

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2026

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boylan.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. 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. Mr. K. O’Connor, Senior Planner, Planning & Integrated Development. Ms. N. Stewart, 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 Daly family on the death of David Daly.
- The O’Leary family on the death of Marie O’Leary.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Carmel McCarthy.
- The Grogan family on the death of Jackie Grogan.

- The Mc Groarty family on the death of Denis Mc Groarty.
- The Murphy family on the death of Jerry (Jeremiah) Murphy.
- The Linehan family on the death of Jeanette Linehan.
- The Taaffe family on the death of John Taaffe.
- The O'Hara family on the death of Paddy O'Hara.
- The Russell family on the death of Ken Russell.
- The O'Neill family on the death of Christine O'Neill.
- The Hunt family on the death of Carmel Hunt.
- The Lowry family on the death of Kathleen Lowry.
- The O'Mahony family on the death of Margaret (Peg) O'Mahony.
- The Hallihan family on the death of Denis Hallihan.
- The Murphy family on the death of Gerard Murphy.
- The Steenbergen-Nagle family on the death of Margurite Steenbergen-Nagle.
- The Burns family on the death of Patrick (Pat) Burns.
- The Dawson family on the death of Leslie Dawson.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of Michelle O'Sullivan.
- The Martin family on the death of Michelle Martin.
- The Long family on the death of Nora Mary (Norma) Long.
- The Whelehan family on the death of Bernard (Barney) Whelehan.
- The Desmond family on the death of Sarah-Lee Desmond.
- The Mullan family on the death of Sean Mullan.
- The Lynch family on the death of Tim Lynch.
- The Higgins family on the death of John Higgins.
- The Norberg family on the death of Bernadette Norberg.
- The Barry family on the death of Niamh Barry.
- The Hayes family on the death of Kevin Hayes.
- The Nott family on the death of Mary Nott.

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

- Baked Café on celebrating one year in business.
- Ballincollig GAA and the U15 Hurlers on winning Féile na nGael 2026.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **EU PRESIDENCY**

An tArdmhéara noted the success of the recent visit of President Ursula Von Der Leyen which marked the beginning of Ireland's EU Presidency and praised all City Council staff and Gardaí involved.

An tArdmhéara further informed members that invitations have also issued for the WHO EU Summit of Mayors on Health and Climate Action which is taking place on 5th and 6th October 2026 in City Hall, and encouraged all members to attend as this is an opportunity to come together to shape policy at an EU level.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of a Civic Reception for the Cork Minor Football team on winning the All Ireland Minor Football Final.

3.3 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that notification had been received from Comhairleoir P. Horgan of his intention to suspend standing orders, and called on Comhairleoir P. Horgan to read his motion:-

‘To request a suspension of standing orders to reiterate to Government the need to act upon the motion passed by this Council in September 2025 in the name of Cllr. Peter Horgan in respect of beginning a CPO of the Bessborough site as a matter of urgency given the planning decision made on Thursday 9th July.’

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss the motion at the end of the meeting.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 8th June 2026.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 19th June 2026.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **TREES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the net number of trees that have been planted in the city since the appointment of a Trees Officer (position currently vacant) by this Council?

REPLY

Cork City Council planted over 13,800 trees since the appointment of the Tree Officer.

A further 10,500 juvenile trees were provided free of charge to members of the public for planting on their own properties and lands, with 2,500 distributed in 2024, 3,000 in 2025, and 5,000 in 2026.

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

6.2 **LOUGH MAHON PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive,

In relation to Lough Mahon Park will the CE report and update Council on.

1. When will the public lighting in the park be switched back on at night time hours.
2. What is the up-to-date situation regarding the provision of benches/seating in the park.
3. What is the up-to-date situation regarding the installation of CCTV in the park.
4. What other proposals or initiatives such as further upgrade of playing equipment etc is being planned for the park.

REPLY

The public lighting in Lough Mahon Park is not switched on at night, as the park is closed.

The provision and placement of seating and benches throughout the park will be reviewed and the concerns raised by some residents regarding the location of existing seating will inform this review. Any proposed changes will aim to ensure an appropriate balance is achieved between the needs of park users and the concerns of residents.

The Parks & Recreation Section in conjunction with An Garda Síochána sought to regularise the use of CCTV in parks, cemeteries and open spaces in 2023 under Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. This work had to be suspended however until a Code of Practice was established for the operation of Community CCTV Schemes via the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act. Once the relevant code of practice and legislative provision is in place, the feasibility of using CCTV in Lough Mahon Park will be progressed.

€166,138.98 was invested in the refurbishment of Lough Mahon Playground last year. The refurbishment was informed by extensive stakeholder engagement. There is currently no provision for the installation of additional play equipment.

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

6.3 **COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTIES**

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

Can I ask the Chief Executive to detail to members the number of council-owned properties currently vacant, broken down by duration of vacancy, reason for vacancy, and the estimated cost of refurbishment required to bring each unit back into use.

REPLY

As at the end of May 2026, there were 359 vacant Cork City Council managed properties out of a total managed stock of over 11,000.

The average duration for which properties remain vacant is 32 weeks and the average cost of refurbishment is €21,862.

The main reasons for vacancy include surrender of tenancy, death of tenant and transfer of tenant. Figures are not maintained in regard to the numbers of properties becoming vacant by reason for same.

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.4 **FLEADH CHEOIL NA hÉIREANN**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on Cork City Council's intention to apply for Cork City to host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2028 and 2029, including whether the City Council Executive still plan to apply for Cork City to host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2028 and 2029 and, if so, whether said application is currently being prepared, what stage of the process it is currently at and whether any formal discussions with the national organisers of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann have yet taken place.

REPLY

Cork City Council is currently examining the feasibility of hosting Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Early indications are that any bid to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí na hÉireann to host the event would need to be underwritten by significant external financial support. The initial findings of the on-going assessment will be discussed with the City Centre Committee following the summer break.

Cormac Ó Suilleabháin,
Director of Services,
City Centre Development & Operations.

6.5 **OLD CORK PRISON SITE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if:

- A masterplan exists for the Old Cork Prison site, as recommended in ZO 13.4 and if Council were consulted on the proposal
- Applying for demolition and construction separately would be considered project splitting under European Environmental Directives and if she believes demolition alone is covered under Part 9 of SI 600/2001
- She will publish a report previously drafted by the Executive on the two prison sites in the Glen.

REPLY

The Old Cork Prison Site in the Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, as varied, is zoned ZO 13 – Institutions and Community with a stated objective to provide for and protect institutional and community uses.

Paragraph ZO 13.4 of the Development Plan states that *‘development proposals in this zone must provide high-quality built and landscaped environments that have regard to the local receiving environment. Institutions and facilities in this zone would benefit from a masterplan-led approach to developing their lands and facilities and are encouraged to engage with Cork City Council in this regard’*. No masterplan has been presented to Cork City Council as part of any proposals and the Planning Authority has not been involved in the development of a masterplan for the lands.

In the case of the proposed demolition of the Old Cork Prison the Irish Prison Service, on behalf of the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, is the proposing State Authority in that instance and as such must be satisfied that the proposed development and process followed are fully compliant with the full provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and associated Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, as they relate to developments by State Authorities. Similarly, the State Authority must satisfy themselves that they are fully compliant with all environmental obligations and European Directive requirements.

