

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. N. Murtagh, A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. Mr. N. Carroll, A/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. C. Ó Súilleabháin, Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator. Ms. V. Keating, Staff Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Rourke family on the death of Norman O'Rourke.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Frank McCarthy.
- The Twomey family on the death of Finola Twomey.
- The Kelleher family on the death of Denis Kelleher.
- The Gibbons family on the death of Paul Gibbons.
- The Love family on the death of Ellen Love.

- The Ó Sé family on the death of Eileen Ó Sé.
- The Mullery family on the death of Melissa Mullery.
- The Black family on the death of Kay Black.
- The Daly family on the death of Sean Daly.
- The Forde family on the death of Kevin Forde.
- The Spillane family on the death of Michael Spillane.
- The Buckley family on the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Buckley.
- The Walsh O'Regan family on the death of Marie Walsh O'Regan.
- The O'Connell family on the death of Mary O'Connell.
- The Dorney family on the death of Philip (Phil) Dorney.
- The Healy family on the death of Tim Healy.
- The O'Keeffe family on the death of Gladys O'Keeffe.
- The Brennan family on the death of Sean Brennan.
- The McGrath family on the death of Brendan McGrath.
- The Cleary family on the death of Jim Cleary.
- The Donaghy family on the death of Malachy Donaghy.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Tom McCarthy.
- The Murphy family on the death of David Murphy.
- The Shellard family on the death of Ronnie Shellard.
- The Keohane family on the death of Gerard F. Keohane.
- The Walsh family on the death of Dominick Walsh.
- The Humphreys family on the death of Eoin Humphreys.

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

- St. Michael's GAA on the inaugural Frank Barry Memorial Tournament.
- Douglas Golf Club on their double All-Ireland, winning the AIG Women's and Men's Senior Cups.
- Fórsa Trade Union on mobilising school secretaries and caretakers for pay equity.
- The Everyman Theatre on the appointment of their new co-CEO team.
- Allan Russell, Mark Russell, Damien Delea, Emmet Leahy on raising urgent funds for Palestine by completing four peaks in under 48 hours.
- Ballinlough Summer Festival on the holding of a very successful festival.
- Blackrock Village Festival on the holding of a very successful festival.
- Avondale United on the holding of the Annual Memorial Charity Match.
- Ringmahon Rangers on their first game under lights.

## 3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

### 3.1 **SCHOOL VISITS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the annual school visits had been postponed in light of industrial action but had now recommenced.

3.2 **SPECIAL MEETING**

An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle of the arrangements for the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

3.3 **INTIMIDATION OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

An tArdmhéara condemned the recent online intimidation of public representatives and emphasised the importance of civility and respect in public discourse.

3.4 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR ST. FINBARR'S NATIONAL HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of a Civic Reception for St. Finbarr's National Hurling & Football Club on its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

3.5 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR CITIZEN'S INFORMATION NETWORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of a Civic Reception for Citizen's Information Network on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

3.6 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR CHERNOBYL CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of a Civic Reception for Chernobyl Children International on its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

3.7 **COVENTRY IRISH SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to Coventry from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for the Coventry Irish Society's Annual Dinner.

3.8 **2025 UN FORUM OF MAYORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to Geneva from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for the 2025 UN Forum of Mayors.

3.9 **CORK TRADE MISSION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, Chair of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee, to Canada from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 to lead the Cork City Council representation on a Cork Trade Mission, organised by Visit Cork, with the support of the Irish Embassy in Canada.

### 3.10 **LORD MAYOR LED DELEGATION TO SHANGHAI**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a Lord Mayor led delegation to Shanghai will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 and invited members to nominate themselves to participate in the visit.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss motion 60 on Appendix 1, School Wardens in the New City Areas, at the end of the meeting.

### 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

#### 4.1 **ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY CENTRE DIRECTORATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Executive on the establishment of the City Centre Directorate, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### 5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### 6. **QUESTION TIME**

#### 6.1 **INSURANCE CLAIMS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the number of insurance claims received for the council as a whole for the years 2024 and 2025 year to date, broken down into category of claim (roads, footpath etc) and amount paid out in total for each category, in tabular form, per year and what impact financially that is having on insurance premiums taken out by Cork City Council.

### **REPLY**

The number of insurance claims received in relation to the year 2024 per category is as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Council Buildings	4
Drains, Gulleys & Chamber covers	23
Footpaths & Walkways	65

Housing & Estates	24
Parks & Playgrounds	1
Roads (incl. Potholes)	111
	<b><u>228</u></b>

The number of insurance claims received in relation to the year 2025 per category is as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Drains, Gulleys & Chamber covers	12
Footpaths & Walkways	25
Housing & Estates	12
Parks & Playgrounds	1
Roads (incl. Potholes)	71
Signage	1
	<b><u>122</u></b>

It should be noted that not all of these claims remain open. Some have been settled (and included in payments below)

Others are in progress or liability has been denied or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability has been identified.

The payments made in 2024 and 2025 are irrespective of the year to which the claims refer.

The payments are as follows:

#### **2024**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Paid</b>
Council Buildings	1	€ 1,376.98
Drains, Gulleys & Chamber covers	12	€ 59,060.64
Footpaths & Walkways	66	€1,540,675.70
Housing & Estates	20	€ 151,763.80
Parks & Playgrounds	3	€ 29,000.00
Roads (incl. Potholes)	98	€ 315,211.00
	<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>€2,197,088.12</u></b>

**2025**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Paid</b>
Drains, Gulleys & Chamber covers	8	€ 243,471.12
Footpaths & Walkways	28	€ 677,777.68
Housing & Estates	8	€ 29,533.00
Parks & Playgrounds	1	€ 7,250.00
Roads (incl. Potholes)	54	€ 161,644.88
	<b>99</b>	<b>€1,119,676.68</b>

Cork City Council is self-insured for public liability.

