026 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool, 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 Gerald Griffin Street, Blackpool, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th November 2026."

7.4 TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BROOK LANE, POULACURRY NORTH, GLANMIRE, CORK

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd October 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in

charge of roads serving the development at Brook Lane, Poulacurry North, Glanmire, Cork, and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 22nd October 2026, the observations received, 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 Brook Lane, Poulacurry North, Glanmire, Cork, are public roads."

7.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 6 HILLSBORO PLACE, OLD BLACKROCK ROAD, CORK - GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 19th October 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of three 1-bed apartments and one 2-bed apartment at 6 Hillsboro Place, Old Blackrock Road, Cork and if so decided 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 €1,423,360.00 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of three 1-bed apartments and one 2-bed apartment at 6 Hillsboro Place, Old Blackrock Road, Cork."

7.6 **CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) BYE LAWS 2026**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th October 2026 in relation to the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye Laws 2026 and approve the Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye Laws 2026, in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 as amended by Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

"In the matter of the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2026, Cork City Council, having given notice to the elected Members of Cork City Council, the Garda Commissioner and Transport Infrastructure Ireland and having complied with the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004 as amended by Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws, representations received following publication of notices and the Director of Services Report dated the 19th day of October 2026 and having considered the written submission with respect thereto, it is hereby resolved to make the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2026 in accordance with the draft attached hereto."

7.7 **PUBLIC ART POLICY**

An Chomhairle to consider and if so decided to approve the Public Art Policy.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 3rd NOVEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 3rd November 2026.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2026

J. Hallahan presented the Financial Statement of Cork City Council to 30th September 2026.

Decision of the Group

It was agreed to accept the Financial Statement to 30/09/2026 and to refer to An Chomhairle for noting.

8.2 MOTIONS

8.2.1 AI KILL SWITCH

Members considered the report of the Head of ICT, dated 29th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will ensure there is an AI kill switch for any and all AI platforms in its control and will seek the new Commissioner for AI office to develop a public sector AI kill switch as per the National Cyber Security Centre document securing AI adoption in the public service.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/479)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Head of ICT, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.2.2 DEDICATED, USER-FRIENDLY ONLINE REPORTING PORTAL

Members considered the report of the Head of ICT and the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 29th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would establish a dedicated, user-friendly online reporting portal on the Cork City Council website, along with a downloadable mobile application, similar to systems already operated by other local authorities in Ireland, through which members of the public can quickly and easily report defects, hazards and other issues requiring Council attention.

The portal and app should allow residents to identify the precise location of an issue using an interactive map or GPS location, upload photographs where appropriate, select the nature of the problem being reported and receive a reference number so that the report and its progress can be tracked. The mobile application should offer the same functionality as the website, so that residents can report an issue at the moment they come across it while out and about.

The system should include, but not be limited to, the reporting of damaged or defective footpaths, potholes and road-surface defects, damaged kerbs, blocked gullies and drainage

issues, faulty public lighting, damaged road signs and street furniture, issues arising from road openings and reinstatements, and other defects or hazards within the public realm.

Reports should be electronically directed to the appropriate section of Cork City Council to streamline the reporting and administrative process, help Council staff identify and prioritise works, reduce duplicate reports, and give residents greater visibility into the status of issues they have raised.

Cork City Council would also actively promote the portal and mobile application following their introduction so that residents, community organisations and elected members are aware of the service and encouraged to use one centralised reporting system.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 26/481)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Head of ICT and the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9. PARTY WHIPS – 27th OCTOBER 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 27th October 2026.

9.1 MEETING SCHEDULE 2027

Party Whips were presented with a proposed Meeting Schedule for 2027.

Decision of Party Whips

Members considered the draft Meeting Schedule and agreed to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10. TRANSPORT & MOBILITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - IOMPAR & SOGHLUAISTEACHT – 19th OCTOBER 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 19th October 2026.

10.1 MOTIONS

10.1.1 **UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR A SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, and the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That the CE provide an update on planning for a Southern Distributor Road; to set out what engagement there has been with relevant State bodies regarding same; when the layout of a possible route will be published; and what the next steps are in progressing the project.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/341)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Directors of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.2 **DAYLIGHTING AT JUNCTIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will pilot daylighting at specific junctions across the city in order to improve pedestrian visibility and will focus on places first such as the junction of Ballintemple and Beaumont Drive, and the junction of Douglas East and West.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/418)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.3 **LIST FOR AUTOMATIC CAMERA ENFORCEMENT**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would identify problem junctions and yellow box areas that would form a list for automatic camera enforcement and present such a list to members of the Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee in Q4 2026 in consultation with Gardaí Traffic Corps and our own traffic light system.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/190)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.4 **REVIEW OF RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations, dated 15th June 2026 on the following motion:-

'That as part of a review of resident parking permits, that such permits are not issued where property leases are shorter than twelve months in duration.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/226)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - STRAITÉISEACHT, FORBAIRT EACNAMAÍOCH, FIONTAR & PLEANÁIL – 19th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 19th October 2026.

