## COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ HALLA NA CATHRACH CORCAIGH



## CORK CITY COUNCIL CITY HALL CORK

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an data thíosluaite, ar a 5.00 A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **5.00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

## GNÁTHCHRUINNIÚ – DÉ LUAIN, 8<sup>ú</sup> MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2025 ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

## 1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

## 2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES

## 3. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

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

## 4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

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

## 4.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY CENTRE DIRECTORATE

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

## 5. **MINUTES**

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

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

## 6. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

## 7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

## 7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

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

- 1. Disposal of the freehold interest in land (1,617.14 m² approximately), situated at Pearse Road, Ballyphehane, Cork subject to retention of an easement for the benefit of access to an electricity substation, to Denis Kelleher, Michael Goggin, Brian Nolan, Maurice Keller and Ronnie McDowell the Trustees of the Munster Branch IRFU, their successors & assigns, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn LLP, 85 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €1.00 (plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.
- 2. Disposal of site at "Wyndern" Popes Road, Cork to Louise Cunningham, c/o P.J. O Driscoll & Sons Solicitors, 73 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €15,000.00 plus legal costs.
- 3. Disposal of Stall No. 3 Princes Street Market, Cork to Tom Durcan Meats Limited, t/a Tom Durcan The Market c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €2,040.88, plus rates and service charges.
- 4. Disposal of Stall No. 11 Princes Street Market, Cork to Tom Durcan Meats Limited, t/a Tom Durcan The Market c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €5,824.99 plus rates and service charges.
- 5. Disposal of Stall No. 9 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Fiona Breen c/o Michael Powell Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapp's Quay, Cork by way of lease, for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €1,105.53, plus rates and service charges.
- 6. Disposal of Stall No. 22 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Natural Breads Limited t/a Alternative Bread Company, c/o Eamonn Murray Solicitors, 6/7 Sheares St, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 subject to an annual rent of €4,761.96 plus rates and service charges.
- 7. Disposal of Stall No. 3 Grand Parade Market, Cork to Ivo Duarte t/a SAUER, c/o Katherina White Solicitors, 32 Oliver Plunkett Street, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 subject to an annual rent of €2,891.24 plus rates and service charges.
- 8. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground (20.9 m² approximately), together with a wayleave, on land located at Glenmore Heights, Lehenaghmore, Togher, Cork, to ESB Networks, Sarsfield Road, Wilton, Cork, for the sum of €1.00, plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT.
- 9. Disposal of the freehold and leasehold interest in 17 O'Connell Crescent, Turners Cross, Cork, to Fergal O'Sullivan, c/o NMS Solicitors LLP, Station House, Main Street, Ballincollig, Cork for the sum of €25,000, plus costs of €1,500 plus VAT.

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

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed demolition at Noonan Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed demolition at Noonan Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the demolition at Noonan Road, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025."

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

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed development at Cooney's Lane, Grange, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Cooney's Lane, Grange, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Cooney's Lane, Grange, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025."

## 7.4 CORK CITY LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Seven members of An Chomhairle to be appointed to the Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership.

## 8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 1st SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

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

J. Hallahan presented the Financial Statement to 31st July 2025.

## **Decision of the Group**

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31/07/2025 to An Chomhairle for noting.

## 8.2 **MOTIONS**

## 8.2.1 <u>ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW IRELAND FORUM</u>

Members considered the following motion:-

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

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

## **Decision of the Group**

It was agreed to recommend Motion 25/358 to An Chomhairle for consideration.

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

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

'That Cork City Council shall undertake a review of its Casual Trading Bye-Laws to identify if the provision of additional pitches is feasible - particularly at Marina Park and Ballincollig Regional Park - and to assess if fees accurately reflect trading conditions.'

