MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT	Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir G. O'Brien.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, C. O'Connor.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive. Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. Ms. M. Broderick, A/Director of Services, Housing. Ms. E. Roberts, A/Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Emergency Management and Climate Action. Mr. J. Stapleton, Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations. Mr. C. Ó Súilleabháin, Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Ms. R. Lynch, Meetings Administrator. Ms. V. Keating, Staff Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. J. Corkery, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Manning family on the death of Patrick Manning.
- The Tuomey family on the death of Marian Tuomey.
- The Keohane family on the death of Donal Keohane.
- The O'Connor family on the death of Sean O'Connor.
- The Fitzgibbon family on the death of Vincent Fitzgibbon.
- The Downes family on the death of Eamon Downes.

- The Burns family on the death of Bob Burns.
- The Brohan family on the death of Robert (Bobby) Brohan.

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES

- Gerry O'Beirne on his retirement from Cork City Council.
- Coachford AFC on winning the FAI Junior Cup.
- Cork City FC on winning the First Division title and their promotion to the Premier Division.
- St. Michael's LGFC on becoming Junior D County Champions.
- Avondale United on opening of new dressing room facilities.
- St. Finbarr's Senior Camogie Team on winning the SE Systems Senior Camogie County Final three years in a row.
- Conor Shanahan and Jack Shanahan on Red Bull Homerun Cork City and all sporting achievements to date.
- Conor Falvey on Red Bull Homerun Cork City and all sporting achievements to date.
- James Deane on Red Bull Homerun Cork City and all sporting achievements to date.
- Bishopstown GAA on celebrating their 70th Anniversary.
- Youthreach Ballincollig on celebrating 30 years in existence.
- LGBT+ Restorative Justice Campaign on being awarded Community Organisation (Volunteer Staff) at the GALA Awards 2026.
- Mia Poland on being awarded Emerging Journalist at the GALA Awards 2026.
- Kate Moynihan on being awarded Person of the Year at the GALA Awards 2026.
- Ged Nash on his Honorary Legislative Achievement at the GALA Awards 2026.
- Fiona Finn on being awarded LGBTQ+ Ally at the GALA Awards 2026.

3. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

3.1 WHO SUMMIT OF MAYORS

An Leas Ardmhéara congratulated everyone involved in the WHO Summit of Mayors, especially Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald and Cork City Council staff. It was a great showcase of Cork and City Hall.

3.2 RED BULL HOMERUN EVENT

An Leas Ardmhéara noted the success of the Red Bull Homerun and thanked all Cork City Council staff involved.

3.3 CIVIC RECEPTION

An Leas Ardmhéara advised members that a Civic Reception for Band 1 Brigade would take place on 12th November 2026 and that invitations would issue shortly.

3.4 **WOMEN'S CAUCUS**

Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, Chair of the Women's Caucus, provided an update on the Caucus.

3.5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Leas Ardmhéara advised An Chomhairle that notification had been received from Comhairleoir K. Collins of his intention to suspend standing orders, and called on Comhairleoir K. Collins to read his motion:-

'That Cork City Council write to the Land Development Agency (LDA) requesting that they meet with the local residents group they met previously to outline the reasoning for the fencing off the 'Murphys Rock' amenity area and if access can be facilitated, An Garda Síochána could also be asked to input to this meeting. Furthermore the LDA should update North West and North East Cllrs on its plans for the area, this briefing should include a presentation from the City Council on it's position regarding housing developments in the area and clarity on the status of this renowned amenity in the City Development Plan.'

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss the motion at the end of the meeting, noting the objections of Comhairleoirí D. Cahill and S. Martin to the suspension.

3.6 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Leas Ardmhéara advised An Chomhairle that notification had been received from Comhairleoir A. Deasy of his intention to suspend standing orders to discuss Motion 45 in the Appendix, and called on Comhairleoir A. Deasy to read his motion:-

EMERGENCY DEBATE ON PROPOSED RENT CHANGES AND THE USE OF TENANTS' RENTAL INCOME

'That Cork City Council hold an emergency debate on the proposed changes to the Differential Rents Scheme, following the Housing Department's pre-budget presentation to members, which projected rental income rising from €38,912,700 in 2026 to €51,234,300 in 2027—an increase of €12,321,600, or 31.7%—without sufficient explanation of how this would be achieved.

With approximately 80% of tenants on this scheme and rents based on household income, the Chief Executive should provide the calculations and assumptions underpinning this projection, distinguishing income arising from scheme changes, additional tenancies and other factors, with worked examples showing weekly rents before and after the changes for different household types and income levels. This must allow members to assess affordability for tenants already facing hardship from living costs and energy bills.

The debate to also address why only €15,723,100 was allocated to housing maintenance in 2026 against rental income of €38,912,700; why maintenance funding

is proposed to rise by €4,837,200 to €20,560,300 in 2027; and how the remaining €30,671,300 in rental income will be allocated, including whether any will support expenditure outside housing.

This information must be provided before members are asked to approve the 2027 budget or changes to the scheme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/530)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a vote was called for on the suspension of standing orders, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy. (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, T. Coleman, C. O'Connor. (16)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir G. O'Brien. (1)

As those voting in favour of the proposal to suspend standing orders were less than those voting against, An Leas Ardmhéara declared the vote and the proposal defeated.

An Chomhairle noted that the motion will be considered, as referred by the Meetings Administrator, by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

4.1 PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 12th October 2026 on the proposed holding of a parade to mark the start of the Christmas Season and the switch on of the Christmas lights on 15th November 2026 in Cork City Centre.

5. MINUTES

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 14th September 2026.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 29th September 2026.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 29th September 2026.

6. QUESTION TIME

6.1 HOUSING LIST

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

To ask the Chief Executive, in respect of applicants who have been approved and placed on the Cork City Council housing list and who were subsequently made an offer of accommodation which they then refused: the number of such applicants who refused an offer of council accommodation in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; a breakdown, in tabular form, of the reasons given for those refusals, showing the number of refusals under each reason; and the average length of time taken, following a refusal, for that property to be offered again to the next applicant on the list.

REPLY

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the refusals of offers of social housing for 2025. This includes both Council properties and those provided by an Approved Housing Body. In 2023, there were 130 refusals and 120 refusals in 2024. A detailed breakdown is not currently available for these years.

Since April 2026, the Chief Executive's Report includes a section reporting on the number of refusals on a monthly basis. This includes the broad category of reasons for refusals as outlined in the table below.

It should be noted that a property can be refused more than once, therefore, each refusal recorded does not relate to an equivalent number of properties. In addition, while most properties are allocated following an advertisement on the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system, a number of properties such as adapted properties and those reserved for Older Persons are offered to applicants outside this system. Applicants who are offered a property outside the CBL system will not have the same level of information as an applicant offered a property through CBL, e.g. photographs regarding the property; they may, therefore, have practical reasons for refusing an offer such as the property not meeting all their medical needs.

There is no specific report available in relation to how long a property is vacant following a refusal. As stated above, some properties may be refused more than once. The relet times for Council properties are reported in the monthly Chief Executive's report. Furthermore, the City Council does not directly monitor relet times for properties provided by Approved Housing Bodies. Such bodies provide approximately 50% of the stock available for letting so any report the City Council produces in relation to relet times would only relate to City Council owned/managed properties.