11.1 **MOTIONS**

11.1.1 **PLANNING CONDITION ON SIGNAGE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will, within the next development plan, instigate a planning condition on signage for our city centre streets and suburban villages that is commensurate with the ethos of that street and that vape shopfronts will not be permitted along with the colours and lighting currently used by many such shopfronts.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/354)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.2 **DERELICTION STAFFING RESOURCE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will seek the resources from central government to expand the dereliction staffing resource exponentially to tackle dereliction and vacancy with a minimum of 5 staff per ward to be hired and 10 dedicated to the city centre to be funded by central government in the forthcoming budget by the Minister for Finance.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/355)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.3 **RAINWATER HARVESTING MEASURES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council shall require all new domestic developments to consider use of water butts and other rainwater harvesting measures; and that the existing Objective 5.23 to the Cork City Development Plan ("To encourage all development proposals to include rainwater harvesting measures.") shall be revised to require their consideration.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/376)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.4 **COMMERCIAL RATES VACANCY ABATEMENT**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will remove the commercial rates vacancy abatement in full for the forthcoming budget process as a measure to force commercial owners sitting on vacant units to return them to use.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/353)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.5 **PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE ENGLISH MARKET**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council include an upgrade and increased number of public toilets in the English Market as part of the €7.5 million regeneration fund.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/534)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.6 **EXPLANATION SIGNS FOR WORKS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will mandate any body carrying out works in public spaces to display a "What's going on here?" sign which explains in plain language the works being carried out, by whom and how long they are expected to take.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/168)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.7 **MEANWHILE USE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'Has Cork City Council a plan to make vacant properties available for meanwhile use?'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/242)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.1.8 **RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 19th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That, for any property in a location qualifying for payment of Residential Zoned Land Tax that is identified by or reported to Cork City Council as being derelict (irrespective of whether it meets the criteria of dereliction) and is suspected or reported to be vacant, Cork City Council shall report the property and any relevant information to Revenue for pursuit of payment of Residential Zoned Land Tax; and that the property owner will be informed of this on any notice posted at the property relating to dereliction and vacancy.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/267)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

12. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - TITHÍOCHT – 20th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 20th October 2026.

12.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

Members considered the Housing Progress report for August 2026.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the Housing Progress report and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for noting.

12.2 **MOTIONS**

12.2.1 **REPORT ON HOUSING**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th June 2026 on the following motion which had been held in Committee:-

'That Cork City Council agrees to publish a report listing:

- The number of households on the housing list by Bedroom qualification (i.e 1-Bedroom, 2-Bedroom etc)

- The number of households on the housing transfer list by Bedroom qualification (i.e 1-Bedroom, 2-Bedroom etc)

- The number of homes in the social housing pipeline by number of Bedrooms
- The number of applications for each of the Affordable Purchase Schemes launched in the last 2 years
- The number of social homes in each ward.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/272)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Acting Director of Services, and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

12.2.2 **CORK STUDENT HOUSING CO-OP**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 16th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That the Director of Services for Housing will meet with representatives from the Cork Student Housing Co-Op with a view to the Council working constructively with the group to address the student housing crisis.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/391)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Acting Director of Services, and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

12.2.3 **RESCIND OR AMEND HOUSING CIRCULAR 07/2026**

Members considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, James Browne:

calling on Minister Browne to either rescind or amend Housing Circular 07/2026 so as to ensure that the Rightsizing Scheme being operated by Cork City Council (under which eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling can apply to move to a more suitable dwelling and whereby Cork City Council purchases the applicant's property at a reduced price and offer the applicant a lifelong tenancy in their new dwelling) continues to benefit from Department funding for the purchase of eligible applicants' private dwellings, on the basis that:

- this practical, commonsense, award-winning scheme is beneficial to said applicants as it provides them with a more suitable, comfortable and accessible dwelling for the purpose of ensuring their quality of life, health and safety for the future;

- this practical, commonsense, award-winning scheme is beneficial to the wider community as the acquired properties free up larger homes for Cork City Council to give to families in need of more space;

- a number of Part 8 developments were approved by the members of Cork City Council on the basis of information supplied to City Councillors to the effect that the proposed Part 8 development concerned was for the purpose of the existing Rightsizing Scheme and would be open to both existing tenants of Cork City Council aged 60 years and over and eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling (for instance the Cooneys Lane 'rightsizing' development, which was passed by the members of Cork City Council on the basis of such information in September 2025);

- as the effect of Housing Circular 07/2026 (which was introduced in February 2026 with immediate effect) was to discontinue Department funding to Cork City Council for the purchase of eligible applicants' private dwellings under the Rightsizing Scheme resulting in previously eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling being excluded from the Rightsizing Scheme, the information supplied to the members of Cork City Council to the effect that the relevant Part 8 development being voted on was for the purpose of the existing Rightsizing Scheme and would be open to eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling was incorrect and misleading information, which in turn calls into question the validity of any such decisions made by the members of Cork City Council in reliance on information that has proven to be incorrect and misleading;