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

## **Decision of the Group**

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

## 8.2.3 <u>PILOT PROGRAMME TO BECOME AN ENDOMETRIOSIS INCLUSIVE</u> WORKPLACE

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

'That Cork City Council notes that:

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

#### And agrees to

- develop a pilot programme to become an endometriosis inclusive workplace

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

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

## **Decision of the Group**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Decision of the Group**

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

## 8.2.5 **LAND AT BESSBOROUGH**

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

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

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

## **Decision of the Group**

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

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

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

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

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

## 11. FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 1st SEPTEMBER 2025

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

## 11.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

## 11.1.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JULY 2025

Members considered the Financial Statements to the end of July 2025.

## **Decision of Committee**

It was agreed to note the Financial Statements and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

## 13. CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES

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

## 14. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

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

## 15. <u>CONFERENCES/SEMINARS</u>

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

## 16. **TRAINING**

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

## 17. MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

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

## 18. **MOTIONS**

## 18.1 **REDUCED VAT RATE FOR SPF PRODUCTS**

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

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

## 18.2 INVESTMENT IN THE POST OFFICE NETWORK

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

## Council acknowledges that:

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

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

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

## 18.3 **BASIC INCOME FOR THE ARTS**

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

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

## 18.4 <u>INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CARETAKERS</u>

'That Cork City Council notes:

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

## Agrees to:

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

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

## 18.5 **RAISE THE ROOF RALLY**

'That Cork City Council recognises that:

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

## And agrees to:

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

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

# NUALA STEWART MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

4<sup>ú</sup> Meán Fómhair 2025

## **APPENDIX 1**

## **MOTIONS**

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

## 1. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT SOUTH LODGE

'That Cork City Council would install traffic calming measures at South Lodge, Ballinlough, where speeding vehicles are a constant problem for local residents putting both them and their children in grave danger.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 25/370)

South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025

## 2. WORKS AT SEAMUS QUIRKE / OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARK

'That Cork City Council would carry out the following works at Seamus Quirke / Our Lady of Lourdes Park, Ballinlough:

- Install a green to parking programme on both sides of the main avenue from the Ballinlough Road to allow residents to park off street safely and avoid congestion.
- Install a new public light in the corner by number 16 Seamus Quirke Park where none exists at present. This is a very dark area at nighttime and can be unsafe for residents when walking.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 25/371)

**South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025** 

## 3. ROAD SIGNS AT WILLOW LAWN

'That Cork City Council would erect a 3-ton limit sign at the top of Willow Lawn, Ballinlough and renew the sign at the bottom of the hill to deter large vehicles particularly large trucks from using this hill as a rat run and damaging overhead power and phone lines.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 25/372)

**South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025** 

## 4. DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT OLD YOUGHAL ROAD

'That double yellow lines be extended on both sides of Old Youghal Road from the bottom of Richmond Hill to the top of St. Patrick's Hill to prevent vehicles parking illegally, and to pay particular attention to Rathmore Terrace by placing bollards at the entrance to the terrace so that the line of sight is not obstructed by vehicles illegally parked, and that the

enforcement section monitor this area on a daily basis and summons the owners of vehicles ignoring the law.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 25/411)

## North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 5. **COBURG STREET – ST. PATRICK'S HILL ACTION PLAN**

'That Cork City Council revise the 2007 action plan for Coburg Street – St. Patrick's Hill.

This plan laid out proposals for this area but was never implemented.

We have an opportunity to improve this neglected area with this plan and improve the city realm for residents and tourists.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 25/412)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 6. PLAYGROUND IN BALLYPHEHANE PARK

'That Cork City Council install extra seating at the playground in Ballyphehane Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 25/413)

South Central Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 7. ILLEGAL DUMPING OF DOMESTIC WASTE IN MAYFIELD

'It has come to my attention that there are a small number of residents that are dumping domestic rubbish in the courtyard to the rear of Glenamoy Lawn, and Ard Bhaile apartments.

This type of irresponsible behaviour by a small minority of residents shows a total disrespect and contempt for their neighbours, and is causing a major health hazard for residents, particularly children. The presence of domestic waste has resulted in an infestation of rats in the area.

This courtyard was created by Cork City Council about twenty years ago as a safe haven for children to play in a safe environment. The amenity was planted with trees and shrubs, but is now overgrown which gives cover for illegal dumping of domestic waste.