Reasons for Refusals 2025*	1st	2nd
Applicant no longer interested in area of choice	36	
Applicant indicated they are already in suitable accommodation	0	
Applicant refused offer of accommodation which they deemed unsuitable to their needs	62	2
Offer made in low demand estate	0	
Offer refused because a flat was offered rather than a house	1	
Offer refused because of location of house in estate	0	
Offer refused because applicant already residing in private rented accommodation with State support	2	
Other	15	
TOTAL	116	2

* The reasons for refusal are as categorised under the Departmental Summary of Social Housing Assessment guidelines.

*Please specify other categories for Refusals 2025	
Failed to Respond	9
Health Issues did not wish to move at time of offer	4
Wanted More Settled Area	1
Issue with Prospective Neighbour	1
TOTAL	15

Martina Brodrick,
A/Director of Services,
Housing.

6.2 **CORK CITY TO VIADUCT GREENWAY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Cork City to Viaduct Greenway.

REPLY

The Cork City to Viaduct Greenway Scheme (Phase 1-Tramore Road to Eagle Valley) has been approved by Council and is currently at the detailed design and land acquisition stage. In relation to the later the scheme requires the acquisition of lands at five locations as well licensing arrangements with Uisce Éireann. It is hoped that the land acquisition and licencing requirements will be secured on the basis of negotiated agreements with affected landowners rather than through the use of Compulsory Purchase Order processes. The scheme has been funded to date by the National Transport Authority and while the funding available in the current year was relatively modest, it is hoped that the next round of funding will support the completion of land acquisition and finalisation of the detailed designs with a view to tendering the construction works. The next round of funding under the Active Travel Programme will be confirmed in late January/ early February and Members will be kept appraised of scheme progress in the interim.

Edith Roberts,
A/Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.3 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

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

Can the CE please provide an update on the city wide Footpath Renewal programme.

Earlier this year, we were presented with a comprehensive list of locations right across the city, where money allocated to this programme was to be spent over a number of months, addressing the issue of deteriorating footpaths across our city.

Can the CE please advise how much of this footpath renewal programme has actually been completed and how much of the allocated funding has been spent.

REPLY

Footpath Replacement Programme Update:

2025 Footpath Revenue Budget

The 2025 Footpath Contract commenced in Q3 2025, and works were completed in Q2 2026. The contract completed footpath renewals at 36 locations throughout the city at a cost of €1.035 million.

The locations completed were as follows:

Curragh Road
Grange Road (east of the new walkway entrance)
George's Quay (Abbey Court House)
Grange Road, from Cooney's Lane traffic lights to opposite SuperValu
St. Finbarr's Road
Lower Friars Walk
Mount Pleasant Road
N27 (in front of Lehane Motors)
Friars Walk
Ballintemple Village
Inchvale Road
Church Road (Roads South)
Church Road, Douglas
Convent Road
Blackrock Road
Woodvale Road
Melbourne Road (Curraheen Road to Foxford Avenue, western side)
Harrington Street (off Main Street)
Hawkes Road junction with Bishopstown Road
Bishopstown Road (roundabout to Tiffany Downs)
White Oaks, Wilton
Innishmore
Barnavara Hill (L-3003)
Oak Park Estate, Ballyvolane
Mount Farran, Blackpool
Old Youghal Road at Dillon's Cross
Old Youghal Road East and Mount Brosna
Glyntown Road (L-6996)
Entrance to City View Mews
Blarney Square (Hoare's Garage to Blarney Church cobbled section)
St. Rita Avenue, Gurranabraher
Presentation Road
Fr. Rodgers Park
Woodlands Estate, Cloghroe
Groves Estate, Blarney
Clogheen Church to Clogheen Business Park

€4 Million Footpath Improvement Loan Programme

Under the separate €4 million Footpath Improvement Loan Programme, footpath replacement works progressed through 2026.

To date, €1.365 million has been spent on these works at the following locations:

<u>Footpath Improvement Programme - Completed works.</u>

Upper Tivoli Estate, Tivoli

Glenville Street (Kilcully Road junction to Blackman)
Rathpeacon
Waterloo Road
Alden
Hillside/Pinecroft
Beech Road, Muskerry Estate
Clashduv Road Phase 1
Clashduv Road Phase 2
Powdermills
Tramore Road
Ballinlough Road
Grange Heights Entrance
Kevington Close
Lissadell
Maryborough Link Road
Victoria Avenue

Footpath Improvement Programme - Works underway:

Evergreen Road
Madden's Buildings
Mount Nebo
Belgrave Avenue/Wellington Road
R639, north of the Brook Inn to the entrance of Grandon's Car Sales
R639 at the Garda Station

Footpath Improvement Programme - Works at design or tender stage.

Tenders have been received and are currently being assessed for a Northside Footpath Improvement Programme with an estimated value of €980,000 and documentation is being prepared for a Southside Footpath Improvement Programme with an estimated value of €1.05 million.

Programme

Delivery of the €4 million Footpath Improvement Loan Programme has been scheduled over a two-year period. It is anticipated that the programme will be substantially completed by the end of 2027 and potentially earlier subject to contractor resourcing.

Additional approved LAC funding has been capitalised for footpath replacement works. This funding will be utilised to deliver works at locations already identified but outside the €4 million Footpath Improvement Loan Programme or alternatively at other locations to be agreed with the respective Local Area Committees (LACs).

John Stapleton,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.4 **VERNON MOUNT HOUSE SITE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the options for the Vernon Mount House site, namely the potential to restore the house to active residential use either in isolation or as part of a wider residential development, having regard to the current Public Open Space zoning.

REPLY

Vernon Mount House and the surrounding site is zoned Public Open Space in the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied). There is a presumption against developing land zoned Public Open Space for alternative purposes. The City Development Plan also includes an objective for the enhancement of Vernon Mount Park.

Cork City Council does not own the surrounding lands or the property itself. Both have been on Cork City Council's Derelict Site Register since 2021, to encourage a return to use. However, a number of fires and significant deterioration of the site since that time has hampered owner efforts to commence restoration. Additionally, a commercial motorcross outfit operates on the lands adjacent to the property on a lease arrangement with established use, complicating the viability of a return to use of the residential element or utilisation of the surrounding lands. In July 2026 Cork City Council were notified by the owners of a potential sale to facilitate redevelopment. The councils Conservation Department and Derelict Site team are in contact with the owners regarding this effort and future endeavours.

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

6.5 **CORK CITY FIRE STATION**

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 for an update on the proposed new Cork City Fire Station for the south-west of the city, including the current status of the proposed site at Curraheen and the indicative timeline for progressing the project to construction and opening.

REPLY

I can confirm that the site evaluation process for the new SW Fire Sation in currently underway. This process commenced earlier in the year and is progressing well. It is expected that the related assessment report will be completed early next month.

This site evaluation forms a critical component of the overall submission which the City Council will be making to the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) for next stage approval in this project.

Following NDFEM approval to move to the next stage, the City Council will procure a Design Team to progress the preliminary design of the new Fire Station and advance the planning approval stages of the project.

The delivery of the proposed new Fire Station is a key objective for the City Council and was identified as such in the Strategic Fire Cover Review. It is also supported by the NDFEM grant funding which was secured earlier this year.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Emergency Management & Climate Action.

6.6 **CCTV – LOUGHMAHON PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if she will contact the necessary stakeholders to Expedite a CCTV scheme for Loughmahon Park and the surrounding areas of the Line to deter against anti social and criminal behaviour and destruction of public property.