In November 2012 Cork City Council were invited by the office of the Minister for Justice and Equality to make a submission / observations on proposed new prison facility at Rathmore Road, the Glen, Cork under Part 4 of the Prisons Act 2007. A submission was made by Cork City Council in December 2012.

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

6.6 **BUS SERVICES**

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:

Convene a forum on public transport issues in this city to create an action plan for every stakeholder in transport to deliver by end of the year that will seek to address the shattered confidence in our bus services in Cork.

REPLY

The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) sets out the transport investment required in Cork over the period to 2040. This investment is being made in order to support of the planned population and employment growth envisaged in the National Planning Framework. The Strategy was adopted by the National Transport Authority in 2020 and details major improvements in strategic roads, commuter rail, light rail, bus services and active travel.

In relation to public transport the various investment programmes are now being progressed as set out in the Strategy and projects are at various stages of design, planning and implementation so a forum for a new plan is not currently required. Significant investment has been made in the commuter rail network as well as the progression of plans for new train stations at Blackpool and Dunkettle. It also includes the development of proposals for a Cork Light Rail service to connect Mahon to Docklands and the City Centre and onwards to Bishopstown and Ballincollig.

A new bus network, with improved routing, expansion into new areas previously without a service and a substantial increase in capacity on existing services, was agreed following public consultation. The NTA has engaged a contractor to carry out the construction works necessary to provide the bus stops, bus turning facilities and terminus layovers required to introduce the first phase of these new services. These works are now substantially complete and preparation for the introduction of these services is well underway with implementation expected to commence in the coming year. The infrastructure required for the remaining services is currently being designed with further construction works to follow next year. Proposals for the related network improvements (strategic corridors) have been the subject of three rounds of public consultation and are expected to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála later this year.

In relation to bus services, it will be noted that the development and/or delivery of bus services in Cork does not come under the remit of the City Council. The National Transport Authority has overall responsibility for the planning regulation and funding of public bus services and Bus Éireann is responsible for the delivery of these services in Cork. The National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann already engage with the local authority on a regular basis in relation to bus services. This includes their recent attendance at meetings of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee. The Council will continue to engage with the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann in support of public bus services in Cork.

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

6.7 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the number of times use has been made of Compulsory Purchase Orders since January 1st 2020, outlining the reasons such orders were sought?

REPLY

The following table provides the detail of the number of instances Cork City Council acquired property/land via Compulsory Purchase in the period 1st January 2020 to 8th July 2026 and the reason for same.

Table 1

Nr. acquisitions	CPO	Compulsory Acquisition Order requirement/mechanism
26		private property, which was derelict, on the derelict sites register, subsequently acquired via derelict sites act 1990 and vested in Cork City Council to address dereliction, in the absence of action by known, unknown or unascertained owners.
8		Property or land acquired via Housing Act 1966 & Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for benefit of Infrastructure enhancement, realignment and or provision, provision of greenway routes/improvement schemes and or provision of educational facilities.

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

6.8 **DOG WARDEN SERVICES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of the city's dog warden services, including the number of wardens, their powers and areas of responsibility, the nature of contracts for the provision of these services, and how members of the public can contact the dog warden?

REPLY

The CSPCA provides Dog Warden services to Cork City Council under a Service Level Agreement, in accordance with Section 15(3) of the Control of Dogs Act 1986.

5 Dog Wardens are currently employed in Cork City with part funding provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Dog Warden Support Grant.

The Dog Wardens powers and areas of responsibility include the following:

- Enforcing the provisions of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and related regulations.
- Investigating offences such as:
 - Keeping a dog without a licence.
 - Dogs not under effective control.
 - Stray dogs.
 - Dogs worrying livestock.
- Seizing and dealing with stray or uncontrolled dogs.

Members of the public can contact the Dog Wardens at the CSPCA at 021 – 4515534 or by e-mail at info@cspca.ie or by contacting Cork City Council who will then liaise with the CSPCA.

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

6.9 **COMMERCIAL RATES FOR VACANT PROPERTIES**

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 address the continued reduction in commercial rates for vacant properties, which rewards vacancy; to estimate the annual revenue forgone by Cork City Council; to outline the options to phase out this relief in advance of the 2027 Budget; to address the fact that Dublin City Council has already phased out its equivalent; and to detail engagement with Cork County Council on a coordinated approach.

REPLY

Cork City Council operates a commercial rates vacancy allowance relief of 40%. This was introduced in the 2025 budget having been set in previous years at 50%. The vacancy allowance does not reward vacancy in all instances. There will always be a certain amount of vacancy due to movement of businesses & change of tenancies, business closures, legal disputes, probate cases and the need for refurbishment works to maintain buildings.

The current situation where the landlord of a vacant property pays 60% of the rates for an unlet building, can be a substantial burden, especially if the owner is incurring the costs for remedial work on the building. Work to improve the fabric of the city should be encouraged.

Vacancy write-off figures from 2022 to 2025 for Cork City Council were as follows:

Year	Write-off amount
2025	€3,757,630.85
2024	€3,993,121.45
2023	€4,094,839.65
2022	€3,684,702.97

The removal of the vacancy allowance will not guarantee the collection of the 40%. Charging full rates on vacant property can have unintended consequences such as a move to dereliction to avoid rates. It can also discourage investment in vacant property.

Some owners will not pay rates on vacant property no matter what vacancy allowance is applied. We pursue these customers legally but in general the outcomes are poor and rates are not resolved until the property is sold or occupied.

We will bring forward proposals in relation to vacancy relief to members before Budget 2027.

Cork County Council apply 100% vacancy relief to vacant properties in the county area. Cork City Council apply relief at 40%. A coordinated approach with such a disparity in relief rates may prove difficult.

Investment in the city area could fall if the neighbouring local authority has a vacancy allowance of 100% and the city further reduces its vacancy relief.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.

6.10 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION**

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

Does the Chief Executive think it was appropriate that The CE wrote to An Coimisiún Pleanála advocating for an application that was rejected by the Council in the recent Material Contravention. The language used is clearly bias against the decision of Council. Can the CE give a few examples where this would have happened in the past?

REPLY

Páirc Uí Chaoimh is a landmark national asset and a critical part of Cork and Munster's sporting, cultural, social and economic life. As the iconic home of the GAA in Cork, it represents much more than a stadium: it is a symbol of community, heritage, identity and civic pride for generations of people from Cork and across the Munster region. The GAA continues to play a central role in Irish life, supporting social cohesion, inclusion, youth participation and community resilience.

Given Cork's unique standing within Gaelic games and the significant investment already made in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, the stadium deserves strong and sustained Government and City Council support as critical national infrastructure and an enduring expression of our shared heritage — our dúchas.

Planning permission, TP 25/43977, was refused by Cork City Council on the 13th May 2026 for development at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Marina Park on Monahan Road, Ballintemple, Cork for a development to consist of (I) A new vehicular set down and drop off circulation area at City End side of the stadium, accessed from Monahan Road, to the south of the existing public concourse and east of the existing pedestrian walkway, (II) New landscaping, planting beds and nature based SuDS measures including swales and a retention basin, (III) A new road junction design, including raised tables to maintain pedestrian priority, and a pedestrian crossing on Monahan Road and, (IV) all associated public lighting and site development works.