I now call on Cork City Council to clean up the courtyard and immediately remove the illegally dumped rubbish and make the area safe for both adults and children. In addition, I call on the Council to hold to account those small number of residents who are illegally disposing of domestic waste in this way.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 25/414)

#### North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 8. <u>YELLOW LINES AT CLIFTON DOWNS</u>

'Can we put yellow lines at the entrance to Clifton Downs, Leycester's Lane, Montenotte. Residents exiting the park have no line of sight left or right because of vehicles parking too close to the junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 25/415)

North East Local Area Committee - 22/09/2025

## 9. TRAFFIC SIGNS

'That Cork City Council erects cul-de-sac signs at the entrance to Tivoli Estate, and a warning sign at the start and end of Lover's Walk for heavy goods vehicles to deter them from using this road. Many vehicles are directed by GPS and use the road in error.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 25/416)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 10. **DOG PARK FOR MARINA PARK**

'That this Council will report on the ongoing use of the dog park area in Ballincollig and seek to establish a similar set up for somewhere in Marina Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/419)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 11. INSTALL A FENCE AROUND BALLINLOUGH PLAYGROUND

'That this Council will install a small fence with closable gate before the end of the year as is best practice around the playground in Ballinlough to support safe usage of the playground.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/420)

**South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025** 

## 12. **FINGERPOST ROUNDABOUT**

'That this Council opposes the removal of the Fingerpost Roundabout in Bus Connects and will work instead for a hybrid roundabout model that incorporates bus, cycling, pedestrian and vehicle safety elements to the current physical infrastructure.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/421)

#### South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025

## 13. **FOOTPATH UPGRADES**

'To ask Council for an update on footpath upgrades at both Shanakiel Road and Blarney Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 25/422)

North West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 14. PLAYGROUND FOR KNOCKNAHEENY / HOLLYHILL AREA

'That Cork City Council explore further options to develop a playground for the Knocknaheeny / Hollyhill area while awaiting plans for the North West Park. One consideration could be the grounds surrounding the Water Tower on Kilmore Road which was previously considered.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 25/423)

North West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 15. **HOUSING CRISIS**

'To ask the CEO of Cork City Council, Valerie O'Sullivan, that she consider pursuing and implementing Workers' Party policy in relation to the Housing Crisis, with the following solutions proposed by our Party:

- The establishment of a State Construction Company under the direction of a National Building Agency, by extension of and incorporation into the competences of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- The reinstatement of Cork City Council's Direct Labour Unit to carry out small scale building projects and remedial works, throughout the city and within the newly extended boundaries accorded to the administrative remit of Council.
- The reinstatement of the office and position of Clerk of Works by Cork City Council to oversee, supervise and account for each stage of a social housing (public building) project, ensuring the adherence to building regulations and standards, ensuring value for money, quality procurement and sourcing of materials, adherence to specified time schedules in the delivery of a project in order to ensure no repeat of the circumstances surrounding the derailment and partial demolition of the Kilmore Road 'Homes For All' social housing project.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 25/425)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht - 21/10/2025

## 16. "SLOW ZONE" DESIGNATION FOR BALLYHOOLY ROAD

'That Cork City Council, taking cognisance of the Road Safety Authority's Vision Zero Strategy, extend the Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye Laws 2024, by way of the Second Schedule "slow zone" designation to the Ballyhooly Road (R614) Summerhill North thereby according it the 30km/h special speed limit, accompanied by traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and that as an interim measure and as a matter of urgency, introduce a voluntary speed limit of 30km/h throughout the extent of the road, accompanied by appropriate signage. This would help alleviate the concerns of local residents and address the considerable risks posed to pedestrians, especially the most vulnerable — children and the elderly — living along the route.