- any previously eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling, who have made applications to Cork City Council in respect of Part 8 developments for the purpose of the Rightsizing Scheme passed by Cork City Council prior to the introduction of Housing Circular 07/2026, have a legitimate expectation to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme, as they would have made those applications in accordance with the established practice that they were entitled to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme and would have made the applications on the basis of representations made to them by local councillors and Council officials to the effect that they were eligible to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme (including the fact that they were able to access application forms to apply for the Rightsizing Scheme , fill out said forms, submit the forms to the City Council and have the forms received and processed by the City Council);

and requesting Minister Browne to ask the civil servant primarily responsible for the introduction of Housing Circular 07/2026 to attend a meeting of Cork City Council to explain the policy, reasoning and rationale that led to the drafting and introduction of Housing Circular 07/2026 and whether proper and sufficient consideration was given to the consequences of said Circular, particularly as regards:

- the fact that the practical, commonsense, award-winning Rightsizing Scheme being operated by Cork City Council, which was so beneficial to applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling as it provided them with a more suitable, comfortable and accessible dwelling for the purpose of ensuring their quality of life, health and safety for the future will now no longer be available to said applicants;

- the fact that no more properties will now be acquired by Cork City Council under the scheme resulting in fewer larger homes being available to Cork City Council to give to families in need of more space;

- the fact that, as a number of Part 8 developments were approved by the members of Cork City Council on the basis of information supplied to City Councillors to the effect that the proposed Part 8 development concerned was for the purpose of the existing Rightsizing Scheme and would be open to both existing tenants of Cork City Council aged 60 years and over and eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling (information which, due to the introduction of Housing Circular 07/2026 has turned out to be incorrect and misleading) there is now a question mark as to the validity of such decisions, made, as they were, in reliance on incorrect and misleading information;

- the fact that, any previously eligible applicants aged 60 years and over who own their own private dwelling, who have made applications to Cork City Council in respect of Part 8 developments for the purpose of the Rightsizing Scheme passed by Cork City Council prior to the introduction of Housing Circular 07/2026, have a legitimate expectation to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme, as they would have made those applications in accordance with the established practice that they were entitled to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme and would have made the applications on the basis of representations made to them by local councillors and Council officials to the effect that they were eligible to be included in the Rightsizing Scheme (including the fact that they were able to access application forms to apply for the Rightsizing Scheme , fill out said forms, submit the forms to the City Council and have the forms received and processed by the City Council).'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 26/431)

Decision of Committee

Members discussed the motion and it was agreed that the motion would be referred back to An Chomhairle for further consideration.

13. COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 29th OCTOBER 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 29th October 2026.

13.1 MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE - 29th APRIL 2026

Members considered the minutes of the Arts Committee meeting held on 29th April 2026.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the Arts Committee, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for noting.

13.2 **MINUTES OF AN GRÚPA FORBARTHA GAEILGE - 21st APRIL 2026**

Members considered the minutes of An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge meeting held on 21st April 2026.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the minutes of An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for noting.

13.3 **MOTIONS**

13.3.1 **REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN PUBLIC ART IN CORK CITY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 11th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council recognises the underrepresentation of women and girls in public art, monuments, plaques and street naming across Cork City, and the need for our public spaces to better reflect the full diversity of Cork's history and communities; and calls for a citywide audit of existing representation, the development of a Cork City Gender Equality in Public Art Action Plan with clear targets, meaningful engagement with local communities, schools, artists and historians, and the integration of gender-balanced representation into all future public realm, regeneration and cultural projects.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/308)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.2 **SIR HENRY'S NIGHT**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 11th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council have a "Sir Henry's night" ticketed event on culture night at the Counting House Plaza. Sir Henry's was the life of Cork City in the 1990's and brought the rave scene to another level. It put Cork on the world stage for dance music bringing the best DJ's and bands to our fantastic city. Shane Johnson and Greg Dowling of the label Fish Go Deep were the resident DJ's and should be asked to perform on the night.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/310)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.3 **NEW CORK CITY LIBRARY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, and the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 23rd October 2026 on the following motion:-

'Can Cork City Council give a report on what were all the options for the new Cork City Library and the criteria for the eventual selection of the Counting House? Are there proposals for the existing library on the Grand Parade that can also address adjacent dereliction?'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/311)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Directors of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.4 **CORK CITY ALERTS SYSTEM**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 22nd October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council shall use the Cork City Alerts system to notify residents of (a) Local Community Safety Forum meetings happening in their area; and (b) public consultations relating to matters in their area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/322)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.5 **FULL-TIME DISABILITY OFFICER**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 17th June 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will appoint a full-time Disability Officer to represent the needs of the disabled in designing access to services, housing, public transport, footpaths and amenities, all of which determine disabled people's capacity to participate in the economic and social life of the city; that this shall include both visible and invisible disabilities; and that the Chief Executive shall include allocation for this in the draft budget for 2027 presented to members.'

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/324)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.6 **EXPANSION OF DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 1st October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council supports the expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to more communities across Cork City and engages with relevant partners to explore funding opportunities for its expansion.

In particular, that the Council explores extending the programme to Togher and Ballincollig through their local Family Resource Centres, giving more children from birth to age five access to free books and supporting early literacy and a lifelong love of reading.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/439)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.7 **DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE NEW CITY LIBRARY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 16th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will organise a design competition, including proactive engagement with schools, for the new city library and will indicate its plans, their timeline and priority through the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund for the existing city library and the adjacent 54 Grand Parade as part of the public consultation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/453)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.8 **ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 13th October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality requesting dedicated Government funding for the appointment of a full-time Accessibility Officer for Cork City Council, with appropriate seniority and resources.