While the proposed development was deemed acceptable in broad planning it was deemed correctly by the Executive that the relevant land-use zoning objective ZO 15 Public Open Space would not facilitate nor would be open to the proposed development, and therefore the proposed development would Materially Contravene the City Development Plan. As such the appropriate Material Contravention process as set out under Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, was initiated resulting in a decision by the Elected Members not to pass the resolution by the required $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members. The decision to refuse the proposed development was subsequently issued on the 13th May 2026.

The outcome of this Material Contravention process was and is fully respected by the Executive and the matter now rests with An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) for decision on appeal.

A first party appeal was taken on this proposed development and lodged with ACP with an initial due date of the 12th October 2026. The views of the Council, as the Planning Authority, like in all appeals, are sought by ACP and as such the purpose of the letter submitted to ACP was to outline the factual position as it relates to the decision made by Cork City Council and to the process undertaken to arrive at that decision. It was deemed important, given the nature and location of the application, to advise ACP that the substantive planning position as arrived at through the detailed assessments of the planning department and internal consultees of Cork City Council was broadly supportive of the development and that the decision to refuse rested on the matter of Material Contravention. The letter in no way was designed or will indeed unduly influence the outcome of the decision of ACP as their assessment, like all appeal decisions, will be decided De novo in full light of all of the issues, facts and considerations at issue in this case.

The outcome of the appeal will be fully respected by the Executive when issued.

Brian Geaney,
Deputy Chief Executive.

6.11 **CORK NORTH WEST QUARTER REGENERATION**

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

To ask the Chief Executive:

For a progress update, under the Cork Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) programme, including confirmation that 103 new homes across Phase 1C, Phase 2B and Croppy Boy Phase 1 remain on track for completion and occupation by existing residents this year? Confirm that the 2C phase is on schedule.

Can an update also be provided on the delivery timeline for the 62 homes proposed under Phase 3B, the status of the further 139 units currently at planning and design stage, and the anticipated timeline for the relocation of all existing residents, currently estimated for Q4 2028?

For an update on communications with residents in the area and those particularly living in Killala gardens who gave concerns relating to the current condition of their properties.

To ask also for an update on the planned new boundary walls and gates, new footpaths as surveyed with the residents of Harbour Vies Road.

In addition, can details be provided on the €165 million committed to date by the Department towards housing and public realm delivery, together with an update on the next call for Expressions of Interest under the Social and Economic Environmental Programme (SEEP), including the level of funding provided to date, the number of staff, social interventions supported, and the number of community, music, schools and sporting groups including the community chest fund that have benefited within the Knocknaheeny Hollyhill and surrounding areas.

REPLY

The transformation of Knocknaheeny through the Cork North West Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) programme is clearly visible, with significant progress being made in housing delivery, community investment and public realm improvements.

New Homes Nearing Completion

By autumn and year-end, 103 new homes across Phase 1C, Phase 2B and Croppy Boy Phase 1 are expected to be ready for existing residents, marking another major milestone in the regeneration programme.

Looking further ahead, 62 additional homes under Phase 3B are scheduled for delivery by the end of 2027, providing modern, energy-efficient accommodation for more local families.

Continued Momentum

The regeneration programme continues to advance, with a further 139 housing units currently at various stages of planning and design. These projects are expected to

progress to construction over the next 12–18 months, supporting the relocation of the existing residents.

The programme currently remains on track for the remaining social homes for existing residents to be delivered by the end of 2028.

Regeneration is among the most complex forms of housing delivery. These brownfield projects are delivered within live communities and require careful resident relocation, consultation, phased construction, utility diversions and public realm works. Delivery can be affected by site constraints, contractor sequencing, construction cost inflation, skills shortages, procurement pressures, infrastructure capacity, budget management and programme risks.

Relocation Clinic for Residents of Killala Gardens

In the autumn, the CNWQR office will invite the residents of Killala Gardens to meet and discuss their future relocations. Taking on board feedback from the clinic held in 2025, residents will be invited in groups by block.

Boundary Walls and Gates, Harbour View Road

These works cannot be programmed until the traffic management measures in place associated with Phase 2B are removed. It is anticipated these works will commence in 2027, subject to funding approval.

Major Government Investment

The Department has committed almost €165 million to date to support the delivery of new homes, public realm improvements and wider regeneration objectives across the area.

This investment is helping to create better homes, safer streets and enhanced community infrastructure for residents.

Strong Community Benefits

Alongside the physical regeneration, the Social and Economic Enhancement Programme (SEEP) continues to deliver significant benefits within the community.

- Almost €3.5 million in SEEP funding has been allocated to date.
- 105 social interventions have been supported.
- 25 different community and voluntary groups in Knocknaheeny, Hollyhill and surrounding areas have benefited from funding and assistance.

A new round of SEEP Expressions of Interest is expected to be advertised in the coming months, creating further opportunities for local organisations to develop projects that enhance community wellbeing and social inclusion.

Additional Info - Question for Council: Cork North West Quarter Regeneration - 13th July 2026

Table 1: Breakdown of 139 units currently at planning or detailed design stage correct to 31 May 2026

Phase	Units	Tenure	Status
4A	43	S	Pre-tender Planned Practical Completion 2028
1D East	14	S	Pre-tender Planned Practical Completion 2028
3C	24	S	Pre-planning Planned Practical Completion 2028
4C West	20	S	Pre-planning Planned Practical Completion 2028
3A	15	V	Pre-planning Planned Practical Completion 2028
4F & AHPR	23	S	Pre-planning Planned Practical Completion 2028

Table 2 Breakdown of almost 165m correct to 31 May 2026

DHLGH Ref	Phase	Nr Units	of Funding approved (incl. VAT)	Stage Note
Primary Design & Construction				
N28/1/17A	1A	23	€4,412,731.06	Complete
N28/1/19	1B	29	€7,468,126.93	Complete
N28/1/33	1C	41	€16,141,659.00	Onsite, S4 approved
N28/1/56	1D East	15	€7,113,657.00	S2 approved
N28/1/20A	2A	47	€12,495,324.86	Complete
N28/1/30	2B	38	€15,118,062.00	Onsite, S4 approved
N28/1/27	Phase 2C	-	€6,583,185.22	Dispute project not completed but approval included in TOTAL
N28/1/57	Croppy Boy P1	24	€10,718,217.00	Onsite, S4 approved
N28/1/53	3A	15	€6,492,352.00	S1 approved
N28/1/41	3B	62	€33,169,694.00	Onsite, S4 approved
N28/1/54	3C	12	€5,274,251.00	S1 approved, S2 with DHLGH
N28/1/44	4A	43	€21,819,397.34	S3 approved
N17/1/58	4C West	20	€8,276,530.00	S1 approved
N28/1/55	4F & AHPR	22	€9,843,858.00	S1 approved, S2 with DHLGH
Sub total			€164,927,045.41	

FYI: DHLGH quotes 100m which is the Stage 4 approved projects

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.12 **REGENERATION OF THE TOGHER FLATS COMPLEXES**

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 whether Cork City Council intends to submit an application under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's revised National Social Housing Estate Remediation and Regeneration Programme, for the regeneration of the Togher Flats Complexes, including Togher Road, Clashduv Road, Sycamore Place, Hazel Road and Cherry Tree Road, and to outline the current status and proposed timeline for progressing this application.

REPLY

Cork City Council understands that the revised Social Housing Estate Remediation and Regeneration Programme is presently being developed and awaits further details from the Department on same.