As a footnote to the motion, the introduction of voluntary speed limits throughout residential areas not currently covered by the Second Schedule, would also help improve pedestrian safety, throughout the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 25/426)

North East Local Area Committee - 22/09/2025

## 17. **ONE-OFF HOUSING**

'That Cork City Council:

- 1. Recognises that the current approach to one-off housing has made it unreasonably difficult for families and individuals with land and means to provide their own homes, effectively shutting down an important housing option during a crisis.
- 2. Acknowledges that in times of sufficient housing supply, restrictions on one-off housing may have merit; however, given the current shortage, policies designed for another era are no longer fit for the circumstances we face today.
- 3. Further acknowledges that Councillors are on the front lines of this crisis, dealing daily with individuals and families in need of housing, and that their role and experience should be respected and given appropriate weight in the shaping of housing policy.
- 4. Agrees to initiate a review of the current Development Plan with a view to facilitating a controlled release of one-off housing permissions, subject to clear conditions, including:
  - o Homes must meet modern building and energy efficiency standards;
  - o Homes must respect design quality and the character of local areas;
  - o Homes should connect to existing infrastructure and services where feasible;
  - o Priority consideration should be given to applicants with a genuine local connection or family need.
- 5. Commits to ensuring that planning policy balances sustainability and community protection with the urgent and immediate need for housing, and to bring forward

draft amendments or supplementary guidance to this effect for Council consideration within six months.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 25/427)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil - 20/10/2025

## 18. LACK OF SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE ESB

'That Cork City Council make an official complaint to the Electricity Supply Board in relation to the lack of sufficient resources and assistance that the ESB has been providing to the City Council regarding the installation and repair of public lighting, which requires the assistance of ESB personnel. This lack of sufficient resources and assistance by the ESB has hampered the efforts of City Council personnel in the installation and repair of public lighting, which has resulted in a backlog and a very large amount of public lighting all over the city being out of commission for long periods of time.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 25/428)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 19. **FOOTPATH AT SOUTH VIEW**

'That the long stretch of footpath at South View, Ballinlough Road be repaired.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/429)

**South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025** 

## 20. KERBS ON BESSBORO ROAD

'In a number of areas on Bessboro Road in Blackrock the kerbs are more than 3 inches high. This makes it very unsafe for pedestrians, wheelchair users and children's buggies. I ask that the kerbs be lowered.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/430)

**South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025** 

## 21. WALKWAY FROM BLACKROCK CASTLE TO PASSAGE

'That public lighting be installed on the walkway by Blackrock Castle to the Passage direction. Many people use the walk every day and would like to use it safely during the winter months.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/431)

#### South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025

## 22. <u>ST. SENAN'S CEMETERY</u>

'That Cork City Council would arrange a weekly time slot where access would be given to St. Senan's Cemetery for individuals who have mobility issues to facilitate them to visit the graves of family members.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 25/433)

North West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 23. YELLOW BOX AT RATHPEACON SCHOOL

'That Cork City Council extend the yellow box at Rathpeacon School on Sweeneys Hill to ensure adequate emergency access and add to the list of requests for yellow boxes in the North West Ward.'

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. J. Sheehan 25/434)

North West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 24. COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE AT THE FORMER LEEDS FC SOCCER FIELD

'That Cork City Council will make available to the Glen Community Garden space at the former Leeds FC soccer field at the northern entrance to the Glen River Park; for use by the community garden and providing passive supervision alongside the natural meadows being cultivated there.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/436)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 25. <u>CCTV AT THE GLEN RIVER PARK</u>

'That Cork City Council will install CCTV at the northern entrance to the Glen River Park (from the North Ring Road) to enable the detection and prosecution of those illegally dumping waste in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/437)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 26. FOOTPATH ALONG THE RATHCOONEY ROAD

'That Cork City Council will review vegetation encroachment on the footpath along the Rathcooney Road (L2975); and restore minimum footpath widths, noting the value of this existing 2km facility for road safety and active travel in a hinterland community.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/438)

## North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 27. <u>SIGNAGE AT THE GLEN RIVER PARK AND MILITARY CEMETERY PARK</u>

'That Cork City Council will add a name sign to Military Cemetery Park; and finger-post signage to both the Glen River Park and Military Cemetery Park for pedestrians at appropriate locations to highlight the two amenities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/439)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 28. **PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS**