Given that the commitment in the Programme for Government to expand the role of Disability Access Officers in Local Authorities, the Council further requests that the Minister outline the funding arrangements and timeframe for implementation of this commitment.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/528)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.9 **SCHEDULE TO RING THE BELLS IN THE CLOCK TOWER AT CITY HALL**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 21st October 2026 on the following motion:-

'In the interests of placemaking, to contribute positive sounds to the audio landscape of our city, to mark special times and days, and to potentially engage tours and schools in a novel activity, that Cork City Council will consider options and implement its preferred option for a new automatic/manual schedule to ring the bells in the clock tower at City Hall. Suggested options include:

a) on the hour every hour, with the number of rings reflecting the time, e.g. 12 rings at 12 o'clock, on an automatic 12-hour basis or agreed schedule,
b) at the start, middle and end of the working day,
c) a melody to coincide with the calendar of events at City Hall, including meetings of the City Council, visits of special guests and public events, and
d) to reflect the bell-ringing schedule usually followed elsewhere, such as Saint Colman's Cathedral in Cobh.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/515)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.10 **FORTHCOMING MATCHES VERSUS ISRAEL IN THE NATIONS LEAGUE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 16th March 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council's sports section will call on the FAI to not fulfil the forthcoming matches versus Israel in the Nations League because of the continued war crimes perpetrated by the Israeli state and such a message should be forwarded to the President of UEFA, An Taoiseach and the Minister for Sport.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/122)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

13.3.11 **INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 14th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council will arrange an event with local schools on International Men's Day this November to highlight the importance of good role models for young men and to tackle the stigma of mental health and suicide.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/252)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

14. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 13th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 13th October 2026.

15. **DOCKLANDS COMMITTEE – 15th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Docklands Committee from its meeting held, 15th October 2026.

16. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 2nd NOVEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 2nd November 2026.

17. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING 15th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 15th October 2026.

18. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2026.

19. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 27th October 2026.

19.1 **MOTIONS**

19.1.1 **WATER FOUNTAINS FOR THE NORTH WEST LAC**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 24th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would report on the progress regarding the implementation of water fountains for the North West LAC, funding for which was passed in the 2025 LAC Budget.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/326)

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, members agreed to refer the report to An Chomhairle for further consideration.

19.1.2 **RESURFACE INTERNAL ROADS IN KNOCKPOGUE AND KNOCKFREE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 22nd October 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council resurface the internal roads on Knockpogue Avenue, Knockfree Avenue and Knockpogue Park as part of the active travel scheme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/501)

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, members agreed to refer the report to An Chomhairle for further consideration.

20. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2026.

21. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th October 2026.

22. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 29th October 2026.

23. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

24. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note the summaries by Members of conferences/seminars attended, if any.

25. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle to note section 141 reports received, if any.

26. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at conferences/seminars tabled on the night, if any.

27. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at training tabled on the night, if any.

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

An Chomhairle to note the Chief Executive's monthly management report for September 2026.

29. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle to note 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.

30. **MOTIONS**

30.1 **TOURIST TAX**

'That Cork City Council write to An Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Simon Harris, the Minister for Public Expenditure, Jack Chambers and the Minster for Housing & Local Government, James Browne again calling on them and the Irish government to introduce legislation which permits local authorities to levy a "tourist tax" on hotels within their respective local authority areas, and which:

- makes it the responsibility of the elected members of each local authority to decide on whether to introduce such a levy in their local authority area;

- makes it the responsibility of the elected members of each local authority to decide on the rate of any such levy on an annual basis;

- ensures that the entirety of funds raised from the "tourist tax" is allocated to the local area committees or municipal district councils of the relevant local authority; and

- ensures that it is the responsibility of the local Councillors on those local area committees or municipal district councils to decide on how the funding is to be spent within their local electoral area or municipal district.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 26/490)

30.2 **GARDA ALLOCATIONS FOR CORK CITY**

'I ask that we the Elected Members of Cork City Council call on the Minister for Justice, Mr. Jim O'Callaghan TD, the Taoiseach Mr. Micheál Martin TD and the Garda Commissioner, Mr. Justin Kelly to ensure going forward that Ireland's Second City, Cork City, receives its fair share of Garda Allocations so as to ensure that the people of Cork can be safer, feel safer and live safer and sleep safer in the knowledge that the Garda numbers are adequate within the city to deal with the everyday incidents that occur in every community.

Cork City received 2 new Gardaí in the last deployment which quite simply is not good enough, in fact, in my own words it was disgraceful and this cannot be accepted anymore. Cork City needs 20/25 new Gardaí from each deployment or at the very least 8 to 10% of future and all deployments. We are the second largest city in Ireland, we have lawlessness on the rise, we have open drug dealing in our streets, we have prolific shop lifting, we have assaults, car thefts and much much more. At the same time we have Garda Stations closed or unmanned. All of this is because the Garda resources we currently have are being stretched to the limit and while they do their very best there simply is not enough Gardaí in Cork City to deal with what happens in Cork City in a fashion that would create/be a deterrent for crime and this needs to be addressed in the immediate future.