The public liability premium is not dependent on the level of claims received

Barry O'Hare,  
A/Chief Financial Officer.

## **6.2 ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS BY WARD**

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

Can the Chief Executive please provide, in tabular form, a breakdown of how many Active Travel projects have been delivered in each municipal ward of Cork City over the past five years?

### **REPLY**

**The following projects have been completed or are currently under construction:**

<b>Northeast Ward</b>
Ballyvolane Sustainable Transport Corridor Improvement Scheme
Dunkettle Road Phases 1 and 2
Hazelwood Rd Junction Upgrade
Riverstown Junction Upgrade
Glanmire Roads – Church Hill/R639, 10310/East Cliffe Rd, Dooleys Lane/New Link Road (L3010 – Hazelwood Road) etc
Glanmire to City Phase 1 (Glanmire to Dunkettle)
Glanmire Road Improvement Scheme – (R639 @ Churchill Road Junction, Glanmire Bridge/ Village and Dunkettle Rd Phase 1)
MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme (MacCurtain St, St Patricks Quay, Wellington Rd, Hardwick St, St Patricks Hill, Leitrim St (part), Bridge St (part), and Coburg St (part) etc
Upper Glanmire and Kilcully Pedestrian Safety Scheme Ph 1
Horgans Quay/ Lower Glanmire Rd. Improvements
Mary Elmes Bridge
Pedestrian crossings (Assumption Road, Scoil Cara Junior School)

<b>Northwest Ward</b>
John F Connolly Road/ Churchfield Road Pedestrian Improvements
Pedestrian Improvements at Fairfield, Monacnappa etc
Blarney Business Pk Linkage scheme
Blarney Pedestrian Improvement Works
Knapp's Square and Lower John's Street Area Pedestrian and Cycle Measures
MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme (Camden Quay, Pine St, Devonshire St, Leitrim St (part), Bridge St (part), and Coburg St (part)) etc
Harbour View Rd. - North/South section between Blarney Rd. & Harbour View Rd.
Footpath, gateway signage, Driver Feedback Signs, Killard
Pedestrian crossings (Kerry Pike and St. Colmcille's Road)

<b>Southwest Ward</b>
Lehenaghmore Road Improvement Scheme
Active Travel Improvement Works Innishmore Ballincollig
Pedestrian Improvement Works South West (Muskerry Estate to Castle Road, Churchview, Glendale Rd to Clashduv, Hillside Avenue to Glendale Drive, Westgate Road to Fremont Estate - Western Entrance, Hazel Road to Elm Road, Halldene Avenue to Waterfall Rd, The Rise, Eastern Entrance, The Rise Western Entrance, Donscourt to Woodbrook Grove, Kenley Close, Leesdale 1 – North, Leesdale 2 – South and Lee Fields Path Upgrade)
Schoolboy lane (Glasheen Road to Magazine Road AT Link)
Melbourne Rd + Rossa Avenue Cycle Improvements
Togher Flood Protection and Public Realm Works
Pedestrian crossing Inniscarra Rd/Coolroe Rd

<b>Southeast Ward</b>
Marina Promenade
Marina Park - Phase 2 and 3
Mahon Area Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme
Donnybrook Hill Pedestrian Enhancement Scheme
Ballybrack Valley Pedestrian and Cycle Track, Phase 4A
Calderwood Road Pedestrian Improvement Works
Passage to City Centre Greenway - Phase1 (N40 to Docklands)
Skehard Road Improvements Phase 2
Skehard Road Improvements Phase 3
Douglas Flood Relief Scheme Public Realm Works
Victoria Rd to McSwiney Quay Cycle Lane

Monahan Road and Centre Park Road Cycle Lanes
Junction upgrade including pedestrian crossings Park Avenue/Blackrock Rd
Junction upgrade & pedestrian crossing Our Lady of Lourdes School Ballinlough Rd/Belair
Pedestrian improvements Linden Avenue/Rosegreen

<b>South Central Ward</b>
Morrison's Island Public Realm and Flood Defence Project
Bishop Lucey Park and Surrounding Streets (South Main St, Tuckey St, Crosses Green etc)
Beamish & Crawford Public Realm & 2 No Bridges
Grange to Tramore Valley Park AT Route (incl new N40 Bridge)
Pedestrian Wayfinding Scheme
City Centre Crossing Renewals
Half Moon Lane Improvement Scheme
Tramore Valley Park Footway and Cycleway Improvements
South Douglas Road Junction Upgrade
MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme (Merchants Quay, Andersons Quay, Lavitts Quay etc )
Curragh Road Junction Upgrade
South Mall Cycle Lane
Donovans Rd cycle lane scheme
Victoria Rd to McSwiney Quay Cycle Lane
Pedestrian crossing upgrades (Grattan St and Bellevue Rd)

**In addition, the following projects are at the feasibility, preliminary design, planning or detailed design stages:**

<b>Northeast Ward</b>
Banduff Road Improvement Scheme
Upper Glanmire and Kilcully Pedestrian Safety Scheme Ph 2
Glanmire Greenway
Glanmire to City Phase 2 (Dunkettle to North Docks)
Mayfield to Glen AT Scheme
North Docks/New Horgans Rd
Cork Northern Distributor Rd
Hazelwood Linkage
Colmcille Ave Active Travel Improvements
SRTS - St. Luke's NS, O'Mahony's Avenue
SRTS - Glanmire Community College
SRTS - St Josephs NS Riverstown
Pedestrian Crossings Riverstown Road (Glanmire GAA, Hermitage Estate, Glanmire Community Centre)
Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade, Scoil Oilibheir

Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for Ballyhooly Road (Gordons Hill / Glen River Car Park)
Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for R615 Old Youghal Road / Church Hill

### **Northwest Ward**

Blarney Village Pedestrian and Cycle Infrastructure
Knockpogue Avenue Active Travel Improvement Works
Kerry Pike Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
Cork Northern Distributor Multimodal Route
AT Improvements at Cattle Market Avenue and Glen Ryan Road
Nash's Boreen Active Travel Scheme
Shanakiel to Strawberry Hill AT Route
Pedestrian Crossing Tower to Blarney Road at Shournagh Drive
Pedestrian Crossing Tower to Blarney Road at Primrose Hill Estate
SRTS - North Monastery Campus
Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for Kerry Road (Tower Playground near junction with R617)
Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for L2779 Model Quarter/Glenview Terrace Junction, Tower
Fair Street (Traffic /AT Feasibility Assessment)
Blarney St (Traffic /AT Feasibility Assessment)

### **Southwest Ward**

Leo Murphy Road Improvements Scheme
Cork City to Viaduct Greenway (Phase 1 - Kinsale Rd. Roundabout to Eagle Valley)
Carrigrohane Bridge Multi-Modal Upgrade and Road Realignment Scheme
Curraheen Pedestrian and Cycleway Scheme
Sarsfield Rd to Clashduv at Scheme
Sarsfield Rd to CIT at Scheme
Rossa Ave /Allendale /Foxford Ave Pedestrian Improvements
SRTS - Bishopstown Community School
SRTS - St. Catherine's NS, Bishopstown
Junction improvements Magazine Rd/Coolgarten Park/Glasheen Rd
Pedestrian Crossing Glasheen Rd/Tara Lawn

<b>Southeast Ward</b>
Monahan Road Extension
Docklands to City Centre Route Improvement Scheme
Passage to City Centre Greenway - Phase2 (N40 to City boundary)
Active Travel Improvement Works
Maryborough Woods
South Docks Infrastructure
Rochestown Rd to Douglas AT Scheme
Bessboro to Mahon Cylce link
Clarkes Hill/ Coach Hill Improvements
Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Church Street, Douglas
Pedestrian Crossing & junction improvements Eglantine Park/Ardfallen at Scoil Bhride
Junction improvements Blackrock Rd/Barrings Avenue

<b>South Central Ward</b>
Frankfield Road Improvement
Cork City to Viaduct Greenway (Phase 1 - Kinsale Rd. Roundabout to Eagle Valley) Scheme
Cooneys Lane Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
Emmet Place Enhancement Scheme
Anglesea St Sustainable Travel Upgrade
Mary Street, Douglas Street & White Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme
City Centre Street Renewals (Cook St, Princess St, Marlboro St, Grafton St)
N27-Airport Road Improvements Ph 2
Clontarf Bridge Refurbishment
Tramore Rd to Tramore Valley Park Link
Pedestrian Crossing Pearse Road at Scoil Maria Assumpta
Junction improvements Tower St/Friars Walk/Greenmount
Junction improvements Shear St/Dyke Parade
Pedestrian Crossing Grange Road at Tramore Valley Walkway
Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Donovans Rd
SRTS - Gaelscoil na Duglaise
SRTS - Cork Educate Together (Grattan Street)
SRTS - Gaelscoil an Teaglaigh Naofa
Lower Friars Walk Active Travel Improvements
Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for South Douglas Road (Greenhills Estate)
Pedestrian Crossing feasibility for South Douglas Road (Palaceanne Lawn)
SRTS - Gaelscoil na Duglaise

G O Beirne,  
Director of Services,  
Infrastructure Development.

Noel Murtagh,  
A/ Director of Services,  
Roads & Environment Operations.

### **6.3 TAKING N CHARGE OR IN CHARGE**

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

I write to ask the CEO who has responsibility over an area of ground/pathway at Nuns Walk, Cork.

The pathway in question is located on the North East corner and is shared by numbers 21,23 and 25 Nuns Walk. It is accepted that the said pathway would have a right of way for the residents concerned but questions have recently been expressed as to who exactly has ownership of and or has responsibility for the said pathway.

#### **REPLY**

This pathway is taken in charge by Cork City Council. It is not in the ownership of Cork City Council. Responsibility for maintenance of the path would rest with Cork City Council.

Noel Murtagh,  
A/ Director of Services,  
Local Area Development & Operations Directorate.

### **6.4 SPRING LANE/ELLIS' YARD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on delivery of the Spring Lane/Ellis' Yard housing development; if a 'third site' has been identified as part of the re-development plan; and if it is possible to proceed without the 'third site' or to identify another?

#### **REPLY**

The third site is currently being considered under a competitive dialogue public procurement process. Dialogue is ongoing between the City Council and the Bidder on the proposed housing solution for the site and if successful at this stage will then be subject to a Part 8 planning process.

Nicky Carroll,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing Directorate.

6.5 **VERNON MOUNT HOUSE**

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

To ask the CE on the current planning status of Vernon Mount House and the work to unlock its dereliction.

**REPLY**

Vernon Mount House was placed on the Derelict Sites Register in 2021 and has been accruing levies since that time. Cork City Council is actively engaging with the owners to offer its assistance with any redevelopment plans in order to secure a positive outcome for this important and challenging site.

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

6.6 **NWQR Phases 3B & 4A**

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

To ask the CE to account for the delays in the NWQR Phases 3B and 4A, whether the current timeline provided by the Department will be met, the overall cost of these delays when compared to original projected costs and how a home in Ard na Rí, Pouladuff costing almost €500,000 was included in the regeneration funding provided by the Minister.

**REPLY**

**CNWQR Phase 3B and Phase 4A**

The City Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) is a multi-annual multi-disciplinary programme of projects delivering housing led regeneration in Knocknaheeny.