'That Cork City Council as a matter of policy include the provision of public toilets when planning the development of public parks and public spaces.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 25/440)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 29. **HOUSING FIRST**

'That Cork City Council recognises addiction as a debilitating disease with a high human, economic and reputational cost, recognises Housing First as a model policy to support the most vulnerable people from despair to recovery, will review its housing policy to reflect Housing First as a core priority and to prioritise housing for recovery patients accordingly, and will engage with the Government to ask for its full support.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/441)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht - 21/10/2025

## 30. <u>CLIMATE CRISIS</u>

'In recognition of the climate crisis, in advance of the crucial COP30 United Nations Climate Change Conference in November, and in honour of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris Agreement, that Cork City Council:

(a) Recognises road transport as Cork's primary source of greenhouse gas pollution, recognises bus priority on Saint Patrick's Street as the primary change it can make to cut this pollution, recognises Bus Éireann's advice to extend bus priority hours there, will engage with Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to model the related improvements to bus reliability and footfall in the city centre, will engage with stakeholders about extending the hours and, on that basis, commits itself in principle to extending the hours to coincide with the introduction of the new Bus Connects network,

due from April 2026, to collaboratively and successfully implement Cork's greatest response to the existential crisis of climate change.

(b) Will join the worldwide movement of Earth Hour by switching off non-essential lights at City Hall for one hour from 8:30pm-9:30pm, on the last or penultimate Saturday in March that Earth Hour is held, every year, as a symbol of commitment to the planet.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/442)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 31. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HIBERNIAN BUILDINGS

'That Cork City Council will engage with residents in Hibernian Buildings to prepare a new traffic management plan to eliminate through traffic from this residential community, including through consideration of filtered permeability from Victoria Road roundabout and making it a two-way system, or reversing the one-way traffic direction from east-to-west to west-to-east, and will advance a comprehensive 30km/h speed zone for the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/443)

South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025

## 32. COMMUNITY GARDEN IN BALLINURE PLACE

'To support biodiversity, community spirit and residential amenities, and in response to the dead frontage and lack of passive surveillance due to the estate layout, and a request from residents here, that Cork City Council will develop a community garden in Ballinure Place, Mahon, specifically in the southwest triangular area of the green space adjoining No. 5 Ballinure Place, and will secure it with appropriate boundary treatment, including a new fence and gate.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/444)

South East Local Area Committee – 23/09/2025

## 33. WATER FOUNTAINS IN PUBLIC PARKS

'That Cork City Council as a matter of policy would aim for where practicable that every public park would have at least one water fountain. With the changing climate and more usage of our parks with Parkruns etc this should enhance the usage of our parks.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 25/445)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 34. NAMING OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT FORMER VITA CORTEX SITE

'Planning permission to build over 300 housing units in the former Vita Cortex site on Pearse Road has recently been granted.

Our community was extremely fortunate that the previous Cork Corporation and its Councillors of the day had an eye on honouring those who fought for our freedom in the 1916 Rising. Ballyphehane is the only housing estate across Ireland to have all of the seven signatories of the Proclamation with streets named in their honour. Cork Corporation had the foresight to see the long-term value of keeping the spirit of 1916 alive for the generations that followed.

Cork City Council must have that same foresight in relation to the new development and the naming of its roads/streets/apartments. This would provide a consistency in approach, weaving history and heritage into the naming of the streets. This new development also offers an opportunity to bring a historical balance into play by honouring the women of the 1916 Rising, giving them equal status to their male counterparts and thereby recognising their huge contribution to Ireland's fight for freedom.

The new estate and all internal roads/streets/apartments should be named to honour Countess Constance Markievicz, Dr. Kathleen Lynn, Chief Medical Officer (Citizen's Army), Rosie Hackett, Margaret Skinnider, Helena Maloney, Máire Nic Shiubhlaigh and Elizabeth O'Farrell.