I thank you for supporting this motion.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 26/545)

30.3 **OPPOSING MILITARY INTEGRATION**

'That Cork City Council condemns the government's squandering of hundreds of millions of euros on advanced military radar hardware from international arms corporations while working class communities face severe housing and healthcare crises.

This Council asserts that this massive spending is a calculated manoeuvre to quietly weave Ireland into the infrastructure of foreign military alliances, systematically eroding our traditional neutrality.

Therefore, Cork City Council resolves to write to the Minister for Defence to demand a freeze on any plans to link Irish surveillance data with foreign networks. We insist on legally binding guarantees that these radar assets remain under the absolute, independent

control of the Irish state and are never integrated into European or NATO command structures.

This Council further resolves to forward this motion to all Cork TDs to make it clear that public wealth must be spent on local public needs, not imperialist military alignment.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Struthers 26/551)

30.4 **BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC HISTORY**

'That Cork City Council will write to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and the Minister for Education and Youth to request the explicit inclusion of Black and minority ethnic history, colonialism, slavery, migration, and anti-racism within the curriculum.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/571)

30.5 **INCREASE IN ROAD DEATHS**

'That this Council, noting that since 2019 road deaths in Denmark have decreased by 28% while in Ireland they have increased by 30%, seeks a response from the Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority as what is being done there while not being followed here that may be of significance in reversing this negative trend.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/584)

30.6 **SUSTAINABLE IMMIGRATION POLICY**

'That Cork City Council acknowledges that the scale and pace of immigration into Ireland in recent years has contributed to significant economic, social and infrastructural pressures, including increased demand for housing, healthcare, education, transport and public services;

Recognises that these pressures are being experienced across Cork City and that residents' concerns regarding the scale and management of immigration should be openly acknowledged and discussed.

That Cork City Council write to An Taoiseach calling on him and the Irish Government to assess the economic, social, cultural and wider societal costs and benefits of immigration, and to publish and implement a clear plan to ensure that immigration policy is sustainable, aligned with Ireland's capacity to provide housing, public services and essential infrastructure, and avoids placing disproportionate pressure on existing residents and communities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/602)

NUALA STEWART
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

5ú Samhain 2026

APPENDIX 1

MOTIONS

An Chomhairle to note the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

1. **BUS SHELTER AT CORK AIRPORT BUS STOP NUMBER 233121**

'I propose/request from the relevant authority that a bus shelter be installed at Cork Airport bus stop number 233121 so as to provide adequate shelter to public transport users who are left exposed to extreme weather conditions in open ground at this very isolated area.

I ask that the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee will take on board my proposal and forward my request onto the NTA/Bus Éireann and ask that the said request be acted on as quickly as possible so as to provide adequate protection/shelter to the many people who live in Rathmacullig East/West and the Farmers Cross area and who endure extreme weather conditions at the bus stop bearing the number (233121) which is situated in open ground near the exit from Cork Airport.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 26/537)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht – 21/12/2026

2. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

'That Cork City Council prioritise the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Model Farm Road at the Church Hill/Hilton Park junction to address growing pedestrian safety concerns, increasing traffic volumes and the needs of residents in surrounding housing developments.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/538)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

3. **NATIONAL-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN (NRPP)**

'To ask Cork City Council in light of the National-Regional Partnership Plan (NRPP) being a central component of the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), as proposed by the European Commission in the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion of Europe, agriculture, rural and maritime prosperity and security, that Cork City Council convene a special meeting to prepare a submission to the Irish Government/Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service, Reform and Digitalisation (DEPR) and where relevant the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), so as to ensure that the clear requirements of Cork City are considered at an early stage in the composition of the NRPP.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 26/539)

International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Caidreamh Idirnáisiúnta & Turasóireacht – 16/11/2026

4. **BANNING OF WEARING BALACLAVAS IN PUBLIC PARKS**

'That this Council will update the byelaws of our public parks to reflect the Criminal Law, Civil Law and Defence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 to include banning of the wearing of balaclavas in public parks when being used to shield faces from identification in the course of criminal and anti-social behaviour and will notify Gardaí of same amendment.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/540)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 17/11/2026

5. **VISION ZERO**

'That this Council will undertake a review of Vision Zero elements it can provide in the next 2 years for this Council term now that the 30km speed limit review has concluded and an action plan for Cork Vision Zero Renewed will be produced by the Transport Strategic Policy Committee for the next Council term 2029 to 2034 to guide investment in pedestrian and road safety for all users.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/541)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht – 21/12/2026

6. **JUNCTION OF CHURCH ROAD AND BLACKROCK ROAD**

'That the junction of Church Road and Blackrock Road will be lined to show the correct turning area and a traffic review of the junction to ensure safe guidelines are being met here by motorists.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/542)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/11/2026

7. **FLAT TOP SPEED RAMPS**

'That this Council will establish special flat top speed ramps similar to the ones used in Glasheen for the Ballinlough Road as a measure to reduce speeding at congested areas along the road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/543)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/11/2026

8. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MEADOWBROOK, GLANMIRE**

'That Cork City Council examine, as a matter of priority, the provision of a designated pedestrian crossing between Meadowbrook and John O'Callaghan Park in Glanmire, with a view to improving safety for children, families and other pedestrians accessing this important community amenity, and that the Roads and Transportation Directorate identify a suitable location and funding mechanism for the proposed crossing.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/544)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

9. **ROAD MARKINGS AT TINKERS CROSS, MAYFIELD**

'That Cork City Council arrange, as a matter of urgency, for the inspection and reinstatement of the road and lane markings at Tinkers Cross on the R635 in Mayfield, including the approaches from Glanmire and Ballyvolane and the traffic-light-controlled junction with Old Youghal Road.