The regeneration is delivered on a phased basis. The overall CNWQR programme is linear and interdependent. Regeneration project programmes by their nature are flexible owing to the risks associated with brownfield sites, existing topography, infrastructure and public realm requirements, phased delivery and the specific housing needs of existing residents requiring relocation.

Programmes for individual phases provided pre-construction contract award are estimates and subject to change. The phased programmes are updated once the construction contract has been awarded. Typically schemes of this nature have an 18-24 month construction programme.

The “original projected costs” reflect the initial outline cost estimate based on Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) at the time of the initial individual submission.

The current budget estimate reflects the last DHLGH approval correct to 29 July 2025. A direct comparison between the two figures does not reflect the nature of the City Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) programme or funding structure.

Each phase of delivery is subject to the DHLGH 4 stage approval process which aligns with the Public Spending Code. Each phase of delivery is procured in line with the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) via e-tenders advertisement. The current estimated timeline for substantial completion of the phases is, which is subject to change, Phase 3B – 2027 and Phase 4A – 2028.

### **Ard na Rí Pouladuff**

As part of City Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR), Cork City Council has a requirement to demolish the existing housing units in Knocknaheeny. In advance of the demolition works existing residents are relocated.

Residents from the CNWQR are relocated on a case-by-case basis informed by their housing need. From time-to-time residents are relocated to other areas of the City. Cork City Council does not comment on individual relocations.

This was a derelict site acquired by Cork City Council. The Stage 4 Project Budget approval granted by the DHLGH was €486,129. The project cost included the cost of the site, design costs, site investigations, the refurbishment, extension and adaption of a 3 bed detached derelict house. The project delivered a refurbished 3 bed semi-detached house and a 1 bed semi-detached single storey universally designed unit.

The development was the subject of a Part 8 Planning process. The project was subject to the DHLGH four stage approval process which aligns with the Public Spending Code. The Works were procured in line with the CWMF via advertisement. The units are complete and occupied.

Nicky Carroll,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing Directorate.

6.7

### **TRADESPEOPLE EMPLOYED IN HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

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

To ask the CE the number of tradespeople employed in Cork City Council's Housing Maintenance section; to set out the number employed by trade; to set out the number of apprentices employed by trade; and to set out the sum spent on hiring external contractors to provide housing maintenance services in 2024 and the projected cost for same in 2025.

## **REPLY**

Cork City Council's Housing Assets Section currently employs the following tradespeople:

Carpenter	21
Plumber	17
Plasterer	7
Painter	6
Mason	4
Fitter	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>57</b>

There are no apprentices presently employed by the Housing Assets Section.

The cost of external contractors for maintenance services in 2024 was €10,144,031.

The cost of external contractors in 2025 is expected to be approximately €10,000,000.

Nicky Carroll,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing Directorate.

## **6.8 PUBLIC LIGHTS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive:

- to outline how many public lights in Cork, which require the assistance of the ESB to either install or repair, are currently inoperative;
- to detail approximately how many inoperative public lights in Cork, which require the assistance of the ESB to either install or repair, are being installed or repaired per month;
- whether the provision of more resources and assistance by the ESB in the installation and repair of public lights would result in more inoperative public lights being installed and repaired in Cork each month.

## **REPLY**

to outline how many public lights in Cork, which require the assistance of the ESB to either install or repair, are currently inoperative;

**As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2025 the total number of lights requiring ESB assistance is 155**

**This breaks down to the below number per each LEA**

- **NW LEA - 42**
- **NE LEA - 34**
- **SW LEA - 24**
- **SC LEA - 25**
- **SE LEA - 30**

to detail approximately how many inoperative public lights in Cork, which require the assistance of the ESB to either install or repair, are being installed or repaired per month;

**62 job tickets which required ESB attendance/assistance on site have been rectified during a period of 01.01.2025-02.09.2025.**

whether the provision of more resources and assistance by the ESB in the installation and repair of public lights would result in more inoperative public lights being installed and repaired in Cork each month.

**Increased ESB attendance / assistance of ESB Networks technicians will lead to the reduction of faulty public lighting lanterns across the city. It will also lead to the reduced lead time in the energisation of new public lighting customer service pillar associated with the public lighting capital project which stands at 2months from submittal of the electrical cert.**

Noel Murtagh,  
A/Director of Services,  
Local Area Development and Operations.

6.9

### **CORK LIDO**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what Cork City Council has done in support of progressing the Cork Lido, how advanced it is now, to detail how we can support its progress and to address how it would fit with our policies and objectives and distinguishing Cork's offer?

### **REPLY**

Cork City Council has engaged extensively on the potential for a Lido. We received over 450 submissions supporting the provision of a Lido on the riverbank or within the River Lee and / or the provision of a 50m swimming pool in response to the Public Consultation for the variation to City Development Plan to adopt the Cork Docklands Framework Plan. A variety of benefits associated with swimming were raised in the submissions including:

- a lido can act as a community building asset,
- swimming contributes to positive health,
- swimming is an inclusive active recreation activity for people of all ages and abilities,
- a lido can act as a tourism destination,
- a lido can provide opportunities for other compatible uses, such as saunas and hydrotherapy pools,
- both a 50m lido and/or a 50m indoor swimming pool can provide space for competitive swimmers in Cork where there is an acknowledged deficit, and
- a lido can contribute to sustainable travel by providing a local outdoor swimming resource which is currently only possible to access via car or bus at beaches outside the City.

The Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 includes ‘Objective 6.21, River Use and Management Plan’ which sets out Cork City Council’s intention to commission a river use and management study to examine the commercial and recreational potential of the River Lee and Upper Harbour area for all users and identify essential infrastructure and appropriate locations for the delivery of this infrastructure in partnership with key stakeholders. As confirmed to Councillors during the City Development Plan ‘Variation No. 2 (Cork Docklands)’ process in July 2025, Cork City Council intends to prioritise this study, which will consider tourism, marine recreation and wider river use, including a potential lido.