The provision of stock condition surveys and structural surveys of the flats complexes is presently being procured. These surveys will be used to plan maintenance and also to inform a more detailed plan for the future of the complex.

The Housing Directorate will ensure Councillors are fully informed as surveys progress and a strategy for the longer-term renovation and refurbishment of this portfolio of apartment complexes is developed.

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.13 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION: PAIRC UI CHAOIMH**

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

To ask the CE, with regard to the recent rejection by Councillors of the material contravention at Pairc Uí Chaoimh, and the subsequent applicant's appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP); What statutory provision or power allowed the CE to issue a letter of support of the appeal to ACP? What part of the Planning and Development Act permits such interventions after a refusal decision by Councillors? Is there an established procedure and precedent for issuing such letters?

REPLY

Páirc Uí Chaoimh is a landmark national asset and a critical part of Cork and Munster's sporting, cultural, social and economic life. As the iconic home of the GAA in Cork, it represents much more than a stadium: it is a symbol of community, heritage, identity and civic pride for generations of people from Cork and across the Munster region. The GAA continues to play a central role in Irish life, supporting social cohesion, inclusion, youth participation and community resilience.

Given Cork's unique standing within Gaelic games and the significant investment already made in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, the stadium deserves strong and sustained Government and City Council support as critical national infrastructure and an enduring expression of our shared heritage — our dúchas.

Planning permission, TP 25/43977, was refused by Cork City Council on the 13th May 2026 for development at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Marina Park on Monahan Road, Ballintemple, Cork for a development to consist of (I) A new vehicular set down and drop off circulation area at City End side of the stadium, accessed from Monahan Road, to the south of the existing public concourse and east of the existing pedestrian walkway, (II) New landscaping, planting beds and nature based SuDS measures including swales and a retention basin, (III) A new road junction design, including raised tables to maintain pedestrian priority, and a pedestrian crossing on Monahan Road and, (IV) all associated public lighting and site development works.

While the proposed development was deemed acceptable in broad planning it was deemed correctly by the Executive that the relevant land-use zoning objective *ZO 15 Public Open Space* would not facilitate nor would be open to the proposed development, and therefore the proposed development would Materially Contravene the City Development Plan. As such the appropriate Material Contravention process as set out under Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, was initiated resulting in a decision by the Elected Members not to pass the resolution by the required $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members. The decision to refuse the proposed development was subsequently issued on the 13th May 2026.

The outcome of this Material Contravention process was and is fully respected by the Executive and the matter now rests with An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) for decision on appeal.

A first party appeal was taken on this proposed development and lodged with ACP with an initial due date of the 12th October 2026. The views of the Council, as the Planning Authority, like in all appeals, are sought by ACP and as such the purpose of the letter submitted to ACP was to outline the factual position as it relates to the decision made by Cork City Council and to the process undertaken to arrive at that decision. It was deemed important, given the nature and location of the application, to advise ACP that the substantive planning position as arrived at through the detailed assessments of the planning department and internal consultees of Cork City Council was broadly supportive of the development and that the decision to refuse rested on the matter of Material Contravention. The letter in no way was designed or will indeed unduly influence the outcome of the decision of ACP as their assessment, like all appeal decisions, will be decided De novo in full light of all of the issues, facts and considerations at issue in this case.

The outcome of the appeal will be fully respected by the Executive when issued.

Brian Geaney,
Deputy Chief Executive.

6.14 **BOOLE HOUSE, 4 GRENVILLE PLACE/UCC**

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 list in tabular form any and all costs, legal or otherwise, incurred by the Council in bringing the Boole House at 4 Grenville Place into the ownership of Cork City Council and the subsequent transfer to UCC.

REPLY

The following table 1.0, documents all expenditure on record for the acquisition, design investigations, stabilisation work costs to enable removal of dereliction in respect of Boole House, 4, Grenville Place, Cork. The property was subsequently disposed of to, University College Cork, in May 2017 by way of Deed of transfer, for the sum of €600,000, considering the historical and cultural significance in the context of the association of George Boole with the institution, for completion and occupation.

Table 1.0

Boole House, Grenville Place, Cork - Expenditure	Cost
*Derelict Sites Act 1990: Compensation to party with legal interest via (unsettled)	€13,000.00
Property Survey	€731.85
Provision of access, site clearance, fencing, vermin proofing, opening up works	€1,919.29
Erection of hoarding/signage at Grenville Place	€3,870.35
Signage	€319.80
Miscellaneous Expenditure	€30.00
Professional fees (Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyor, PSDP, etc)	€58,883.35
Ground Investigations and Construction Related Works	€3,686.37
Lab and Reporting Works	€565.80
Enabling Works	€21,273.31
Survey Works	€959.40
Timber Decay Investigation and Survey	€738.00
Construction Costs	€868,687.00
Total Expenditure	€961,664.52
Income: Transfer of Property to University College Cork	€600,000.00
Balance cost to Cork City Council	€361,664.52

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

6.15 **PLANNING APPLICATION 19/04667: MANOR FARM**

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

To ask the Chief Executive - further to a previous question asked in November 2025 - to set out the status of planning application 19/04667 re the provision of a crèche facility, a local shop, doctors surgery and pharmacy in Manor Farm, Lehenaghmore; to set out what contact there has been between Cork City Council and the developer to ensure these vital community facilities are delivered as soon as possible; and to set out if the Council has been advised of a completion date for the development.

REPLY

The Council is in regular contact with the developer in this case and as of this week it has been confirmed that the creche facility, local shop, doctors' surgery and pharmacy facilities are built and awaiting tenancy. Both the creche and shop require operators to take on the tenancies and the developer is actively seeking suitable tenants for these units. The developer is currently engaging with potential tenants for the doctors' surgery and pharmacy units. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and engage with the owner for updates providing same to Councillors if requested.

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

6.16 **NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD**

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 route selection of Northern Distributor Road and timeline of when works will commence?

REPLY

The Cork Northern Distributor Road will play a pivotal role in the sustainable development of Cork City, acting as a key enabler of growth—particularly in the northern part of the city. Its strategic importance was first identified in the *Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (2020)* and was reaffirmed by its inclusion in the Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport under the *National Development Plan*.

The proposed new transport corridor will provide access to key residential lands in the northern part of Cork City, support and encourage greater use of sustainable transport (via bus lanes, cycle lanes and pedestrian infrastructure), facilitate orbital movements and reduce traffic flows on existing routes, create high quality public realm zones and enhance access for both existing and new communities as well as local employment centres. The strategic assessment process for the scheme was then undertaken and approved by the NTA in Dec 2023. This included an assessment of the rationale for

investment of public funds in the project. It also established the schemes objectives and confirmed its alignment with government policy.

The route options assessment process was then progressed, and included the identification of key constraints, feasible route options and the completion of a systematic assessment of each. Analysis of the best performing options led to the identification of an emerging preferred corridor. The related approval was issued by the NTA in December 2024. Public consultation on the emerging preferred route was undertaken from Feb to April 2025. All 1400 submissions received were assessed. That consultation process informed the detail of the final route to be brought forward into the preliminary design stage. This was presented to members in December 2025.

The design team has since been appointed to progress the preliminary design for the scheme and to bring it forward for planning. Members will be kept apprised of related progress.