The existing markings have become severely worn and, in places, are barely visible, causing confusion among motorists regarding the correct lane positioning and creating a potential danger for drivers and pedestrians at this heavily trafficked junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/546)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

10. **REPAINTING OF YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT LOONEY'S CROSS**

'That Cork City Council arrange for the repainting of the faded yellow box junction markings at Looney's Cross, where Bishopstown Road, Curraheen Road and Woodbrook Road meet, adjacent to the Bishopstown Bar, to improve visibility, traffic flow and road safety at this busy junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/547)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

11. **PROPOSED JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ARDROSTIG CROSSROADS (R849 BANDON ROAD / L5037 WATERFALL ROAD)**

'That Cork City Council provide an update on the proposed junction improvements at Ardrostig Crossroads, including the new pedestrian crossing, upgraded footpaths, removal of the existing traffic island and junction redesign, outlining the current status of the project, funding arrangements and anticipated timeline for commencement and completion of works.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/548)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

12. **PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM MAYFIELD TOWARD GLANMIRE**

'That Cork City Council notes that while major capital works for the North Ring Road are currently stalled awaiting external funding, the pedestrian route from Mayfield toward Glanmire remains a severe daily hazard that requires immediate Council intervention.

For working class residents who cannot afford a car and are penalised by an unreliable public bus service, walking this narrow route remains treacherous and isolating.

Therefore to protect the safety of the local residents, we request that the Chief Executive arrange for the Roads Department to carry out an immediate pedestrian safety assessment report of this location.

This safety report must specifically examine the feasibility of using internal local operational funding to deliver immediate safety measures, including but not limited to:

- The installation of a traffic safety mirror opposite the Castle Park exit to give walkers and drivers actual line-of-sight around the blind corner.
- The feasibility of a raised traffic-calming table or a relocated raised zebra crossing positioned safely back from the bend to physically force vehicles to slow down.
- The application of high-visibility road markings, such as continuous white lines, to stop drivers from cutting across lanes on this narrow stretch.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Struthers 26/549)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

13. **FUTURE PROOFING HOUSING DELIVERY POST TURNKEY PHASING**

'That Cork City Council recognises that relying on private developers and turnkey schemes has not worked for our city, leaving costs too high and working class families waiting years for a home.

With the government phasing out these turnkey setups from 2027, the Council needs to be ready to build homes ourselves so housing delivery doesn't grind to a halt.

Therefore, this Council, using its reserved functions over the City Housing Strategy, agrees to shift our policy toward building public housing directly on public land.

To get this moving, this Council requests that the Chief Executive bring a report to the chamber within 60 days outlining:

- The practical steps needed to get a proper Direct Labour Unit back up and running inside the council.

- A plan to launch a Council Apprenticeship Scheme so young people from local working class areas can get secure trade jobs with decent union rates.

- A clear list of all Council owned land ready for direct build housing projects.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Struthers 26/550)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht – 22/12/2026

14. **REPUBLICAN PLOT, ST. FINBARR'S CEMETERY**

'That Cork City Council will install an interactive information panel at the Republican Plot, St. Finbarr's Cemetery as well as some seating in the green area adjacent to the public toilets which should be upgraded. Council will also consider improving signage to the Cemetery from the city centre and other areas. And as part of the Revolutionary Trail Cork City Council will install QR codes at Republican Monuments and Plaques where feasible.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/554)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 19/11/2026

15. **BELL'S FIELD**

'That Cork City Council install additional seating and picnic tables at Bell's Field to improve the experience at this fantastic amenity for locals and tourists.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/555)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

16. **COMMUNITY BASE FOR LOUGH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE**

'That Cork City Council recognises and supports the valuable contribution of the newly formed Lough Tidy Towns Committee in enhancing the local environment, biodiversity and community pride, and calls on the Council to engage proactively with the committee to identify and secure a suitable local base for meetings, equipment storage and volunteer activities, including examining the potential use of existing Council-owned buildings or facilities in the vicinity of the Lough.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/556)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

17. **CENTENARY OF DALY'S BRIDGE**

'That an event or events be organised to mark the centenary of Daly's Bridge next April 2027.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/557)

Party Whips – 23/11/2026

18. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS ON SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

'That the pedestrian crossing lights on South Douglas Road behind Douglas Shopping Centre and all the way to Douglas Community School be checked and fixed. They are regularly not working.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/558)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

19. **HEDGEROW IN BALLINLOUGH COMMUNITY PARK**

'That the hedgerow in Ballinlough Community Park and intruding onto the footpath on Boreenmanna Road be trimmed back.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/559)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/11/2026