It is intended to have extensive engagement with key stakeholders such as The Cork Lido CLG group to inform the preparation of the study.

The river use and management study is the appropriate mechanism to consider the matters raised in relation to access to the River Lee, swim access, potential for LIDO and other river uses (both commercial and recreational).

The brief and tender for the study is currently being finalised and engagement with key stakeholders such as The Cork Lido CLG group will commence in Q4, 2025.

Niall O’Donnabhain,  
Director of Services,  
Planning & Integrated Development.

## 6.10 **MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

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

To ask the CE the number of maintenance requests received for homes in Killala Gardens, Dunmore Gardens and Kilmore Road in each of the last 3 years, the number currently marked as open or active and the average amount spent per maintenance request in each of the last 3 years.

## REPLY

Cork City Council received a total of 1,201 job requests for Killala Gardens, Dunmore Gardens and Kilmore Road in the last three years. The current number of active jobs is 145.

The breakdown of job request by year is as follows:

Year	Job requests for Killala Gardens	Job requests for Dunmore Gardens	Job requests for Kilmore Road	Total Job Requests by Year
2024	149	67	70	286
2023	226	87	115	428
2022	253	102	132	487
<b>Total Job requests by area</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1201</b>

The current number of active jobs are as follows:

Area	Active Jobs
Killala Gardens	31
Dunmore Gardens	53
Kilmore Road	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>

While it is not possible to provide the average amount spent per maintenance request specific to the estates mentioned, the following are the details in regard to the overall number of jobs received and overall spend across Cork City Council's housing stock. The spend figures includes response maintenance, planned maintenance and energy efficiency works. Jobs resolved can vary from minor works to major refurbishments.

Year	Total no. of job requests resolved	Total Housing Maintenance Spend
2024	14,857	*€22,426,606
2023	13,745	€15,657,950
2022	14,034	€15,057,631

\*It should be noted that EERP spend heavily skews the overall figure for expenditure in 2024 as much of the expenditure for this programme related to works in both 2023 and 2024 was expended in 2024. If EERP spend is removed the total expenditure for 2024 is €15,786,977

Nicky Carroll,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing Directorate.

## 6.11 CYCLE LANES

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

To ask the Chief Executive the amount of money allocated and spent on the upkeep of cycle lanes across the city in 2024; and if this spending can be broken down in categories such surfaces, barriers or signage.

### **REPLY**

Cork City Council carries out daily maintenance of the cycle lanes from Monday to Friday the associated costs are outlined below, there are also indirect costs which are not quantified below such as supervision, plant maintenance, etc

- Two mini sweepers dedicated full time these were purchased in 2020 at a cost of 180k
- The maintenance of the cycle lanes collects an estimated 100 tonnes p/a of waste mainly leaves and debris.
- There are 2 men dedicated to the vehicles at a cost of approx. 40k each p/a

Roads Operations undertakes the replacement of Cycle Lane Bollards where necessary. In 2024, €61,000 was spent on the maintenance of bollards.

Roads Operations also undertake gully cleaning on cycle lanes as part of it's planned maintenance works. This is part of the overall gully maintenance programme and is not budgeted separately.

Noel Murtagh,  
A/Director of Services,  
Local Area Development and Operations.

## 6.12 ILLEGAL DUMPING ALONG GLEN RIVER

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

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a commitment made back in 2022 to clean the illegal dumping along the Glen River on the Ballyvolane/ Riverview entrance to the park?

### **REPLY**

Given the topography of this location it is extremely difficult and expensive to remove the illegal dumping of rubbish from this site. Efforts were made previously to carry out a clean-up of this area, with a contractor engaged with specialised equipment. Unfortunately, the contractor was subsequently unable to carry out this work.

Parks & Recreation will commit to removing accessible litter in the coming month. A review of appointing a contractor will also be undertaken. Litter wardens will also

inspect and monitor this area and if evidence is found litter fines will issue in order to deter future illegal dumping.

Noel Murtagh,  
A/Director of Services,  
Local Area Development and Operations.

6.13

### **GLASHEEN RIVER – REMOVAL OF TRASH SCREEN GUARD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if Cork City Council can confirm when the trash screen guard, recently removed from the Glasheen River at Glendale Road Bridge, will be replaced and provide an update on measures the Council is taking to address prevention of debris build up to mitigate the risk of future flooding in the area.

#### **REPLY**

The trash screen was temporarily removed to replace the damaged wall to which it was attached. The wall has now been replaced, and the trash screen is being modified to fit the new wall. The trash screen will be reinstalled shortly. Works are also scheduled to clear under the bridge while the trash screen is temporarily removed.

Noel Murtagh,  
A/Director of Services,  
Local Area Development and Operations.

6.14

### **HOUSING ADAPTATIONS / OLDER PERSON GRANTS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of housing adaptation applications /older person grant in 2024 and 2025 to date, how many applications were received, how many were granted /refused(rational for refusal). How much is currently available for the remainder of 2025?

#### **REPLY**

#### **Adaptation Grants:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Valid Applications Received</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
2024	306	215	129
2025 (to date)	238	163	15

Reasons for cancelling included:

- ineligibility for the scheme,
- failure to submit the requisite documentation within a reasonable timeframe,
- failure to complete approved adaptation works within the 6-month deadline or extended deadline,
- Complying with a request from the applicant to cancel their application and start afresh under the new scheme. It is important to note that a large volume of files were cancelled at the end of the year to facilitate such requests which enabled applicants to apply for increased grant amounts.
- Death of applicant,
- Occupational Therapist not recommending any works to be done.