Edith Roberts,
Acting Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.17 **HOMELESS HUB IN CORK CITY**

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

Can the CE provide a full and detailed update of the current position of the provision of a homeless hub in Cork city.

REPLY

A joint application for funding was sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of Health on October 3, 2024, as a joint partnership between Cork City Council and the HSE Cork Kerry.

Significant work is underway between both agencies in relation to the development of the service. Further updates will be provided to members when available.

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

6.18 **PATRICKS STREET TRAFFIC BAN**

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 current progress of the traffic ban through Patricks Street on a daily basis, how its operating and is it being observed by all road users.

REPLY

The City Centre movement strategy was approved by Council in 2013 and included the phased implementation of traffic changes across the city centre. The city centre contract (Ph. 1 and 2 of strategy) undertaken in 2017 / 2018 provided for a number of traffic changes. Following completion of the construction works and the other traffic changes required to facilitate the changes in St Patrick Street, bus lanes were introduced in August 2018 from 3 to 6.30pm daily to provide bus priority for the existing services operating on the street and to facilitate the expansion of the Park n Ride 213 service from Lapp's quay into the City Centre stops. The interventions as outlined above remain in place. The enforcement of these measures falls under the remit of An Garda Síochána.

Cormac Ó Suilleabháin,
Director of Services,
City Centre Development.

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

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to the following committees, following the resignation of Comhairleoir D. Boylan as required by Standing Orders:-

- Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht
- International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Caidreamh Idirnáisiúnta & Turasóireacht
- Finance and Estimates Committee
- Climate Action Committee
- Sports Committee

7.2 **WEIGHT RESTRICTION (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) FOR RICHMOND HILL – SECTION 37 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 11th June 2026, following public consultation, on the proposed Weight Restriction (Traffic Management) for Richmond Hill pursuant to Section 37 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended).

7.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES 2026**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 19th June 2026, following public consultation, on the proposed Traffic Calming Schemes 2026, pursuant to

Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

7.4 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 2nd July 2026 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal by way of lease of property (approximately 0.52 Hectares) situated at and known as the REHAB facility Monahan Road, Cork, to Rehab Enterprises Limited, c/o Beauchamps LLP, Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, for a term of 4 years and 9 months, subject to a rent of €9,200.00 in the first year and €10,000.00 per annum thereafter, plus costs.

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

2. Disposal by way of lease of property (approximately 0.207 Hectares), situated at and known as the former Esso facility at Centre Park Road, Cork, to Origin Enterprises PLC, c/o Law Department, Origin Enterprises, 4-6 Riverwalk, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, for a term of 4 years and 9 months, subject to a rent of €22,500.00 per annum, plus costs.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring (136m² approximately) situated at Wycherley Place, College Road, Cork to Tim O'Mahony, c/o Dominic Creedon & Company Solicitors, 15/16 Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €1,000.00, plus costs of €3,000.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.5 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 (NPF IMPLEMENTATION: HOUSING GROWTH REQUIREMENTS, RURAL HOUSING POLICY & RELATED UPDATES) TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 – 2028 (AS VARIED)**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive, dated June 2026 on the Proposed Variation No. 3 (NPF Implementation) to the Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (as varied).

An Chomhairle considered the Proposed Variation No. 3 in its entirety apart from the matters circulated, which will each be subject to a separate vote.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a vote was called for on the approval of the Proposed Variation No. 3 in its entirety apart from the matters circulated, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (28)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir C. Kelleher. (1)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the Proposed Variation No. 3 in its entirety apart from the matters circulated approved.

- An Chomhairle considered the Rural Housing Policy (as set out in “2. Rural Housing Policy” of “Part A, Volume 1: Written Statement” of Proposed Variation No. 3 and as amended by the Chief Executive’s recommendations).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, a vote was called for on the approval of the Rural Housing Policy, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (26)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, H. Kamegni, D. Boyle. (3)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the Rural Housing Policy approved.

- An Chomhairle considered the amendment to the proposed zoning amendment: South West 1 – Lehenaghmore (off Togher Road) and Site Specific Objective 4.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir G. O’ Brien, a vote was called for on the approval of the amendment to the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

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

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

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment (as amended): South West 1 – Lehenaghmore (off Togher Road) and Site Specific Objective 4.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir G. O’ Brien, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

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

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

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: South West 2 – Lehenaghmore (east of Lehenaghmore Park) and Site-Specific Objective 5.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Coleman, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

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

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

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the amendment to the proposed zoning amendment: South West 6 – Spur Hill, Doughcloyne and Site-Specific Objective 19.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, a vote was called for on the approval of the amendment to the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (2)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment (as amended): South West 6 – Spur Hill, Doughcloyne and Site-Specific Objective 19

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir G. O'Brien, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (2)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: South East 4 – Off Belmont Avenue, Garryduff and Site-Specific Objective 2.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, 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. (29)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the amendment to the proposed zoning amendment: South East 2 – Moneygourney, Douglas and Site-Specific Objective 1.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, a vote was called for on the approval of the amendment to the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O'Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (23)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Struthers, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, D. Boyle, A. Deasy. (6)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment (as amended): South East 2 – Moneygourney, Douglas and Site-Specific Objective 1.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, N. O'Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, P. Horgan, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, J. Struthers, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor, A. Deasy. (8)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: South East 6 – Moneygourney, Douglas and Site-Specific Objective 3.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Struthers, K. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (3)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: South East 3 – Castletreasure.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, A. Deasy. (2)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: North East 1 – Sallybrook, Glanmire and paragraph 10.286A of the City Development Plan.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, K. McCarthy, P. Horgan, N. O’Connor, A. Deasy, C. O’Connor. (10)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: North East 3 – Kilcully (off Rosemount Estate) and Site-Specific Objective 10.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, N. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (25)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, J. Struthers, H. Kamegni, D. Boyle. (4)

ABSTAIN: (0)

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

- An Chomhairle considered the proposed zoning amendment: North West 3 – Kerry Pike and Site-Specific Objective 16.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, N. O’Connor, J. Lynch. (7)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, D. Boyle, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (22)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéara declared the vote failed, and the proposed zoning amendment defeated.

Having considered:

Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 as varied
The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the Proposed Variation

The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Report for the Proposed Variation
The Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report and associated Screening for AA Determination for the Proposed Variation

The Consolidated Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report and associated Final Screening for AA Determination for the Variation to be made

The Chief Executive's Report on submissions made during the public consultation for the Proposed Variation

An Chomhairle resolved under Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act, 2024 as amended to make Proposed Variation No. 3 (NPF Implementation) to the Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (as varied) with the Chief Executive's recommendations.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

8. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 6th JULY 2026

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 6th July 2026.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MAY 2026

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31/05/2026.

8.2 MOTIONS

8.2.1 FILMING OF TRAGIC OR SENSITIVE INCIDENTS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 30th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will begin the process of drafting and passing a bye-law to prevent the filming of tragic, or sensitive, incidents in Cork city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/314)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has no regulatory or enforcement powers in relation to filming. This area is fraught with legal ambiguity and ethical issues. According to the Data Protection Commission, the following applies:

There is nothing in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that prohibits people from taking photos in a public place. Provided you are not harassing anyone, taking photographs of people in public is generally allowed and most likely will qualify for the household exemption under Article 2(2)(c) of the GDPR.