The naming of the roads/streets/apartments after our revolutionary women of 1916 will keep our history alive.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 25/446)

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## 35. TRAMORE VALLEY PARK SIGNAGE

'That Cork City Council recognises the importance of the Irish language in the cultural and recreational life of this city, as well as its role in facilitating the use of the Irish Language in the city. It shall therefore undertake to ensure that an Irish Language version of the signage at the entrance to Tramore Valley Park is erected.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 25/447)

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## 36. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

'The former Vita Cortex site, Former CMP site, Former Manhattan site and a site on Curragh Road are due to be developed for much needed housing in the near future. All these sites are in close proximity of one another. These will bring much needed housing to the area. Along with these much needed housing units, this will bring an inevitable increase in traffic volumes to an area already witnessing increase in traffic volumes on local roads i.e. Tramore Road / Lower Kent Road / Pearse Road / Botanic Road. As there are miniscule

parking spaces included in these plans I am calling on Cork City Council to formulate a traffic management plan for the area in light of the extra traffic that will be using this area for commuting and parking.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 25/448)

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## 37. <u>NATIONAL MONUMENT ON THE GRAND PARADE</u>

'That Cork City Council repair and illuminate the gas lamps at the National Monument on the Grand Parade. Council will also install an interactive information panel nearby which would include telling the stories of the monument and those Irish patriots whose names are inscribed.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/450)

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## 38. <u>BALLYCANNON MEMORIAL PARK</u>

'That Cork City Council scope the possibility of linking Ballycannon Memorial Park, Kerry Pike to the Old Blarney Road and on to Blarney through the means of an Active Travel Scheme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/451)

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## 39. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON FAIRFIELD ROAD

'That Cork City Council install traffic calming measures and a one way system on Fairfield Road, Farranree to reduce the speed of traffic on this very busy road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/452)

North West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 40. <u>ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS TO CORK COUNTY COUNCIL</u>

'That Cork City Council:

Notes the recently published Scrutiny Report (no.73; Cork City Council) of the National Oversight and Audit Commission, and the accompanying published transcript of a recent engagement between the NOAC and members of the Council's Executive.

Further notes the ensuing media commentary regarding the issue of annual contribution payments from Cork City Council to Cork County Council under the Local Government Act 2019.

Records its concern at the increase in annual contribution payments to Cork County Council in recent years, and is particularly concerned at the lack of clarity provided by the Local Government Act 2019 with respect to the future of such payments post-2029.

Further records its serious concern at the financial pressures that current arrangements are placing on Cork City Council with respect to the provision of services and investment in infrastructural development.

Calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently set out a process to ensure the annual contribution payments made under the Local Government Act 2019 are capped at an appropriate level, and that a process to ensure their orderly ending in 2029 is set out over the next 12 months.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/453)

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## 41. <u>SECTION 3.7 OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME</u>

'That the CE shall provide a report on the operational application of Section 3.7 of the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme; and shall outline whether it is the case that offers of housing are made in respect of areas to those who have not specified those areas of choice as part of their application for social housing support.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/454)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht - 21/10/2025

## 42. **DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW FIRE STATION**

'That the CE provide an update on the selection of a suitable site for the development of a new fire station to serve the south-west of the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/455)

South West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 43. <u>INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC WATER REFILL STATIONS</u>

'That Cork City Council, noting the success of the Refill Water Initiative in Dublin City Council and other local authorities, agrees to install publicly accessible water refill stations in Cork City Centre to reduce single-use plastic waste, promote sustainability, and provide a practical service for residents and visitors alike.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/457)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 44. <u>ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION FORUM</u>

'That Cork City Council recognises the contribution of our migrant communities, acknowledges the increasing racism they face, and calls for the establishment of a Cork City Integration and Inclusion Forum to support integration and give migrant communities a direct voice in our city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/459)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 18/09/2025

## 45. JOINT CORK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

'That Cork City Council write to Cork County Council requesting the reconvening of the Joint Cork City Council / Cork County Council Committee, to ensure ongoing cooperation and coordination on projects of mutual importance that overlap both local authority areas and municipal districts – for example, the proposed Cork to Kinsale Greenway, as well as other strategic infrastructure, transport, housing, and environmental initiatives which require joint planning and delivery.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/460)

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## 46. PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES AT MURPHY'S FARM

'That Cork City Council install public toilet facilities adjacent to the Bishopstown Playground in Murphy's Farm, as a matter of urgency.