REPLY

The Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with An Garda Siochana had sought to regularise the use of CCTV in parks, cemeteries, walkways and open spaces within Cork City in 2023, under S 38 of the Garda Siochana Act 2005. Unfortunately, this work had to be deferred pending the completion of the Code of Practice for the operation of Community CCTV schemes required under Section 47 (3) of the Garda Siochana (Recording Devices) Act. The LGMA has informed the City Council that the Gardai have prepared a draft Code of Practice for Public Closed-Circuit Television and when this is finalised, the S 38 process, including the feasibility of using cameras at this location will be completed without delay.

John Stapleton,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.7 **MARKET GARDENS ESTATE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive why Market Gardens estate in Togher has yet to be taken-in-charge by Cork City Council despite being constructed two decades ago and purchased by Cork City Council at the time; why numerous assurances to undertake same in City Council minutes - dating back over ten years - remain unfulfilled; and if

this will now be undertaken, alongside urgent repairs to the road surface in the estate and to public lighting columns - at least one of which has been inoperative for three years.

REPLY

The Market Gardens estate in Togher will be taken-in-charge by Cork City Council in the current year. The repair of inoperable public lighting in the estate will take place as a matter of urgency. Any necessary re-surfacing works in the estate can also be examined and considered by the members of the Southwest LAC and funded through the LAC budget.

Brian Geaney,
Assistant Chief Executive.

6.8 **SOCIAL HOUSING**

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

To ask the Chief Executive:
Can the Chief Executive provide the following figures, each broken down by the recorded citizenship of the main applicant:

- The latest available number of households on Cork City Council's social housing waiting list;
- The number of completed lettings of Council-owned social housing in each of **2023, 2024 and 2025**;
- The number of completed lettings of Approved Housing Body social housing within Cork City Council's administrative area in each of **2023, 2024 and 2025**?

REPLY

- The latest available number of households on Cork City Council's social housing waiting list:

Citizenship	**Number of Applications on Social Housing List at 6th October 2026**
Irish	2105
Non-EEA	550
Other EEA	454
UK	26
Total	3135

The figures above exclude transfer applications from other forms of social housing support.

Records by nationality are not available for all households as this was not a mandatory field for completion on the I.T. system for processing applications until recent years and it is not required for assessment purposes.

- The number of completed lettings of Council-owned social housing in each of **2023, 2024 and 2025**
- The number of completed lettings of Approved Housing Body social housing within Cork City Council's administrative area in each of **2023, 2024 and 2025**

This information is not recorded as it is not a consideration at the time of allocating a property. All applicants are assessed for social housing support in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations and related national guidance.

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.9 **ROADS & HOUSING PROJECTS**

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

To ask the CE to list all roads and housing projects that have exceeded their initial agreed budget in the last 18months, the original budget amount, the overrun and where the additional funding (e.g Council, DHLGH etc) was found in tabular form.

REPLY

Where the work at an individual location exceeds its original cost estimate, the variance is typically accommodated within the overall programme through savings elsewhere. Accordingly, our contract estimates and outturns for last year were as follows:

2025 Road Estate Resurfacing Contract
Tender Cost = €1,890,361 Outturn Cost = €1,517,190
The reduced outturn cost resulted from the suspension of certain works on request from Uisce Eireann.

2025 Traffic Routes Resurfacing
Tender Cost = €7,522,000 Outturn Cost = €7,525,582

2025 Traffic Calming Contract (note 2024 and 2025 financial years run as one contract)
Tender Cost = €276,000 Outturn Cost = €285,440
The increased outturn cost relates to an upgrade in drainage infrastructure around tabletop ramps.

The final accounts for the following capital roads projects were agreed/approved in the past eighteen months –

Road Project	Original Tender Sum (Excl VAT)	Final Account (Excl VAT)	Difference	Funding Source
Innishmore Ballincollig Active Travel Scheme	€2,109,900.14	€2,105,523.24	- €4,376	NTA
Blarney Business Park Linkage	€1,097,493.00	€1,130,833.04	+€33,340.04	NTA
Donnybrook Hill Pedestrian Improvement Scheme	€1,839,434.40	€2,189,892.64	+€350,458.24	NTA
U/Glanmire Pedestrian Improvements	€1,284,744	€1,576,259	+ €291,515	NTA
Mahon Active Travel and Public Realm	€11,868,032	€13,090,156	+ €1,222,124	NTA
Glanmire to City Phase 1	€2,839,295	€3,630,123	+ €790,828	NTA
Marina Promenade	€5,805,474	€5,965,197	+ €159,723	NTA
Parnell Bridge	€29,320	€29,320`	+0	Dept of Transport
Parliament Bridge	€274,764	€350,000	€75,236	Dept of Transport/Allianz Insurance Co.
Ballincrussig Bridge and Twopot Bridge	€258,622	€299,843	+ €41,221	Dept of Transport

12 no. housing projects which comprise of both new housing developments and energy efficiency retrofit programmes have been delivered within the last 18 months.

The final accounts for some of the new housing developments have not yet been finalised with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). However, in general any overruns on housing projects are funded by the DHLGH and not Cork City Council.

Gerry O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development.
Martina Broderick, A/Director of Services, Housing.
John Stapleton, Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations.

6.10 **ILLEGAL PARKING – PEARSE ROAD/KINSALE ROAD INTERSECTION**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if an assessment has been made on damage caused by match days illegal parking made at the Pearse Road/Kinsale Road intersection, an area enhanced by this Council in recent times. Were tickets issued against this illegal parking, and what measures are being put in place to avoid a reoccurrence?

REPLY

Road Operations have no reports or complaints on file regarding damage to public footpaths arising from illegal parking at the Pearse Road/Kinsale Road junction. The area will be inspected to determine whether any damage has occurred and to assess if any remedial works are necessary.

Parking Enforcement is in operation during the hours of pay parking (typically 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday). As match parking takes place outside of these hours no Fixed Charge Penalty Notices would have issued.

John Stapleton,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.11 **NIGHT TIME ECONOMY OFFICER POST**

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

To ask the CE on why the Night Time economy officer post was let go, especially as the post was funded into the summer of 2027? How will the post and aims of night time economy progress going forward?

REPLY

The Department of Culture, Communications and Sport have advised that the Night-time Economy (NTE) pilot project will end in 2027 and that they do not have any sanction for posts beyond June 2027. The funding package for 2027 will be submitted as part of the national budgetary process this year.

In the meantime, Cork City Council remains committed to the promotion of the NTE and, by extension, the NTE pilot. Subject to funding the pilot programme will continue to be delivered by City Centre and Tourism team within the City Centre Development and Operations Directorate until it concludes in June 2027. Additionally, the Council will continue to avail of central government funding where offered.

Cork City Council does not comment on the contractual arrangements of individuals.

Cormac Ó Súilleabháin,

Director of Services,
City Centre Development & Operations.

6.12 **COST OF PURCHASING COMPOST**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how much Cork City Council spends on purchasing compost annually.

REPLY

Parks & Recreation spent €11,048 on the purchase of non-peat compost for soil amelioration works and for use in seasonal planter displays across the city in the last year. This expenditure supports the Council's commitment to sustainable horticultural practices by reducing reliance on peat-based products while maintaining the quality and appearance of public planting schemes.