However, what you do with that photo can potentially become a data protection issue, for example, if the photograph, which contained the personal data of individuals, was sold for commercial gain or was posted publicly on a social media account. Under those circumstances, you are likely to be considered a data controller which brings with it a host of obligations and duties under data protection law. In particular, it would be necessary for you to demonstrate, amongst other things, your lawful basis for the processing of such personal data under Article 6(1) of the GDPR.

The key issue appears to be whether a level of harassment is involved while the photo or video is being captured. That is a matter for Gardai to determine, and if relevant, to enforce. The development of bye-laws would therefore require multi-agency cooperation and input from a range of Government Departments and agencies, in particular An Garda Síochána and the Data Protection Commissioner.

8.2.2 **REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE LAC MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 29th January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would conduct a review of the role and function of the LAC meetings as these meetings have been ongoing for a number of years and there is a lack of clarity regarding their roles, who should attend etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/325)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Local Area Committee meetings are regulated and governed by the Council’s Standing Orders (as adopted in June 2025), and by legislation as set out in Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The purpose of the Local Area Committee is to consider operational matters connected with the powers, functions and duties of Council and to report to Council.

Cork City Council has 5 Local Area Committees, covering each of the 5 Local Electoral Areas as below.

1. North West
2. North East
3. South East

4. South West
5. South Central

Each LAC consists of those ward members elected to that Local Electoral Area. The Lord Mayor is an ex-officio member of all LACs. Every member of Council may attend an LAC meeting but if they are not members, may not participate in the meeting.

Each LAC is supported by a Director of Service and a nominated key contact person (the secretary). Senior Staff members from Operations, Housing and Community attend all LACs with Senior Staff from other Directorates as required.

The taskforce on local democracy was established as part of the Programme for Government to bring forward a programme of reform for consideration of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on strengthening local government to ensure more effective and efficient delivery of services and implementation of Government policy for citizens. The report of the taskforce was presented to the Minister on 4 March 2026. The terms of reference of the taskforce included the examination of the *role and status of existing Area Committees or other equivalent in city areas, including how to place them on the same legislative footing as Municipal Districts.*

Whilst it is not clear when the report and implementation plan will be published, it would be prudent to await the recommendations of the taskforce before undertaking a formal review of Cork City Council's LACs. In the interim, guidelines have been produced for meeting secretaries to ensure consistency across the LAC's, however, if members experience any specific issue, they should be brought to the Meetings Administrator and/or CPG for discussion.

8.2.3 **WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 29th January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council will establish a water services committee that will meet quarterly with senior operations directors and senior managers of Uisce Éireann in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/610)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Cork City Council are no longer involved in the management of water services on behalf of Uisce Éireann. In relation to the establishment of a Water Services Committee, Cork City Council have no Directors or Engineers involved in water services to form part of the committee and provide insight into UÉ operations.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 22nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 22nd June 2026.

10. **TRANSPORT & MOBILITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - IOMPAR & SOGHLUAISTEACHT – 15th JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th June 2026.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **POLICY FOR COURTESY CROSSINGS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 15th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on its policy for use of courtesy crossings, including when a zebra crossing is preferred or a raised table used; accompanying advice and signage for motorists; and the regulatory standing of these types of crossings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/268)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council provides a location sensitive response in the provision of crossings which are delivered as part of major capital projects. Because of the great variability of site conditions, all proposed crossing locations are assessed and determined on a case-by-case basis. The particular type of crossing arrangement chosen for any location is based on best practice road engineering guidance from the following sources: Transport Infrastructure Ireland Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, the Department of Transport Design Manual Urban Roads and Streets, the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual and the Department of Transport Traffic Management Guidelines

The following general principles apply to crossings:

- Courtesy / uncontrolled crossings - quiet roads, or relatively non-hazardous locations with small pedestrian flows, dropped kerbs at quiet junctions etc
- Zebra crossings with signs only and no flashing beacons - quieter roads, usually within 30km zone, with lower traffic volumes but a need for formal crossing facility
- Zebra crossing with flashing beacons - low or medium traffic roads with a need for a formal crossing
- Signalled crossings (Pelican/Toucan) - roads with higher traffic volumes and speeds where there is a need for crossing, or a crossing location that is otherwise hazardous because of site layout or conditions.

A flat-top ramp or table junction or may be incorporated into a crossing if the initial assessment and survey demonstrates a significant speeding issue.

10.1.2 **TRAFFIC IN CORK CITY**

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

‘That Cork City Council recognises that:

- There is traffic bedlam in Cork City right now
- Sustainable transport infrastructure has not been matched with reliable transport options
- Traffic chaos has caused additional delays to public transport and reduced its reliability
- Modal shift has not happened in any meaningful way in Cork City because of these factors
- The intersection of the Safe Routes to School Scheme and the MacCurtain Street Active Travel Improvement scheme has worsened traffic and caused dangerous congestion

And agrees to:

- Commence a full review of the MacCurtain Street Active Travel Improvement Scheme
- Include all planned infrastructure amendments in traffic management plans going forward

Review temporary measures that could alleviate traffic build-up until there is a fully reliable public transport system in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/273)

The report of the Directors of Services stated that in relation to the MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme, Members will be aware that this scheme was completed over the 2021-2023 period. The scheme underpinned a broad based regeneration of the North Quays and MacCurtain Street areas. It improved pedestrian facilities, provided a new cycling connections while also establishing a new central Bus Priority Corridor and re-organised traffic flow. It delivered a high quality public realm which coupled with the removal of through traffic from MacCurtain Street enabled the area to maximise its potential as a destination and an attractive part of the city both during the day and at night time.

Through close cooperation with local stakeholders the scheme greatly assisted in the rejuvenation and activation of the MacCurtain Street area with its many schools, businesses, and residents. The new public realm design for the street and surrounding area promoted MacCurtain Street as a key destination for business and recreation with

a primary focus on expanded street activity, improved streetscape and enhanced pedestrian facilities alongside a high level of public transport connectivity. It is to be noted that the public realm improvements delivered through the scheme extended far beyond MacCurtain St and included works on Wellington Rd, Bridge St, Lavitts Quay, Merchants Quay, Andersons Quay, Penrose Quay, Patricks Quay, Pine St, Devonshire St, Coburg St, Leirim St etc.) As such, the scheme delivered a radical transformation of the public space across a significant part of the city centre.

Successful pedestrian improvements delivered through the scheme included improved pedestrian connection across the N20 linking the MacCurtain Street area with the Shandon Area, new crossings, wider footpaths, audio and visual push button units, 14 upgraded junctions, tactile paving, new ramped access on Bridge Street, flush entrances to businesses throughout etc. These new pedestrian and accessibility facilities are extensively used by commuters and the many school children that frequent the area on a daily basis.

An important connected cycle link was also provided under the scheme along St Patricks Quay and Camden Quay linking to St Patrick's Street via merchants Quay and Emmet place via Christy Ring Bridge. These links operate to make it safer and easier to cycle into and through the heart of the city centre. Additional bike parking was also provided.

The scheme was implemented to prioritise sustainable transport and reduce car dependency thereby supporting the future growth of the Cork Metropolitan Area through the provision of an efficient and safe transport network. The design of the scheme and traffic changes introduced allow for the movement of services and freight along the quays while maintaining access to the area for deliveries. It also successfully reintroduced two way vehicular movement on the street but as a result of the changes introduced in the surrounding area, the ongoing levels of vehicular movement on the street are a small proportion of the movements experienced when the street operated as a one way through route.