The site is not only home to a very busy playground and public walkway and playing fields, it is also home to Bishopstown Community Garden under the care of Bishopstown Tidy Towns. There is also a coffee vendor on site on a daily basis.

The absence of a public toilet results in considerable inconvenience to the public and nuisance to users of Bishopstown House, as confirmed by Bishopstown Scout Group. The grounds around the area are misused as a toilet, creating a serious health hazard and burdening volunteers with cleanup tasks. Ballincollig Park and Fitzgerald's Park have had toilet facilities for many years, therefore it is more than reasonable to expect that Bishopstown Playground area has the same.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 25/461)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025** 

## 47. LOCAL AREA FUNDING FOR MEMBERS' PRIORITIES IN 2026

'That the Chief Executive furnish the Finance and Estimates Committee with a report detailing the expenditure adjustments necessary in Budget 2026 in order to ensure that each local area of Cork City Council is provided with funding of €2,000,000 (say two million

euro) to endeavour to make good Members' Priorities in the areas of Footpath and Estate Roads Renewals, Repairs and Maintenance; Tree Pruning; Line Painting and Traffic Calming etc. That such adjustments shall be achieved without recourse to any increase in Local Property Tax and Rates.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 25/462)

Finance & Estimates Committee – 03/11/2025

## 48. INDEPENDENT REVIEW BODY OF CORK CITY COUNCIL'S EXPENDITURE

'That the Chief Executive provides a report on the findings of the processes that were initiated in February 2025 in response to my subject motion.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 25/463)

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## 49. <u>ONE-OFF RURAL HOUSING GUIDELINES ON FAMILY FARMS</u>

'That Cork City Council reviews its guidelines for one-off rural housing on family farms, as set out in the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, to align more closely with the policies of the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028, and to present the review's findings and recommendations to a full Council meeting for consideration and adoption, with a view to supporting viable family farms and rural communities in the expanded city boundary. This motion is prompted by the 2019 boundary extension, which incorporated additional rural areas and family farms, including parts of Ballincollig, Blarney, Glanmire, and Tower, into the City Council's remit.

The current City Development Plan imposes stringent criteria, such as a minimum 30-hectare landholding for farm viability and a prohibition on urban-generated housing, which may unduly restrict genuine rural housing needs on family farms. In contrast, Cork County Council's Development Plan adopts a more flexible approach, supporting one-off housing for family farm successors and those with demonstrable economic or social need, without a fixed farm size threshold, to sustain rural communities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 25/464)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil - 20/10/2025

## 50. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ERECTING ARTWORK AND STATUES

'That Cork City Council establishes a specific subcommittee and provides a fund for erecting artwork and statues in our city centre with a view to expanding to the outer city area in time. The city has a rich history, and this could be celebrated through the erection of pieces of art / statues across our city starting with Patrick Street and the link with the River Lee.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/465)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 18/09/2025

## 51. <u>NEW PARK ON THE NORTH RING ROAD</u>

'That Cork City Council develops the land next to the fire station (currently idle and home to illegal dumping and zoned for recreational use) on the North Ring Road and creates a new park. This would provide a green space for people in Blackpool and could also be an extension of the Glen River Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/466)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 52. <u>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON BALLYHOOLY ROAD</u>

'That Cork City Council provides a pedestrian crossing on Ballyhooly Road by Keating's Fitted Furniture to allow for a safe crossing place for people in the community.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/467)

North East Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 53. NORTH MAIN STREET CAR PARK

'That Cork City Council addresses the bad state of North Main Street Car Park both inside and outside. I ask that the building be painted, reinstated line markings, and a toilet upgrade and that the outside be painted and potentially used as a space for artists / advertising.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/468)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025** 

## 54. MARDYKE WALK

'That a traffic management plan be put in place for Mardyke Walk and connected roadways.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 25/469)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025** 