**Housing Aid for Older People Grant:**

Year	Valid Applications Received	Approved	Cancelled
2024	479	383	114
2025 (to date)	391	288	11

Reasons for cancelling included:

- Ineligibility for the scheme,
- failure to submit the requisite documentation within a reasonable timeframe,
- failure to complete approved works within the 6-month deadline or extended deadline,
- Death of applicant
- Building Inspector did not recommend any works to be done.

The Budget for 2025 is €4,719,779 and €3,595,832 has been expended to date in the current year.

Nicky Carroll,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing Directorate.

6.15 **PART 8 DEVELOPMENTS**

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

Can the CE confirm that future Reports presented to Elected Members of Cork City Council in respect of "Part 8" developments under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, shall identify each and every submission / observation received by the name of the author; provide an individual summary specific to each and every submission / observation, and provide an individual response specific to each and every submission / observation.

## REPLY

### Legislative Basis and Reporting Procedures

Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) governs the preparation of Chief Executive Reports on ‘Part 8’ planning applications. This section (quoted hereunder) requires that the Chief Executive’s Report to elected members must:

- List all persons or bodies who made submissions or observations regarding the proposed development pursuant to the relevant regulations.
- Summarise the planning and sustainable development issues raised in those submissions or observations; and
- Provide the Chief Executive’s response to those issues.

In accordance with this requirement, the established practice at Cork City Council (CCC), and other local authorities, is to group and address submissions or observations that raise similar issues collectively. This approach facilitates efficient and coherent reporting, particularly in cases where a large volume of submissions relates to similar subject matter. Requiring individual responses to each submission would be both unnecessary and inefficient, given the legislative intent and the nature of issues typically raised.

Accordingly, Cork City Council will continue, in line with longstanding custom and legislative practice, to summarise and address submissions on Part 8 developments by grouping related matters. This practice ensures clarity, efficiency, and transparency in communicating with elected members and stakeholders.

However, at the July 2025 meeting of the City Council, a formal commitment was made to conduct a comprehensive review of the ‘Part 8’ process later this year. In the interest of transparency and active engagement with all stakeholders, the methods for reporting on submissions and observations may be evaluated and / or enhanced as part of that review.

Section 179(3)(b):

*“.....(iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under subsection (2),*

*(iv) summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the chief executive thereto,”*

Brian Geaney,  
Assistant Chief Executive.

## 7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

### 7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in land (1,617.14 m<sup>2</sup> approximately), situated at Pearse Road, Ballyphehane, Cork subject to retention of an easement for the benefit of access to an electricity substation, to Denis Kelleher, Michael Goggin, Brian Nolan, Maurice Keller and Ronnie McDowell the Trustees of the Munster Branch IRFU, their successors & assigns, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn LLP, 85 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1.00 (plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT).

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

2. Disposal of site at “Wyndern” Popes Road, Cork to Louise Cunningham, c/o P.J. O Driscoll & Sons Solicitors, 73 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €15,000.00 plus legal costs.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of Stall No. 3 Princes Street Market, Cork to Tom Durcan Meats Limited, t/a Tom Durcan The Market c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €2,040.88, plus rates and service charges.

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

4. Disposal of Stall No. 11 Princes Street Market, Cork to Tom Durcan Meats Limited, t/a Tom Durcan The Market c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €5,824.99 plus rates and service charges.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5. Disposal of Stall No. 9 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Fiona Breen c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapp's Quay, Cork by way of lease, for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €1,105.53, plus rates and service charges.

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

6. Disposal of Stall No. 22 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Natural Breads Limited t/a Alternative Bread Company, c/o Eamonn Murray Solicitors, 6/7 Sheares St, Cork

by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €4,761.96 plus rates and service charges.

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

7. Disposal of Stall No. 3 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Ivo Duarte t/a SAUER, c/o Katherina White Solicitors, 32 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 subject to an annual rent of €2,891.24 plus rates and service charges.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

8. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground (20.9 m<sup>2</sup> approximately), together with a wayleave, on land located at Glenmore Heights, Lehenaghmore, Togher, Cork, to ESB Networks, Sarsfield Road, Wilton, Cork, for the sum of €1.00, plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

9. Disposal of the freehold and leasehold interest in 17 O'Connell Crescent, Turners Cross, Cork, to Fergal O'Sullivan, c/o NMS Solicitors LLP, Station House, Main Street, Ballincollig, Cork for the sum of €25,000, plus costs of €1,500 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.2

## **PROPOSED DEMOLITION AT NOONAN ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed demolition at Noonan 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed demolition at Noonan 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 demolition at Noonan Road, 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.”

7.3

### **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT COONEY'S LANE, GRANGE, CORK**

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 Cooney's Lane, Grange, 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Cooney's Lane, Grange, 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 Cooney's Lane, Grange, 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025."

Please note that the Chief Executive report dated the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and Appendix 1 of said report has been amended to correct an error whereby the figure for submissions received within the prescribed period was incorrectly stated as 48 rather than 61 which is the correct figure. It is noted that this administrative error did not have any impact on the remainder of the documentation put before Council in relation to this Part 8 as the issues arising from all 61 submissions were included within the submissions summary within the Report.