The improvements to the bus infrastructure included new bus priority measures at junctions, new bus lanes on Cathedral Walk linking to Blackpool, Coburg Street and Bridge Street linking onto St Patricks Bridge and into St Patricks Street. These are critical to the ongoing improvement in the level of service along these streets. New Bus Stops with accessible kerbs further enhanced the public transport offering within the area.

The reorganisation of the coach operators in the city centre has also worked well in providing improved facilities for passengers such as drop off facilities and shelters as well as new public lighting and footpaths. To maximise the benefits and take advantage of these new measures, several bus routes now operate in both directions on Coburg Street, Bridge Street and MacCurtain Street. These routes are supported by the reduced traffic volumes on MacCurtain Street as well as new bus priority measures throughout the scheme to improve both bus journey times and reliability.

The MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme has transformed the North Quays and the MacCurtain Street Area and has helped to maximise its potential

as a destination and an attractive part of the city during both the day and at night time while also functioning as a key multimodal sustainable transport link in the city.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme is supported by the NTA, the Department of Transport and An Taisce. It is a national initiative focused on making access to schools safer and more welcoming for pedestrians and cyclists.

The rollout of these schemes has been highly successful nationwide, with strong demand for similar improvements across Cork City. Cork City Council is currently progressing the first tranche of schemes.

Safety remains the primary objective in delivering these projects. While measures designed to reduce vehicle speeds and limit access can sometimes result in increased traffic delays, such impacts are often temporary. Traffic patterns typically adjust over time as drivers adapt and redistribute.

10.1.3 **INDOOR BICYCLE PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations, dated 15th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Councillors will be updated on efforts to secure a suitable city centre location to provide covered bike parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/281)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the National Transport Authority are currently developing a strategy for secure bike parking which will identify potential locations in Cork city and are working in partnership with Cork City Council on this strategy. When the National Transport Authority finalises the strategy, and it is in a position to do so, Cork City Council will update the Members.

10.1.4 **ROLLOUT OF EMERGENCY PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

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

‘That this Council would seek additional funding and resources for the rollout of emergency pedestrian crossings to co-ordinate with an expected campaign by Government encouraging walking and cycling to school to help alleviate the fuel dependency crisis caused by the war in the Middle East and that crossings already in request lists would be prioritised for emergency rollout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/189)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the rollout of pedestrian crossings at 19 locations across the city is currently underway. These schemes are being delivered with funding support from the National Transport Authority (NTA) under its Active Travel Programme.

The provision of additional pedestrian crossings is a key component of enhancing road safety, improving accessibility, and encouraging walking as a sustainable mode of transport. These interventions are particularly important in areas with high footfall, including near schools, residential neighbourhoods, and key urban corridors.

Traffic Operations will continue to actively pursue funding opportunities from the NTA and other sources to support the ongoing expansion of the pedestrian crossing programme. This sustained investment will enable the Council to progressively deliver a safer, more accessible, and pedestrian-friendly.

10.1.5 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC PLAN ALTERATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 15th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a review of traffic plan alterations that have been carried out over the last number of years in the city because the city has become gridlocked with traffic congestion. Have the works the Council have carried out actually made matters worse and what measures are planned to help reduce gridlock and make traffic more free flowing in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/241)

The report of the Director of Services stated that, as Members will be aware, Council policy supports the expansion of the population and employment within the city in line with the growth target set for Cork in the National Planning Framework. This growth however also increases pressure on the city road network which is, to a large degree, finite in spatial terms. Traffic congestion is a consequence of the increased vehicular movement arising in a growing city which has insufficient sustainable transport facilities rather than the network improvements undertaken from time to time.

The transport policy as approved by Council seeks to optimise the use of available road space by inter alia significantly improving facilities for sustainable transport options (public transport and active travel). In keeping with same, any traffic changes or network improvements undertaken will focus on the optimisation of the available space for all road users. This is best exemplified by the MacCurtain St PTI Scheme which, in addition to transforming the streets and public realm across 12 streets, significantly increased the capacity for active travel and bus services. In doing so it also successfully removed through traffic of circa 30,000 vehicles per day from the MacCurtain St route and rebalanced flows across the north and south quays to ensure better utilisation of the capacity available for all modes. Network improvement schemes are monitored to ensure successful completion and reported upon to Council throughout the delivery phase.

It is expected that the carrying capacity of the road network will continue to expand with the improvement of sustainable transport facilities and related services. The ongoing and planned investment in the BusConnects, Commuter Rail and Light Rail programmes will support further increases in sustainable transport mode share leaving better capacity available for those road users who require continued vehicular use. The

sustainable transport investment requirements for the ongoing development of Cork are detailed in the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (2020) and Members will continue to be updated on progress in the delivery of the sustainable transport projects detailed in the strategy.

10.1.6 **ASD PARKING SPACES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 20th April 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will look at the feasibility of having specific ASD parking spaces/set down spaces. This could be done as a pilot programme in nominated areas and specific times for a period of 12 months with a review to follow. Collaborate with ASD Ireland and other relevant advocacy groups along with schools to ensure the correct signage, design and placement are met.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/114)

The report of the Director of Services stated that ASD parking spaces and other non-standard parking spaces on public roads are not prescribed under current parking legislation. It is therefore not possible to enforce the use or misuse of such a space until the required legislation has been enacted.

10.1.7 **SURVEY ON WALKING AND CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 20th April 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will pursue a workshop or other suitable event/series of events to survey Cork City residents on their experience of walking and cycling in the city in a similar way to the recent “Masterplan for walking” Limerick City and County Council initiative and use the data gleaned to guide decisions on walking and cycling infrastructure going forward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 25/583)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Walking and Cycling index for Cork Metropolitan Region was published on 3rd March 2026 by the NTA. The data in the report comes from 2025 and includes local walking, wheeling and cycling data, modelling and an independent survey of residents that was conducted from April to August 2025. The document is available via this link - [Cork 2025 Walking and Cycling Index](#)

The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) published in 2020 provides an evidence informed framework to support the development of individual projects, including walking and cycling initiatives, which are progressed through both statutory and non-statutory public consultation, as well as progressing through any consultation required as part of the planning process.

11. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH
- STRAITÉISEACHT, FORBAIRT EACNAMAÍOCH, FIONTAR &
PLEANÁIL – 15th JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th June 2026.

11.1 **MOTIONS**

11.1.1 **NRUP CIRCULAR 05/2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 15th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That the relevant Director of Services will report to Councillors on what steps, if any, have been taken by the Council to implement NRUP Circular 05/2022 and, if no steps have yet been taken, what plans the Council has to ensure the proper implementation of the said circular in relation particularly to the lands that were once a part of Bessborough Mother and Baby Home.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Circular NRUP 05/2022 dated 17th November 2022 was published on foot of the publication of the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes in January 2021 and the subsequent strategic Action Plan prepared by Government. The Circular advises planning authorities to adopt a precautionary and protective approach in city and county development plans to the proper safeguarding of burial sites from potentially harmful development, and to use planning conditions to potential development as considered appropriate in the circumstances to safeguard these locations.