John Stapleton,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations

6.13 **RECLASSIFICATION OF DUNKETTLE TO CITY CENTRE SECTION OF N8**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to comment and advise on the request for the support of Cork City Council from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in discussions with the Department of Transport for the reclassification of the Dunkettle to city centre section of the N8 to a non-national route, noting the comment by Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the continued existence of the section of the N8 from Dunkettle to the city centre as a national road is at variance with the provisions of the Roads Act Section 10, which prescribes that once a section of national road is bypassed "that section of the existing national road which remains ... shall be a local road".

Note: This request from TII is contained in their observation to planning application 26/44589 from the Port of Cork.

REPLY

There has been no discussion between Cork City Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland and/or the Department of Transport in relation to any change in the classification of the N8 roadway between Dunkettle and Cork City Centre.

The roadway in question is currently an important part of the national road network connecting Cork City Centre to the M8 Cork- Dublin Motorway, N25 Cork - Waterford route and the N40 South Ring Road.

It also provides an important connection towards the N20 Cork Limerick route and in conjunction with the N27 it provides an essential route for strategic vehicular movements when the N40 and/or Jack Lynch Tunnel are temporarily unavailable for any reason.

Edith Roberts,
A/Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development Directorate.

6.14 **MAYFIELD TO GLEN GREENWAY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Mayfield to Glen green way and how much money has been allocated from NTA and money spent on project?

REPLY

The preliminary design of the Glen to Mayfield Walking and Cycling scheme is currently being prepared. Consultants appointed to the project have been identifying the route alignments with proposed connections to residential estates and other local amenities. The total expenditure on the scheme to date is €189,285. The scheme was allocated €50,000 funding in 2026 from the NTA. The preliminary design is expected to be completed in the months, at which stage the updated details will be presented to Local Area Members in advance of public consultation under the Planning process. It is expected that details of supporting funding for 2027 under the NTA Active Travel programme will be confirmed in late January /early February.

Edith Roberts,
A/Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.15 **PLAYGROUND & PARK IN KILMORE PARK**

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

Can the CE outline why Cork City Council are refusing to install a park and playground in Kilmore Park, Knocknaheeny. The proposed Regional Park will not be delivered for years and at this very moment the children of Knocknaheeny have no playground and it is very unfair for a generation of children to be without a playground in their community.

REPLY

The Parks & Recreation Dept is currently exploring alternative options for the provision of play opportunities at Kilmore Park that does not rely on traditional playground equipment, taking into account the lessons learnt from previous

experiences. This work will be undertaken in collaboration with the design team for the Northwest Regional Park aimed at identifying and delivering an early stage "meanwhile" play area pending the broader delivery of the park.

John Stapleton,
Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

7. STATUTORY ITEMS

7.1 PROPERTY DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 1st October 2026 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of an area of land (0.155 Hectares) known as Narnia, situated to the rear of Former Mahon Health Centre, Lakeland Crescent, Mahon, Cork, by way of an ancillary lease, to Rainbow Club Cork Centre For Autism CLG, c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin Solicitors, No. 2 George's Quay, Cork T12 TR2A, for a term from the date of execution of the lease up to 31st January 2031, subject to a rent of €750.00 per annum.

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

2. Disposal of Cork City Council's interest in dwellinghouse situated at No. 89 Lower Kent Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council under a Shared Ownership Lease, to Derek Galvin for the sum of €45.303.53 or such other sum as shall represent the value of the Council's equity in the property as of the date of sale as altered in line with the publication of the Consumer Price Index.

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

3. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring (689m² approximately) situated at Mahon Industrial Estate, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork to Mahon Capital Limited, c/o JW O Donovan LLP, Solicitors, 27 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1,000.00, plus costs of €3,000.00 plus VAT.

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

4. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring (539.19m² approximately) situated at Murphy's Farm, Bishopstown, Cork to Declan Forde, Joe Murray, Tony Fitzgerald and Breydon Peck, being the Trustees of Bishopstown Lawn Tennis Club, c/o Michael Powell Solicitors, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €1,500.00, plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

   On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Coleman, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Lynch, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 1-8 THE SCHOOL HOUSE, HILLGROVE LANE, GERALD GRIFFIN STREET, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 14th September 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of four 1-bed apartments and four studio apartments at 1-8 The School House, Hillgrove Lane, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork.

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

"Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €2,512,600.00 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of four 1-bed apartments and four studio apartments at 1-8 The School House, Hillgrove Lane, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork."

7.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 1-6 VILLAGE VIEW, MAIN STREET, BALLINCOLLIG, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 14th September 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of six 1-bed apartments at 1-6 Village View, Main Street, Ballincollig, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €2,564,500.00 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of six 1-bed apartments at 1-6 Village View, Main Street, Ballincollig, Cork."

7.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT COPPENGER FIELDS, DUBLIN PIKE, BALLINCROKIG, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 24th September 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Coppenger Fields, Dublin Pike, Ballincrokig, Cork.

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

"Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 24th September 2026, 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 Coppenger Fields, Dublin Pike, Ballincrokig, Cork, are public roads."

7.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LISHEEN WOODS, LISHEENS, OVENS, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 24th September 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Lisheen Woods, Lisheens, Ovens, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 24th September 2026, 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 Lisheen Woods, Lisheens, Ovens, Cork, are public roads."

7.6 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028**

An Chomhairle considered the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 (as amended) in relation to the development of the former Webprint premises, Mahon Retail Park, Mahon, Cork, T12EK49, under Planning Reference No. 26/44891.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called for on the approval of the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 (as amended) in relation to the development of the former Webprint premises, Mahon Retail Park, Mahon, Cork, T12EK49, under Planning Reference No. 26/44891, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (26)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ardmhéara declared the vote carried and the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 (as amended) in relation to the development of the former Webprint premises, Mahon Retail Park, Mahon, Cork, T12EK49, under Planning Reference No. 26/44891 approved.

An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

"Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, it is hereby RESOLVED under Section 34(6)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to approve the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development that permission be granted to John Casey Limited, c/o Coakley O'Neill Town Planning Ltd, NSC Campus, Mahon, Cork, T12H7AA, for development consisting of a change of use from light industrial to a retail warehouse (furniture retailing and showroom) and will comprise: the internal reconfiguration of the ground and part first floor to provide retail showroom space, customer cafe at first floor level, ancillary areas, and staff facilities; the construction of a ground floor extension to the north elevation to provide additional retail showroom space; the construction of a ground and part first floor extension to the south west elevation of the building to provide a new entrance lobby and additional retail showroom space; a first floor external balcony for the proposed cafe on the east elevation; an extension to the internal floor level to provide additional retail showroom space; elevational alterations to include changes to the facade and fenestration; signage; removal of roof plant area; reconfiguration of entrance and car parking layout; and all site development, drainage and landscaping works."

7.7 **SECTION 38 REPORT - ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT R847 PROSPECT ROW AT THE JUNCTION OF N22 SHEARE'S STREET/DYKE PARADE/WOODS STREET - APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 28th September 2026 in relation to the proposed Road Safety Improvement Works at R847 Prospect Row at the junction of N22 Sheare's Street/Dyke Parade/Woods Street.

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

"Resolved that, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009, An Chomhairle to approve the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 28th September 2026, following public consultation, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Works at R847 Prospect Row at the junction of N22 Sheare's Street/Dyke Parade/Woods Street."

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 23rd September 2026.