## 55. DECADE OF CENTENARIES MARKING 1926-36

'That this Council help organise a decade of centenaries marking the period of 1926-36 that would begin with the reconstruction of St. Patrick's Street after the burning of Cork in 1920 and culminate with the opening of Cork City Hall in 1936.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 25/470)

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## 56. LOCAL LINK LIKE BUS SERVICES

'That this Council investigate along with the National Transport Authority the possibility of introducing a local link like bus services, where smaller busses could carry people living on the periphery of the city to and from the main city bus routes.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 25/471)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht - 20/10/2025

## 57. WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE CITY CENTRE

'That Cork City Council recognises:

- a. that the current system of waste management in the city centre and surrounds is not fit for purpose in areas of dense population where homeowners have nowhere to store bins but on the footpaths outside their homes;
- b. that the current system leads to vast tracts of footpaths in the city being rendered completely unusable and impossible to navigate if you are reliant on a mobility aid, pushing a buggy, physically impaired etc;
- c. that the current system poses a safety risk to walkers by rendering the said footpaths unusable and is incompatible with the city's stated goal of being a city that encourages active travel;
- d. that the current system materially detracts from the overall look of the city,

And recognising the foregoing that the City Council resolves to investigate alternatives to the current system including but not limited to investigating the possibility of moving to a similar system to that being currently rolled out by Dublin City Council i.e. the introduction of on street waste compactors.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/472)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 58. PARKING PREVENTION ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

'That Cork City Council will move to prevent cars parking on the newly completed paving on South Main Street outside of Tesco (and damaging the new paving in doing so) preferably by planting low hedging or trees to delineate between the road and the plaza area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/473)

South Central Local Area Committee – 22/09/2025

## 59. <u>CLEAR OUR PATHS CAMPAIGN</u>

'Vision Ireland (formerly the NCBI) recently had their annual Clear Our Paths Campaign. The aim of this is to create a safer environment on our streets for people who are blind or vision impaired to travel independently. The things they highlight as problems are:

- Cars parked on footpaths
- Dog fouling
- Wheelie bins and street furniture
- Overhanging branches
- Cycles and e-scooters
- Election posters

We are all affected by these but people who are blind or vision impaired are disproportionally affected and their ability to live an independent life can be undermined. This motion calls for the Council to support this annual campaign and also for a meeting to be organised with representatives of Vision Ireland and relevant Council managers and committee chairs (Dog Fouling Committee for example) to discuss how we can address the needs and concerns of the blind and vision impaired in the areas mentioned above.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 25/475)

**Corporate Policy Group – 06/10/2025** 

## 60. SCHOOL WARDENS IN THE NEW CITY AREAS

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

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

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

**Corporate Policy Group – 06/10/2025** 

## 61. HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

'That Cork City Council would reinstate ownership and direct management of household and commercial refuse collection services, and that it would reintroduce a waiver scheme for pensioners, persons with disabilities, and other eligible individuals.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/477)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna - 16/09/2025

## 62. SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FOR THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

'That Cork City Council develop and implement a plan to provide a shuttle bus service for the annual Blessing of the Graves ceremonies at cemeteries across the city—beginning in November—with particular attention to St. Catherine's Cemetery, Kilcully. Given the high volume of traffic and limited parking, this service is especially important for older persons and individuals with mobility issues who are unable to walk long distances. I request that Cork City Council liaise with local churches and Bus Éireann to facilitate the coordination and delivery of this service.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/478)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 18/09/2025

## 63. TRACKING SYSTEM FOR HOUSING-RELATED DOCUMENTATION

'That Cork City Council introduce a centralised tracking system for all housing-related documentation, integrated with the existing Choice Based Letting (CBL) system. This system would provide applicants with confirmation of receipt and a reference number upon submission of forms and documents. It would also allow Council staff to efficiently track incoming documentation, reducing the risk of forms being misplaced, mislabelled, or not logged. At present, many applicants experience delays that are attributed to forms being 'not received', resulting in backlogs, the loss of time on housing waiting lists, and in some cases, the unnecessary burden of having to re-submit documentation or obtain new affidavits.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/479)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Tithíocht - 21/10/2025