20. **ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE**

'That the side lights on St. Patrick's Bridge be fixed.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/560)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

21. **INCREASES TO SOCIAL HOUSING TENANT RENT**

'That Cork City Council recognises:

- The ongoing cost of living crisis that is impacting families and households across Cork city
- The need for Council to take all possible measures to alleviate these pressures

And agrees to:

- Scrap any proposal for universal increases to social housing tenant rent
- Write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking additional funding through the Local Government Fund to offset any funding deficit.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/561)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht – 22/12/2026

22. **PARKING AT O'CONNELL SQUARE/SHANDON PLAZA**

'That Cork City Council would assess O'Connell Square/Shandon Plaza re parking. Post construction, the area has now been vacated by the builders. Before they moved in there were two bollards and a large planter preventing parking in the Plaza. Since their departure

there is a glut of parking there. It should be restored to a no-parking area as was agreed with SARA many years ago.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/562)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

23. **CLONLARA ESTATE, KERRY PIKE**

'The Cork City Council would begin the process of taking in charge Clonlara Estate, Kerry Pike.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/563)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

24. **PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR KERRY PIKE**

'That Cork City Council would give a progress update on the Pedestrian Improvement scheme for Kerry Pike.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/564)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

25. **INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV**

'That Cork City Council will identify locations and report on progress towards the installation of solar PV on its properties, including solar canopies at the Black Ash Park & Ride and the rooftops of the North Main Street and Paul Street car parks, as well as other suitable properties; and that the Chief Executive will confirm whether Cork City Council or its social housing tenants qualify for SEAI grants for domestic solar panels.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/565)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 17/11/2026

26. **BURNING OF ILLEGAL FUELS**

'That Cork City Council will report on its strategy to identify households engaged in the burning of smoky fuels and waste, and to identify the sources of these fuels; and on the public awareness campaigns undertaken by Cork City Council to warn residents of the dangers to households and the community from the burning of illegal fuels.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/566)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 17/11/2026

27. **CLEAN AIR ZONE IN THE CITY CENTRE**

'That Cork City Council will report on the monitoring and effectiveness of the Clean Air Zone in the city centre; and on the potential to extend the zone, for example to include Cornmarket Street, North Main Street and Half Moon Street/Academy Street.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/567)

City Centre Committee – 25/11/2026

28. **'WELCOME TO CORK' PACK FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

'That Cork City Council will consider the production of a 'Welcome to Cork' pack for new residents of the city (and even existing ones), containing maps of their local area identifying key public and third-sector destinations such as parks, libraries and community centres, and vouchers for local businesses and cultural activities; and that Cork City Council will coordinate with the NTA for a Cork-based Leap Visitor Card (as exists in Dublin) to encourage new residents to get to know the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/568)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 19/11/2026

29. **CORK COMMUNITY MEDIA HUB AND CORK COMMUNITY TV**

'That Cork City Council will liaise with Cork Community Media Hub and Cork Community TV regarding their need for premises, and will outline possible locations for them, such as Council-owned sites, as part of plans for the Butter Exchange building in Shandon, or potentially on site with the new City Library.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/572)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 19/11/2026

30. **SKIDDYS HOMES**

'That Cork City Council take ownership of said homes in Pouladuff Road and Vicars Road and working in tandem with government agencies redevelop the sites with a view to doubling the density.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/573)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

31. **MURPHY'S GARDENS**

'That Cork City Council redevelop Murphy's Gardens. These homes are in very bad condition and redevelopment could double the density in a prime location adjacent to all public amenities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/574)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

32. **TREE AND HEDGE CUTTING**

'That the tree and hedges on the slip road leading from Capwell to the South Link Road be cut back as it is now totally overgrown.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/575)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

33. **SULLIVAN'S LANE**

'That flashing amber lights be installed on this road warning motorists of the dangers on this road and educating of the speed limit. This was a rural lane that now finds itself part of a major urban artery due to ongoing developments.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/576)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

34. **TOILETS IN DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

'That Cork City Council will investigate the possibility of opening the toilets in the Douglas Community Centre for periods of time to facilitate parents and children who frequent the adjacent playground.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/578)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/11/2026

35. **RENTAL OF CAR PARKING SPACES**

'That Cork City Council recognises the rise in car parking spaces contained in the curtilage of private homes being rented out separately to the rental, or otherwise, of the relevant homes. The City Council will undertake an awareness campaign to highlight the fact that the rental of car parking spaces in this way would require planning permission and to further highlight the consequences should a parking space be rented out without the relevant planning permission having been granted.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/579)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 21/12/2026

36. **"PERMIT TO PLANT" OR "GREENING PERMIT" REGIME**

'That Cork City Council will report on the feasibility of the Council pursuing a "permit to plant" or "Greening Permit" regime, similar to that available in many French cities where members of the public may apply for permits allowing them to plant trees or plants on public land adjacent to their homes subject to certain criteria/conditions.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/580)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 17/11/2026

37. **TWO-WAY CYCLE LANES ON NORTH MAIN STREET**

'That a priority for active travel infrastructure should be the completion of an inner city loop that would see two-way cycle lanes being provided on North Main Street, integrating with cycle lanes either side of it.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/581)