8.1 **MOTIONS**

8.1.1 **IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE AND AUDIO DESCRIPTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 23rd September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council includes Irish Sign Language and audio description in all public awareness information and communications campaigns to ensure they are inclusive and accessible for those who are deaf or blind. This ISL and AD should be included as standard when the campaign is shared on social media and YouTube, shown in cinemas, aired on television, etc. It is extremely important that those with disabilities have equal access to information from Cork City Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/452)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council acknowledges the importance of inclusive communications, which is already embedded across a number of City Council services. The City Council is also committed to ensuring that information and services are accessible to all members of the public. For example, the City Council engages the services of Irish Sign Language translators at major civic events in City Hall. The City Council will continue to explore practical measures to improve accessibility standards across its public engagement activities.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Corporate Policy Group for further consideration.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 28th September 2026.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - CAIDREAMH IDIRNÁISIÚNTA & TURASÓIREACHT – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2026.

11. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2026.

11.1 **MOTIONS**

11.1.1 **COMMUNAL EV CHARGING STATIONS IN HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 16th January 2026 and the update, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne and the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien to amend the relevant national legislation so as to provide that local authorities can work with local residents associations and groups to install and maintain communal EV charging stations in the public areas of housing estates that request them and are willing to maintain them.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 25/611)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council as part of its climate action plan supports local community actions that help to reduce carbon and bring about a reduction in fossil fuel use. The Council recently met with a local community group in relation to a community led EV charging project.

Cork City Council is currently seeking legal clarification on a number of issues on this matter. The completion of this legal review may highlight national legislation issues with regard to community EV charging. It may be appropriate at that stage to write to the relevant Minister outlining any necessary amendments to national legislation governing this area.

Following the internal review of the community led EV charging project, we have confirmed that a pilot project can commence and we are currently engaging with Newton Court Sustainably Energy Community group with respect to the pilot. We have also reached out to ZEVI to see if any funding is available to support, with plans to meet over the coming weeks.

ZEVI continue with their work with respect to the preparation of guidance to local authorities on the installation of cross pavement channels. An initial working group, to include local authority membership, had been established before the summer and this group will continue with their advice to ZEVI.

11.1.2 **DOG FOULING FINES**

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

'That this Council will establish a new byelaw that will ensure dog fouling fines can be levied against those who do not clean up after their dog with a provision that those in control of a dog must have items to clean up the dog with; and that this Council will in tandem seek to provide dog bags at high footfall locations and public parks to support this measure.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/114)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is currently primary legislation in place addressing the substantive issue outlined in the motion.

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 provides the legal basis for the issuing of litter fines for dog fouling. Section 22 of the Act states that "where faeces has been deposited by a dog, the person in charge of the dogs shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner." Accordingly, this firmly places the responsibility on the dog owner/ person in charge to clean up after their dog. Enforcement of the provisions of the Act requires that the Litter Warden must actually witness both the dog depositing faeces and the person in control of the dog neglecting to remove the faeces.

There is no budget in place to install, maintain and service dog poo bag dispensers and the resourcing of bins and dispensers at any significant scale would not be inconsiderable. It is worth noting that as with all forms of littering a degree of personal responsibility must be taken by dog owners and the cost to individuals purchasing their own dog poo bags is not prohibitive.

Cork City Councils Legal Affairs Section provided advice on this matter as requested.

Legal research found a published Bill on this point - An Act to amend the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to make it an offence for a person in charge of a dog in a public area to fail to produce a suitable bag or instrument to properly dispose of dog faeces when requested to do so by a dog warden, litter warden, or member of An Garda Síochána.

The last update recorded on the Oireachtas.ie website was on the 8th November 2024 where the Bill lapsed with the dissolution of the Dail. Bills that have lapsed may be re-instated when the new Government is formed when a resolution is passed to restore it to the Order paper.

It is unclear whether this Bill has yet been re-instated. Deputy Kathleen Funchion and Deputy Sean Crowe sponsoring the Bill.

Therefore, in existence is a piece of proposed legislation, addressing this exact point.

If the existence of the Bill is ignored, and the law is looked at as it currently stands, The Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended by S.211 of the Local Government Act 2001 gives local authorities a specific limited power to make bye laws on leash requirements and dog prohibited zones. The Councils interpretation of this section is that you could not lawfully introduce a "must carry a bag for dog faeces disposal" byelaw when the power under the Act is limited to leash requirements and dog prohibited zones.

The motion and report have now been referred to the Dog Fouling Committee as the appropriate forum to consider this issue.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion to the Dog Fouling Committee for further consideration.

11.1.3 **PUBLIC TOILET POLICY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 15th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will give an update on progress in implementing the Public Toilet Policy adopted by the Council in 2021.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O' Connor 26/054)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the following is an updated review of the Public Toilet Policy adopted by the Council in 2021.

Short Term Policies

- **"Pay to Use" Principle**

As a guiding principal, usage of public toilet facilities should require the user to pay a small fee. The fee (50c) is in place at present at existing public toilet facilities. The "Pay to use" principle was implemented in the Grand Parade toilet facility (City Library) when it was introduced in 2022.

- **Make available toilet facilities within Cork City Public Building for members of the Public to access:**

Complete.

- **Open North Main Street Shopping Centre Toilets to Public.**

Complete

- **Increase Awareness of Public Toilet facilities provided by Cork City Council.**

Ongoing through social media.

- **Liaise with Local Business Owners at popular Amenity Areas to make toilet facilities available for members of the public to access.**

Discussions to resume with CCC & Business Owners where and if required.

Medium Term Policies

- **Develop & deliver a new toilet facility on the Grand Parade:**

Complete - An area adjacent to the current Cork City Library was identified as the location to provide a public toilet facility on the Grand Parade. The facility, which was opened in 2022, provides much-needed accessible toilet and baby changing facilities The toilets are supervised at all times, with pay for use in place.

- **"Leeside Leithreas" Sticker Scheme.**

Discussions around this proposal are ongoing between the City Centre Development Directorate and local business representatives and the Members will be updated on any progress in this area.

- **Provide Public Toilet Facilities at key Recreational & Amenity Areas of Cork City:**
    1. Marina Park – New toilets adjacent to Cortado Café are operational since May 2026. They include toilet facilities for the disabled.

2. Tramore Valley Park – Toilet facilities are provided. The introduction of a new automatic Unit in a central location is currently being reviewed.
3. Ballincollig Regional Park – Automatic toilet unit provided.

Long Term Policies

- **All Public Realm Projects must consider/include the provision of Public Toilets in their proposals.**

Policy is to be implemented by relevant Directorates on all new projects. Both the Capital and operational costs of such facilities must be considered at the project design stage.

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

11.1.4 **RE-TURN CUPHOLDER-STYLE SURROUNDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th March 2026 on the following motion:-

'To follow the example of other local authorities, that Cork City Council will add Re-turn cupholder-style surrounds to its public bins and, additionally, will write to shopping centres throughout Cork to invite them to add Re-turn cupholder-style surrounds to their bins, so that people can leave and take bottles and cans without binning them, to maximise recycling and save bottles and cans and their deposits from being wasted.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/088)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council conducted a trial of the suggested approach in the City Centre last year. Unfortunately, the initiative proved unsuccessful. The surrounds were frequently used to dispose of mixed waste such as coffee cups and other non-recyclable items. This led to a build-up of litter and created an unsightly environment that increased the workload for our collection teams.

A review of similar pilot projects undertaken by other local authorities showed that they experienced similar results.

Cork City Council already provides recycling bins in the city centre to help divert waste from landfill, and we remain committed to exploring additional measures that encourage recycling and reduce overall waste.