7.4

### **CORK CITY LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered the appointment of seven members to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, Comhairleoir T. Shannon was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

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On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, Comhairleoir M. McDonnell was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, Comhairleoir C. O'Connor was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, Comhairleoir D. Boyle was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, Comhairleoir D. Boylan was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir A. Deasy, Comhairleoir P. Dineen was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, Comhairleoir K. Collins was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, Comhairleoir F. Kerins was nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

As the numbers of Comhairleoirí nominated exceeded the number of vacancies a vote was called for on the nomination to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership where there appeared as follows:-

**Comhairleoir T. Shannon**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

**Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

**Comhairleoir M. McDonnell**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

**Comhairleoir C. O'Connor**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (22)

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

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

**Comhairleoir D. Boyle**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (22)

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

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

**Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

### **Comhairleoir D. Boylan**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoir T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

### **Comhairleoir P. Dineen**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (7)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (23)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

### **Comhairleoir K. Collins**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (9)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (20)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir B. McCarthy. (1)

### **Comhairleoir F. Kerins**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí N. O'Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (8)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir B. McCarthy. (1)

As the majority of members present and voting in favour of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, M. McDonnell, C. O'Connor, D. Boyle, J. Kavanagh and D. Boylan

were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, M. McDonnell, C. O'Connor, D. Boyle, J. Kavanagh and D. Boylan nominated to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31/07/2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31/07/2025.

8.2 **MOTIONS**

8.2.1 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW IRELAND FORUM**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the call by former Taoiseach Leo Varadkar for the establishment of a New Ireland Forum to plan the journey to Irish unity by exploring what a proposal on Irish unity would look like and by studying how best to merge the two existing jurisdictions into a united Ireland.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 25/358)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion 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. Gould, K. Collins, T. Shannon, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (24)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, B. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (3)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, F. Dennehy. (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.

8.2.2 **REVIEW OF CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council shall undertake a review of its Casual Trading Bye-Laws to identify if the provision of additional pitches is feasible - particularly at Marina Park

and Ballincollig Regional Park - and to assess if fees accurately reflect trading conditions.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/362)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council undertook review of Casual Trading Bye Laws, in 2021, with draft Bye-Laws published on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Those draft Bye-Laws were subsequently appealed to the District Court on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022, with appeal heard on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023, with minor amendments agreed and approved by the District Court.

A report was submitted to the Corporate Policy Group meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 confirming the outcome of the District Court proceedings and setting out the agreed amendments to the amended Bye-Laws. An Chomhairle subsequently approved this report at its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

An Chomhairle having considered and approved the various reports of 'Directors of Service' adopted the following resolution to give effect to the amended Bye-Laws in accordance with the provisions of the Casual Trading Act, 1995: **Resolution:** "It is hereby resolved to make the proposed Cork City Casual Trading Byelaws, 2023 in accordance with Section 6 (9) of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and that these Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024. The new Bye-Laws shall come into force and effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024, being not less than 30 days after the Council meeting adopting and making these Bye-Laws, in accordance with the provisions of Section 200(5)(a) of the Local Government Act, 2001." Cork City Council currently provides for casual trading across 9 fixed city locations, complimented with special licenses for ad-hoc events, with standard casual trading license fees ranging from €600 - €1800 per annum and Special Event licenses to account for 2 categories ranging from €25 - €220.

Cork City: Casual Trading Locations 2025	No. of Pitches
Cornmarket Street, Cork	36
Blackrock Market, Cork	20
Harty's Quay Car Park, Rochestown, Cork	1
Fitzgeralds Park, Cork	1
Clogheenmilcon walkway, Blarney, Cork	1
Harley's Street, Cork	3
Murphys Farm, Curraheen, Cork	1
Ballincollig Regional Park, Cork	2
Douglas Park, Cork	1

Details in respect of each of those fixed locations can be provided, as required, for the benefit of An Chomhairle. There is no immediate intention by Cork City Council to provide additional casual trading locations or pitches.

### **8.2.3 PILOT PROGRAMME TO BECOME AN ENDOMETRIOSIS INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, People & Organisation Development, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes that:

- 1 in 10 women suffer with endometriosis
- this is a debilitating condition that can have profound impacts and is often worsened by lack of care
- if 50% of Council staff are women, Cork City Council employs approximately 75 women with the condition

And agrees to

- develop a pilot programme to become an endometriosis inclusive workplace
- open consultation with staff and the public on how best to support women with endometriosis in the workplace
- publish a proposed pilot programme within the next 12 months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/366)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for staff and this is reflected in the objectives of our People Strategy. The People and Organisation Development Directorate will undertake research to investigate how best to support Council staff with endometriosis and bring forward recommendations for implementing an action plan in the workplace.

### **8.2.4 RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY GARDAÍ**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 on the following motion:-

‘To ask that the Joint Policing Committee would report on the level of resources in the community Gardaí and the impact that the policing of protests is having on the level of service to the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/399)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council, through the Community Team, is establishing the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP). This new structure replaces the Joint Policing Committee. A briefing related to the Local Community Safety Partnership was delivered to Elected Members on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The first Cork City Council LCSP meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm in the Council Chamber. This structure aims to:

- prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns;
- ensure community engagement and representation on Safety Partnerships;

- develop a Local Community Safety Plan which will reflect priorities identified by the community;
- improve multi-agency collaboration in the Safety Partnership area;
- increase community confidence in service providers; and
- service providers will be accountable to the community in fulfilling the agreed actions identified in the Local Community Safety Plan. This query can be brought to the Local Community Safety Partnership once established.

#### 8.2.5 **LAND AT BESSBOROUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, and the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council will seek to begin a process with the relevant Government Departments to CPO the entire land at Bessborough in order to make it a new public park and memorial to the history of the site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/414)

The report of the Director of Services, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, stated that there is a mix of zoning objectives in the Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 in the demesne at Bessborough, with a portion zoned Open Space and remaining land zoned for Housing. A number of planning applications have been refused on the lands.

The compulsory purchase of the lands and their development as a public park would require a significant level of expenditure by the City Council and at this time there is no central funding mechanism that can be called upon to cover this expenditure, either fully or in part.

The City Council has been engaging with survivor representatives in relation to appropriate ways to commemorate and respect the history of this and other institutions. Members will be briefed appropriately when proposals are developed in this regard.