City Centre Committee – 25/11/2026

38. **MOUNT SION ROAD**

'That footpaths and road resurfacing on Mount Sion Road be given priority in the making of future works programmes.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/582)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

39. **CYCLE LANES ON ANGLESEA STREET**

'That the cycle lanes on Anglesea Street be upgraded as part of the current works programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/583)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

40. **GREEN/PLANTER AREAS AT DENROCHES CROSS**

'That Cork City Council shall undertake urgent maintenance of the green/planter areas at Denroches Cross, Glasheen; and that a plan be put in place for their ongoing care and maintenance.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/585)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

41. **TRAFFIC/PARKING-RELATED CONCERNS IN BISHOPSTOWN**

'That Cork City Council provide an update re consideration of a recent submission prepared by Wilton Avenue, Upper Bishopscourt and Merlyn Lawn Residents' Association with regards traffic/parking-related concerns in their area, which will only be exacerbated by the opening of a new funeral home at the former PTSB site on the Curraheen Road, Bishopstown.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/586)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

42. **PATHWAY LINKING FIONN LAOI AND THE POWDERMILLS**

'That Cork City Council provide an update regarding works to be undertaken at the damaged section of pathway linking Fionn Laoi and the Powdermills at Ballincollig Regional Park; and that a timeframe be set out for works to be completed.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/587)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

43. **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE MAGLIN ROAD**

'That Cork City Council provide an update on the status of public lighting installed on the Maglin Road in Ballincollig as part of ongoing development in the area; and if the developer can be engaged to ensure the lighting is operational pending the taking-in-charge process concluding, given the number of homes now occupied in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/588)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

44. **LOADING BAY AT EVERGREEN ROAD**

'That this Council provide a loading bay at Evergreen Road near the Mountain Bar to facilitate local businesses.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 26/589)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

45. **CORK'S DETENTION BARRACKS**

'That Cork City Council agrees to provide an update on the agreed process to add Cork's Detention Barracks on Rathmore Road to the Register of Protected Structures, any

engagement that has been undertaken with the site owner and provide a timeline for the process.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/590)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

46. **WALKWAY IN RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

'That Cork City Council resurface the walkway in Riverview Estate behind property no.'s 18-24. This is the only part of the walkway not resurfaced.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/591)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

47. **PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATORS**

'That Cork City Council would put a scheme in place to identify areas across Cork City where there is currently no publicly accessible defibrillator, or where existing defibrillators are outdated, defective or no longer fit for purpose.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/592)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 19/11/2026

48. **WATER PRESSURE AND PUBLIC LIGHTING IN KNOCKNAHEENY**

'That Cork City Council investigate the ongoing water pressure issues and public lighting outages affecting terraces in Knocknaheeny, establish whether these issues are linked to the ongoing regeneration works in the area, and provide a report back to Council on its findings and proposed solutions.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/593)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

49. **FOOTPATH ON THE R617**

'That Cork City Council install a footpath on the R617 from the Blarney Business Park to the junction of Clogheenmilcon Blarney and install a bus stop close to this junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/594)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

50. **PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH ACCESS IN BALLYVOLANE**

'That Cork City Council finish the works for pedestrian footpath access in Ballyvolane, linking Meelick Park / Park Court / Meadow Park / Clonard estates to each other and the North Ring Road / services.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/595)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

51. **TRAFFIC CALMING ALONG GLEN AVENUE**

'That Cork City Council having omitted Glen Avenue from the 30km speed limit, implement traffic calming along Glen Avenue.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/596)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

52. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT TINKER'S CROSS/ NORTH RING ROAD/ MAYFIELD**

'That Cork City Council looks at the pedestrian crossings at Tinker's Cross/ North Ring Road/ Mayfield and without delay reinstates road traffic / pedestrian crossing lining and seeks funding from NTA to make pedestrian crossings safer and raised to make safer for pedestrians.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/597)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

53. **INCOME LIMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN CORK CITY**

'That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Housing asking him to increase and benchmark the income limit eligibility for social housing in Cork City with appropriate independent levels that reflect wages in our society.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/598)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht – 22/12/2026

54. **ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT WESTBURY ESTATE**

'That Cork City Council urgently undertake a review of road safety and traffic conditions within Westbury Estate, Wilton, with particular regard to:

1. Speeding traffic posing a serious risk to residents, particularly children and vulnerable road users.
2. Traffic safety at the estate entrance, particularly its junction with Sarsfield Road.

3. Non-resident and indiscriminate parking, especially adjacent to the green areas near Sarsfield Road, which narrows roadways, restricts visibility and impedes safe access.
4. The safety of children using the estate's green areas, whose ability to play safely is being compromised by traffic movements and inappropriate parking.

That the Council identify and implement appropriate traffic-calming, parking management and road safety measures to address these concerns as a matter of urgency.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/600)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/11/2026

55. **REVIEW OF CORK CITY COUNCIL'S PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS**

'That Cork City Council urgently bring forward the comprehensive review of its Part 8 planning process, committed to in July 2025 and reaffirmed in September 2025, and present its findings and recommendations to elected members, with a clear timetable for implementation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/601)

Corporate Policy Group – 14/12/2026