11.1.5 **RIVER CLEAN-UP AND MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 15th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'Can Cork City Council outline exactly what works are carried out on a regular basis with river management, such as clearing of tree/debris/rubbish and inspection and clearing of culverts to ensure they are not blocked in the following rivers in the Cork

City functional area: The Glashaboy River in Glanmire, the River Bride in Blackpool, the Glen River, the Martin River in Blarney. These rivers need immediate and ongoing attention to avoid flooding in this rainy season.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 26/118)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council undertakes a combination of proactive monitoring, reactive interventions, and pre-storm preparedness measures across rivers within the city functional area, while also recognising the statutory responsibilities of riparian landowners and the environmental protections governing in-stream works.

General River Management and Flood Risk
With respect to flood risk, trash screens on the River Bride and the Glen River are checked a number of times each week, with debris and material removed as required. All trash screens are checked in advance of rainfall warnings. Other structures such as bridges and culverts are also checked regularly for blockage. The riparian landowner is responsible for maintenance of the river channel. Where Cork City Council are the riparian landowner, maintenance works are carried out when required and permitted considering environmental and ecological restrictions.

Culverts across the functional area, including the Glashaboy in Glanmire, are checked in advance of storm events in line with documented Pre-Storm Checks procedures and the relevant local Flood Emergency Response Plans.

The Glanmire Area Office actively monitors the Glashaboy River for debris, fallen trees, rubbish, or any other impediments to river flow. Where issues are identified, removal works are undertaken either by specialist contractors or by direct labour. These works are generally carried out during the permitted in-stream works window from July to September.

Where works are emergency in nature and cannot await this period, a derogation application may be lodged with the Department of Environment, Climate & Communications to allow works outside the standard seasonal window, in compliance with environmental legislation.

In relation to the River Martin, Cork City Council does not undertake routine maintenance works along the River Martin. The majority of the riverbank, including trees and vegetation along the embankments, falls under the responsibility of the riparian landowners. These landowners are required to carry out periodic removal of fallen trees and vegetation within their lands.

Cork City Council's role in relation to the River Martin is generally limited to reactive or location-specific interventions where there is a direct and immediate risk to public infrastructure such as roads, bridges, or culverts. In this case Cork City Council takes the necessary actions.

In general, maintenance of river channels—including vegetation management, debris clearance, and general channel upkeep—is the responsibility of the relevant riparian landowners, except where Cork City Council itself is the riparian owner. In such cases,

works are carried out when required and when permitted, having regard to environmental and ecological constraints.

It is important to note that drainage works or the removal of gravel from riverbeds or banks can have serious negative impacts on water quality, aquatic life, and habitats.

Under the Fisheries Acts, it is an offence to:

- Injure or disturb any riverbed, bank, or shallow where the spawn or fry of salmon, trout, or eels may be present; or
- Cause or permit deleterious matter, including silt or suspended solids, to enter any waters.

The Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) does not have the authority to grant derogations from the Fisheries Acts. Where emergency works are necessary outside the July to September period, applications must be made to the Department of Environment, Climate & Communications, and any such works must be carefully managed to avoid environmental harm.

Cork City Council continues to monitor rivers and associated structures, prioritise flood risk reduction through inspections and pre-storm checks, and intervene where there is a direct risk to public infrastructure. All works are carried out having regard to legislative requirements, environmental protection, and the respective responsibilities of riparian landowners, with emergency measures taken where necessary to address immediate flood risk.

11.1.6 **SALE OF GRAVE SITES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 15th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council recognises that

- The existing policy on the sale of graves exists for valid reasons
- People have genuine reasons for purchasing graves prior to their own passing

And agrees to

- Review the existing policy with an aim to develop a scheme that will allow for the reservation of grave sites by individuals for their own use prior to their passing while ensuring grave sites are not resold for profit.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/127)

The report of the Director of Services stated that for the past 20 years or so, the City Council has an immediate burial policy in place across all its cemeteries, with no advance purchase allowed. This has worked very successfully and ensured availability of plots for families when needed. Prior to that, our experience was that a large proportion of plots were being pre purchased by those with the means to fund, which had an obvious negative impact on those who were not in a position to do so at the time. The policy has extended the life of the cemeteries and allowed for an orderly development of each burial ground. Given this, it is not considered appropriate to amend the policy.

11.1.7 **ROAD SIGNAGE CLEANING PROGRAMME AND PILOT EQUIPMENT SHARING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 15th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council:

A. Establish a dedicated city-wide Road Signage Cleaning Programme to address dirty, obscured, or illegible road signs (including traffic, directional, and street name signs) affected by grime, algae, weathering, or graffiti;
B. Explore and pilot an equipment-sharing scheme, whereby the Council provides specialised cleaning tools/equipment (e.g., power washers, safe access gear, cleaning solutions) to Tidy Towns groups and other voluntary/community organisations for use in local signage cleaning efforts, with appropriate training, safety protocols, and insurance arrangements in place.

This initiative would deliver two major benefits:
Improved road safety — by ensuring signs are clearly legible for drivers and pedestrians, reducing risks of confusion, delayed reactions, or accidents;
Enhanced community enjoyment — by boosting the visual appeal and pride in local areas, contributing to a cleaner, more welcoming environment that supports tourism, wellbeing, and civic pride.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council recognises the importance of clear, visible and legible road signage. The Council conducts regular inspections of roads and streets and carries out cleaning, repair and where necessary, the replacement of defective signage, with priority given to road safety signs. The Council also operates an annual city-wide hedge and vegetation cutting programme, which specifically addresses situations where signage becomes obscured by growth along public roads.

While the Council greatly values the contribution of Tidy Towns and community groups in general, it would not be practical or safe for the Council to lend specialised signage cleaning or access equipment to any group. Such works often involve working adjacent to live traffic or at height and require trained personnel, traffic management and appropriate insurance and safety controls. These works are therefore carried out by trained Council staff or competent contractors.

The Council will continue to engage with community groups and encourages the reporting of obscured or damaged signage through established Council channels so that issues can be assessed and addressed accordingly.

11.1.8 **PUBLIC BIN STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 15th May 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council deliver a public bin strategy and ensure that communities like Ballyvolane have adequate public bins - currently there is one bin in the entire community, yet other suburbs are serviced with ample bins. We need a consistent service across our city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/162)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council analyse bin requests on a case-by-case basis throughout the city. There are several factors considered before bins are installed. Cork City Council is currently installing additional bins in the Ballyvolane area.

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

11.1.9 **BRING YOUR OWN BIKE COMMUNITY FITNESS HUB**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council install an innovative project called SpinPark Bring Your Own Bike (BYOB) Community Fitness Hub. The concept allows people to cycle to the park and dock their own bicycles into secure "Universal Spin Docks", instantly creating an outdoor spin class for up to 20 participants. Unlike traditional outdoor gyms, no expensive exercise bikes are left on site, reducing the risk of vandalism and maintenance costs.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/362)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the feasibility of the proposed project will be examined by Cork City Council to determine the benefits for local communities and to see it will deliver value for the public investment required.

The Council will engage with other local authorities that have implemented similar projects in order to learn from their experiences, identify examples of best practice and understand any operational or practical challenges encountered during delivery. This engagement will also help to inform potential benefits, ongoing maintenance requirements and the capital and operational costs involved.

The Council will also consult with Cork Sports Partnership and other relevant stakeholders to seek their views on the initiative and to assess how it may complement existing facilities. Their input will help to determine the potential demand for the project etc.