The report of the Director of Services, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, stated that the development of the lands at Bessborough were given significant consideration during the preparation and consultation processes of the statutory Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. The specific zoning regime for the site and site specific development objectives are outlined in the Plan and acknowledge the special character, history and intrinsic landscape value of the site. The Plan seeks to facilitate the appropriate development of the site these lands including the development of housing and the use of part of the grounds as a Neighbourhood Park. A number of planning applications have been refused on the parts of these lands and another application still rests with An Bord Plenala for decision. Should Council wish to proceed to Compulsorily Purchase the entirety of the lands at Bessborough for a public park the governing zoning regime and stated objectives of the City Development Plan would need to be appropriately amended and justified through the statutory review process of the next City Development Plan.

The compulsory purchase of the lands and their development as a public park would require a significant level of expenditure by the City Council and at this time there is no central funding mechanism that can be called upon to cover this expenditure, either fully or in part.

The City Council will engage with survivor representatives in relation to appropriate ways to commemorate and respect the history of this and other institutions. Members will be briefed appropriately when proposals are developed in this regard.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – SPECIAL MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its special meeting held, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

10. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

11. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

11.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

11.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JULY 2025**

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

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the WHO EU Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting 2025, held at Bursa, Turkey, 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the Kennedy Summer School 2025, held at New Ross, Co. Wexford, 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

14. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir P. Horgan – HSE Regional Forum – Q1 and Q2 2025.

- Comhairleoir P. Horgan – Visit Cork – Q1 and Q2 2025.
- Comhairleoir P. Horgan – Everyman Palace Theatre – Q1 and Q2 2025.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy – Leisureworld – Q4 and Q4 2024 and Q1 and Q2 2025.

15. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

16. **TRAINING**

None received.

17. **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 60, School Wardens in the New City Areas, would be discussed under suspension of standing orders.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir B. McCarthy to address the meeting on the following motion, after which a discussion took place. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle approved the motion:-

**SCHOOL WARDENS IN THE NEW CITY AREAS**

‘Last December I raised the scandal of school wardens in the new city areas being paid 42% less a week than school wardens in the old city areas. In that motion I called for four things. An explanation to be provided as to how and why this decision was made, for their pay to be brought up to the level it should be, for it be backdated to when the workers first moved over to the city, and for Cork City Council to issue an apology to the workers affected.

That motion was passed with unanimous support but to date, only one of those things is being offered. For their pay going forward to be brought up to the level of the other wardens. No explanation, no apology and they’ve been told they’re not getting the back pay. This is not what the Council voted for last December. This motion calls for the pay to be backdated to when they first moved over to the City Council, an explanation for why their pay wasn’t immediately brought up to this level and an apology from Cork City Council for treating these vital workers so shamefully.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 25/476)

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **REDUCED VAT RATE FOR SPF PRODUCTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will write to the College of European Commissioners and European VAT Committee to specifically seek the inclusion of SPF products in the reduced rate for Member States and to utilise Ireland as a pilot example of same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/417)

18.2 **INVESTMENT IN THE POST OFFICE NETWORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to commit to investing €15 million annually in the Irish Post Office Network, recognising the essential role Post Offices play in sustaining communities, promoting local economic development, and providing access to key Government, financial, and social services.

Council acknowledges that:

- The Irish Post Office Network processes over 84 million transactions annually, to a total value of €14 billion, including €7 billion in welfare payments.
- Post Offices provide essential financial services to micro and small businesses, particularly in areas abandoned by traditional banks, with 540 Post Offices nationwide operating in communities where no bank exists within a 5km radius.
- Post Offices are critical to combating social exclusion and ensuring access to face-to-face services for individuals and families who cannot rely on digital alternatives.

Council further notes that the closure of Post Offices has a damaging effect on communities, particularly for vulnerable individuals and local businesses, and therefore calls on the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and the Government to secure the future of the Post Office Network through an annual investment of €15 million.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 25/424)

18.3 **BASIC INCOME FOR THE ARTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport and the Minister for Public Expenditure to acknowledge the many societal benefits of the Basic Income for the Arts and to retain it in the upcoming budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/432)

18.4

### **INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CARETAKERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes:

- The vital work undertaken by school secretaries and caretakers, which ensures the safe, orderly running of the city's schools;
- The current, discriminatory practice of excluding school secretaries and caretakers from employment rights and entitlements enjoyed by other school staff such as teachers and Special Needs Assistants, including their exclusion from the public service pension scheme;
- The industrial action being undertaken by school secretaries and caretakers who are members of the Fórsa trade union.

Agrees to:

- Write to the Taoiseach, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Education calling on them to immediately commence a meaningful engagement with school secretaries and caretakers, and their trade union representatives; which must set out a pathway to providing them with equitable working conditions, including access to the public service pension scheme;
- Extend the solidarity of Cork City Council to the workers on strike, and to communicate the contents of this motion to workers via their trade union Fórsa.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Lynch, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/435)

18.5

### **RAISE THE ROOF RALLY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that:

- The housing crisis remains the biggest barrier to stability, security, happiness and independence for far too many families, workers and individuals in Cork city
- The cost of living, coupled with unaffordable housing and rental costs, has negatively impacted on people’s ability to enjoy Cork city as a place to live, work, study and play
- Workers and families in Cork deserve emergency action on housing to deliver a better future
- Everybody who calls Cork home deserves a home of their own

And agrees to:

- Formally endorse the Raise the Roof rally on 4<sup>th</sup> October assembling at Grand Parade at 2.30pm
- Encourage all communities, families and individuals to attend the rally.'

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Gould, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. N. O'Connor, Cllr. B. McCarthy 25/456)

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, T. Tynan, O. Moran, D. Boylan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoir A. Deasy. (1)

**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.

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**