Following completion of this assessment, the Council will be in a position to determine whether the project should be progressed and, if so, to identify potential funding opportunities and delivery arrangements.

11.1.10 **HEAT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Emergency Management & Climate Action, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council put in place a 'Heat Plan' acknowledging increasing temperatures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/363)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council acknowledges the changing frequency and intensity of high-temperature events influenced by climate change and recognises the potential impacts on public health, vulnerable populations, infrastructure, biodiversity and the urban environment.

The Council has already incorporated climate adaptation measures within our Climate Action Plan and Climate EU Mission City Contract, including actions relating to urban greening, tree planting, sustainable drainage systems, biodiversity enhancement, and the reduction of urban heat island effects.

In 2026 the Council has undertaken a process to update our Climate Change Risk Assessment (still in draft). While extreme heat is at the forefront of our minds due to the hot and dry weather this summer, our evidence-based assessment is that heat is an emerging risk that will impact sections of the population with clearly identifiable vulnerability characteristics, including age, underlying health conditions, socio-economic disadvantage and relatively poor quality housing. Heat risk is highest in the urban core. Using the most up-to-date climate change projections we assess that under a high-emissions scenario (RCP 8.5) an increase of between 6.4 and 26.4 summer days, with average temperatures above 25 C, between 2070 and 2100.

Cork City Council will examine our response to changing frequency and intensity of temperatures within the framework of its climate adaptation and resilience planning. This would:

- Identify risks associated with extreme heat events;
- Support vulnerable groups through awareness and preparedness measures;
- Coordinate with the HSE, Met Éireann, emergency services and community organisations;
- Promote cooling measures in public spaces, including increased shade and urban greening;
- Integrate heat resilience considerations into future planning, housing and infrastructure projects.

The Council will also have regard to any national guidance, including the National Climate Adaptation Framework and evolving public health guidance on heat events, in developing our approach.

Accordingly, the Council supports the objective of enhancing risk awareness and preparedness for increasing temperatures. We will consider the most appropriate mechanism for incorporating specific heat risk reduction and preparedness measures into its existing climate adaptation and emergency planning structures.

11.1.11 **SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'Building on the report to motion 25/624, that Cork City Council will report on strategies and policy to retrofit existing roads to include sustainable urban drainage solutions (including rain gardens, swales, wetlands, trees/planting, soakaways, rainwater harvesting, attenuation systems, etc.); and that this strategy will prioritise areas subject to the impact of cloudbursts and other flash flooding situations, and include residential areas.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/375)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is the policy of Cork City Council that sustainable urban development systems (SuDS) be incorporated in scheme designs when developing proposals for new or upgraded road infrastructure. These SuDS systems comprise a range of water management measures designed to reduce and manage surface water (rainwater) in an environmentally sustainable way. When implemented successfully, they not only help reduce the risk of localised flooding but also help to alleviate downstream flood risk.

SuDS that incorporate nature-based solutions such as rain gardens, swales, wetlands, green roofs, trees/planting, soakaways, rainwater harvesting, attenuation systems, etc also offer the additional benefit of creating habitat and biodiversity betterment, improving water quality and greening the city.

While the use of SuDS is still in its early stages in an Irish context, the National Planning Framework (NPO 57) promotes its integration into new development proposals. The City Development Plan also includes a range of specific objectives promoting the use of SuDS in all developments including residential, commercial and infrastructural (9.4, 9.6, 9.7, 11.66, 11.175, 11.217, 11.218, 11.275 etc)

This new approach has been reflected in the development of key strategic plans for future growth areas in the city eg the Docklands Framework Masterplan which details a strategy that will deliver a new sustainable drainage system that utilises nature based (green infrastructure) solutions to mitigate, convey and store storm water. The approach provides for swales on Centre Park Road and Monahan Road and storage within open spaces. The nature based solutions are fully integrated into the public realm and amenity proposals for the area. Similarly, the principles of SuDS have been used to guide the development of scheme proposals for individual projects eg Marina Promenade /Marina Park which combine high-quality public realm with flood storage infrastructure and thereby deliver new public amenities with higher biodiversity value.

The Council will continue to expand the use of sustainable urban drainage solutions in the development of proposals for new or upgraded road infrastructure and as suggested regard will be had to the impact of cloudbursts and flash flooding. The City Council will also monitor the development of future national funding streams that may be provided to support the retrofitting of older infrastructure. Through the ongoing expansion of SuDS the Councils infrastructural improvement schemes will deliver added benefits in terms of flood mitigation/resilience, water quality, public amenity and biodiversity.

11.1.12 **COURSING AND SIMILAR PRACTICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That this Council fully commits against the use on public land and within its administrative area, of any practice that puts species of animal against each other, such as 'coursing', purportedly as entertainment.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/386)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council, Property Department, Planning and Integrated Development Directorate, do not make available, any land in Local Authority ownership for the practice of 'coursing'.

11.1.13 **SHADED AREAS IN PLAYGROUNDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will incorporate shaded areas where at all possible into the development of all playgrounds going forwards.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/389)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council recognises the benefits of providing shaded areas within playgrounds for the comfort and wellbeing of users. The Parks and Recreation Division will continue to incorporate shade, through both existing and new tree planting and, where appropriate, built shade structures, in the design and development of playgrounds wherever practicable. This will be subject to site conditions, safety requirements, design considerations and available funding.

11.1.14 **AUDIT OF SUNCREAM DISPENSERS IN CORK CITY PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 18th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will conduct an audit of the suncream dispensers in Cork City parks, fixing any that have been broken and ensuring that the dispensers are filled during the summer months.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/390)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team of the Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs Directorate and the Parks Team in the Operations Directorate have implemented sunscreen dispensers in Loughmahon, Glenamoy, Clashduv, Marina Park, Fitzgeralds Park, Jerry O'Sullivan Park and Kempton Park. In June 2026 a review of each of these dispensers was undertaken, dispensers were restocked and any necessary repairs were made. The teams within community and parks will continuously monitor these sunscreen dispensers for the summer months.

12. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 15th September 2026.

13. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 5th OCTOBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 5th October 2026.

13.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

13.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF AUGUST 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to the end of August 2026.

14. **CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE – 30th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the City Centre Committee from its meeting held, 30th September 2026.

15. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th September 2026.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th September 2026.

16.1 **MOTIONS**

16.1.1 **LEHENAGHMORE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – BARRETT'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 24th September 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council acknowledges the serious road-safety concerns raised by local residents about the ongoing works at Barrett's Cross, Lehenaghmore.

This motion calls on Cork City Council to:

- immediately halt the works at Barrett's Cross pending a review of the design and layout and convene, without delay, a meeting between local residents, the Lehenaghmore Residents Group, elected representatives, and the Council's design and project team to address those concerns and report back to Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/469)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Lynch, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, a proposed amendment to the motion was tabled to read as follows:-

'That Cork City Council acknowledges the serious road-safety concerns raised by local residents about the ongoing works at Barrett's Cross, Lehenaghmore and this will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the SW LAC.

This motion calls on Cork City Council to:

- immediately halt the works at Barrett's Cross pending a review of the design and layout and convene, without delay, a meeting between local residents, the Lehenaghmore Residents Group, elected representatives, and the Council's design and project team to address those concerns and report back to Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/469)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for on referring the amended motion back to the South West Local Area Committee, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (24)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ardmhéara declared the vote carried, and the amended motion referred back to the South West Local Area Committee for further consideration.

17. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th September 2026.

18. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th September 2026.

19. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 30th SEPTEMBER 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 30th September 2026.

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

21. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh and S. Martin at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2026, Local Democracy Taskforce, held at Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, 30th September - 1st October 2026.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy as part of the Lord Mayor Delegation trip to San Francisco and New York, USA, 2nd - 9th March 2026.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Lowell, Massachusetts, USA, 1st UNESCO Learning City, held at Lowell, Massachusetts, USA, 5th - 10th May 2026.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy as part of the Lord Mayor Delegation visit to Rennes, France, IDAHOBIT, 16th - 19th May 2026.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy as part of the Lord Mayor Delegation visit to Turin, Italy, EU Net Zero Cities Mission Conference, 26th - 30th May 2026.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB Centenary Dinner, held at Mansion House, Co. Dublin, 17th September 2026.

22. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

None received.

23. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

23.1 IPB CENTENARY DINNER

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the travel of Comhairleoir S. Martin to Dublin on September 17th 2026 to attend the IPB Centenary Dinner held in the Mansion House.

23.2 LORD MAYOR DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the travel of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to San Francisco and New York as part of the Lord Mayor Led Delegation, 2nd - 9th March 2026.

24. TRAINING

None received.

25. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management reports for June, July and August 2026.

26. 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.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed that motion 38, Naming of the Former Vita Cortex Residential Development, Kinsale Road/Pearse Road, be referred to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

27. MOTIONS

27.1 GDPR OBSTACLES IN ROLLING OUT CCTV SCHEMES

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That this Council will write to the Data Protection Commissioner to seek a meeting on why GDPR obstacles are constantly being placed in the way of rolling out CCTV schemes across this city to deter anti-social and criminal behaviour in our communities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/483)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Struthers, B. McCarthy. (2)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ardmhéara declared the vote carried. On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the motion.

27.2 **REINSTATE THE DOMINO SERVICE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Health requesting that she intervene and ensure that the DOMINO service in the CUMH is fully reinstated as a matter of urgency.

The City Council will also request that its Regional Health Forum delegates express concern over the significant reductions to the service.'

(Proposers: Cllr. N. O'Connor, Cllr. D. Boyle 26/487)

27.3 **SOLIDARITY WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE GARVAGHY ROAD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'Cork City Council sends its solidarity to the residents of the Garvaghy Road in Portadown and join in their opposition to a sectarian Orange Order march through their area. We recognise that this is primarily a residential area and that painful wounds have been reopened by these events and believe no parade should be imposed against the wishes of residents. Ordinary people of all communities do not wish to be dragged back to the violence of the past by the whipping up of tension and division. We welcome the open letter signed by over 1,000 people from Protestant backgrounds in support of the Garvaghy Road residents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/488)

27.4 **REROUTE ORANGE ORDER MARCH AWAY FROM GARVAGHY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council fully supports the right of residents in Garvaghy Road to live without fear of Orange Order marches parading along their road.

We further note that for 28 years there has been peace in Garvaghy Road. This is because no Orange Order march proceeded down the Garvaghy Road and this has ensured that the violence and fear from previous marches has been avoided.

Therefore, we urge the Orange Order to reroute their march away from Garvaghy Road.

Finally, we call on Cork City Council to write to An Taoiseach urging him to contact the Orange Order, Chief Constable of the PSNI and the British Secretary of State demanding that they agree to reroute this contentious march for this and future years.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. J. Lynch, Cllr. F. Kerins 26/502)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

'That Cork City Council welcomes the decision by the British Secretary of State Chris Bryant to ban the contentious Orange Order March on the Garvaghy Road.

We support the right of residents in Garvaghy Road to live without fear of Orange Order marches parading along their road.

We further note that for 28 years there has been peace in Garvaghy Road. This is because no Orange Order march proceeded down the Garvaghy Road and this has ensured that the violence and fear from previous marches has been avoided.

Finally, we call on Cork City Council to write to An Taoiseach urging him to contact the Orange Order, Chief Constable of the PSNI and the British Secretary of State demanding that in the interest of protecting the gains made in the peace process to date: and to create the space for relationship building in the Portadown communities, they agree to reroute this contentious march for future years.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. J. Lynch, Cllr. F. Kerins 26/502)

27.5 **AMENDMENTS TO THE BROADCASTING ACT 2009**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Culture, Communications & Sport, Patrick O'Donovan calling on him and the Irish Government to introduce amendments to the Broadcasting Act 2009 (particularly sections 21 and 22) so as to provide for increased Oireachtas and ministerial oversight of the "expenses properly incurred" by Coimisiún na Meán and the "working capital requirements" of Coimisiún na Meán (within the meaning of section 21(4) of the 2009 Act) and to require Oireachtas and ministerial consent for any increase or decrease in a levy order in excess of 5% per annum.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 26/489)

27.6 **US BLOCKADE OF CUBA**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Struthers, seconded by Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting the dissention of Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh and N. O'Flynn:-

'Cork City Council calls for an immediate end to the illegal US blockade of Cuba and the removal of Cuba from the "State Sponsors of Terrorism" list.

Council notes the hypocrisy of this designation given that Cuba has been the victim of foreign sponsored attacks causing over 3,500 deaths.

Council condemns the extraterritorial US coercion blocking international trade, which has left 7,000 containers of vital medical and essential supplies stranded in ports, and further condemns the failure of the EU and Irish governments to robustly resist this interference.

Council expresses grave concern over the fuel blockade causing severe power grid failures, crippling public transport, education, and waste collection, and devastating Cuba's free healthcare system.

Cork City Council urges the Irish Government to use all available legal and diplomatic means to reject these unlawful sanctions and protect independent trade.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Struthers 26/497)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

27.7 **BREAST DENSITY NOTIFICATION FOR ALL WOMEN UNDERGOING MAMMOGRAPHY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Health and the HSE calling for the introduction of standardised breast density notification for all women undergoing mammography in Ireland, ensuring women are informed with their mammogram results whether they have dense breasts and, if so, their breast density category.

Council further calls for a national public awareness campaign on breast density and its importance to women's breast health.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/500)

27.8 **STEM CELL TRANSPLANT (SCT) AND CELLULAR THERAPY UNIT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would write to the HSE to ask them to consider a Stem Cell Transplant (SCT) and Cellular Therapy Unit for Cork University Hospital (CUH) in view of the fact that patients have to travel to Dublin or Galway for treatment for Multiple Myeloma. This causes significant stress and hardship for patients and their families at a vulnerable time.'

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/526)

27.9 **CRISIS IN DEMENTIA CARE BEDS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council recognises the crisis in dementia care beds in Cork and agrees to write to the Minister for Health opposing the closure of the 17-bed dementia unit in Sarsfield Court.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/529)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Leas Ardmhéara invited Comhairleoir K. Collins to address An Chomhairle on the following motion, after which the motion was approved without debate:-

'That Cork City Council write to the Land Development Agency (LDA) requesting that they meet with the local residents group they met previously to outline the reasoning for the fencing off the 'Murphys Rock' amenity area and if access can be facilitated, An Garda Síochána could also be asked to input to this meeting. Furthermore the LDA should update North West and North East Cllrs on its plans for the area, this briefing should include a presentation from the City Council on it's position regarding housing developments in the area and clarity on the status of this renowned amenity in the City Development Plan.'

This concluded the business of the meeting

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