While the Circular was published after the adoption of the current Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, the lands at Bessborough were given significant consideration during the plan-making and consultation processes in 2020 and 2021. This included direct liaison with a range of stakeholders including Survivor and Supporters groups, bioarchaeology experts and state agencies including Ordnance Survey Ireland (now *Tailte Éireann*). This detailed and robust process resulted in the specific land-use zoning objectives and site-specific development objectives that acknowledge the special character, history and intrinsic landscape value of the site.

The current Cork City Development Plan seeks to facilitate the appropriate development of lands in this area including the development of housing and the use of part of the grounds as a Neighbourhood Park. Cork City Council recently granted permission for a Large-scale Residential Development to the north of Bessborough House, which is currently under appeal with An Coimisiún Pleanála. In granting planning permission, Cork City Council attached conditions relating to forensic archaeological monitoring.

Cork City Council has had due regard to the recommendations set out in the Circular and will continue to do so in relation to its statutory planning functions.

11.1.2 **RECENT CONSTRUCTION WORK**

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

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a review which would also include a survey of residents subject to construction work carried out recently in the North West and North East Wards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/115)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council carries out ongoing monitoring of all Council-led works, including roads projects, to ensure compliance with approved traffic management plans, working-hour conditions, and other requirements intended to minimise disruption for residents.

Where issues arise in relation to contractor compliance on Council projects, these are addressed directly through contract supervision and the enforcement measures available within the relevant contract.

It is important to note that a portion of the construction activity referenced – including certain water and wastewater infrastructure works – is undertaken by Uisce Éireann (Irish Water). These works are licensed by Cork City Council (e.g. road opening licences), but operational control, scheduling, and contractor performance sit with Uisce Éireann. Any concerns relating to noise, working hours, or unplanned disruptions on Uisce Éireann projects are referred through established liaison channels for follow-up and enforcement where appropriate.

While the Council continuously reviews the performance of its own works and engages with residents where specific issues are reported, conducting a formal survey of all residents across both Wards would require a substantial resource commitment and is not included in current work programmes. However, the Council will continue to:

- Monitor all Council-delivered construction works for compliance,
- Follow up on any reported concerns from elected members or residents, and
- Liaise with Uisce Éireann regarding any issues raised about their contractors.

If the Councillor has particular locations or incidents they wish to highlight, the relevant project teams can review these in detail.

12. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - TITHÍOCHT – 16th JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 16th June 2026.

12.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Housing Progress report for April 2026.

12.2 **MOTIONS**

12.2.1 **DOWNSIZING FROM LARGE FAMILY HOMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th June 2026 on the following motion held in Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will allow Council tenants wishing to downsize to bid on CBL on any property smaller than their current property, recognising that the stock of larger houses is relatively small and with a view to making more large family homes available for occupation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/283)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that the tenants of both City Council and Approved Housing Bodies can apply for a transfer on the basis of Rightsizing. Once an application has been approved, the tenant is provided with access to the Choice Based Letting system. The tenant can then view all available properties and can bid on any property that they feel suits their needs. Properties are allocated in the order of priority in the Allocations Scheme taking into consideration all the relevant information on the housing application including the applicant’s waiting time on the housing list, household composition and the property type required.

The table below shows the breakdown of the number of transfer applications by property type:

Transfer Applications by Property Type

Property Type	Number of Transfer Applications
1-Bedroom	276
2-Bedroom	218
3-Bedroom	220
4-Bedroom +	196

In addition to the transfer application numbers above, there are over 3,000 applicants on the social housing list who require a 1-bedroomed property and over 1,300 who require a 2-bedroomed property. 87% of the social housing list, excluding transfer tenants, therefore require a 1 or 2 bedroomed property. This compares with 10% of applicants who require a 3-bedroomed property. With the current demand profile, there is very little benefit in allocating a 1 or 2 bedroomed property to tenants who are returning a 3-bedroomed property for general allocation. Each 1 or 2 bedroomed property allocated to a transfer applicant is one less property available to an applicant

who may be living in overcrowded circumstances, experiencing hardship renting in the private sector or even living in emergency accommodation.

If, however, a tenant is seeking to move to a development reserved for older persons, this provides an opportunity to free up larger homes within current stock while also providing older tenants with more appropriate housing. In addition, as there are currently over 370 families (transfer tenants & applicants) who require 4-bedroomed properties and there is a very limited supply of this property type, there is merit in actively considering bids from tenants in these properties seeking to rightsize to more appropriate housing. A targeted approach to Rightsizing can generate the best outcome for both tenants and stock management enabling the City Council to meet the needs of both older tenants and social housing applicants.

12.2.2 **URGENT DECANTING OF TENANTS IN SUBSTANDARD FLAT COMPLEXES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th June 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes that a stock condition survey is currently underway for the Togher flat complexes, while no comprehensive regeneration plan is yet in place for this or other problematic older flat complexes across the city. Council believes no tenant should remain in substandard conditions — including damp, mould, rat infestations and structural defects — while awaiting long-term solutions. Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to immediately adopt a ‘Decant First’ approach by prioritising the urgent rehousing of all affected tenants in the worst-affected units to suitable, good-quality accommodation in their local area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. A. Deasy, Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/286)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that the stock condition survey currently underway across Cork City Council’s housing portfolio will provide the detailed information required to inform future plans for all Council housing stock including the older apartment complexes. These complexes will be prioritised in line with that overall assessment and planning process.

The City Council’s Housing Directorate will ensure that any decisions relating to these apartment complexes are guided by the needs of residents and by the Council’s longstanding commitment to the provision and management of social housing. Cork City Council and its members have a strong record, built over more than a century, of supporting tenants and investing in housing stock and that commitment remains central to its approach. In the meantime, maintenance requests in respect of these apartment units will continue to be prioritised.

12.2.3 **INELIGIBLE BY INCOME AND RISK OF HOMELESSNESS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th February 2026 on the following motion which had been held in Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council notes the Chief Executive’s data showing over 150 social housing applications closed as “Ineligible – Income” since 2023, and the absence of data on whether these households subsequently present to homeless services.

Council recognises the growing cohort whose income exceeds social housing thresholds but who cannot afford Cork’s private rental market or access a mortgage, placing them at real risk of homelessness.

Council therefore requests that the Chief Executive:

- Analyse how many applicants closed as “Ineligible – Income” later sought homeless, HAP, or tenancy sustainment supports, and identify affected household types.
- Write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking a review of income thresholds for high-rent cities like Cork.
- Report back with findings and proposals for early-intervention and homelessness prevention for this cohort.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 26/093)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that the Allocations Section do not have any further engagement with applicants once they have been advised that they have been deemed to be ineligible for social housing supports. In some cases, an applicant will re-apply at a later date and may qualify for social housing at that time if their income has changed in the intervening period.

The Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 amended the Regulations to increase by €5,000 each of the 3 bands of maximum income limits for eligibility for social housing support across the State. These changes came into effect from 1st January 2023 and are illustrated in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Baseline thresholds applicable from 1st January 2023

Band	County	Revised Baseline Threshold
1	Cork City, Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway City, Meath, South Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow	€40,000
2	Carlow, Clare, Cork County, Galway County, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick City & County, Louth, Waterford City & County, Westmeath, Wexford	€35,000
3	Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Longford, Mayo, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary	€30,000

As per the above table, Cork City Council is in the highest band which includes the local authorities in Dublin.

Any review would be at a national level and would involve a review of all local authority areas. The current income limits in Cork City are illustrated in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Cork City Council Income Thresholds

1 Adult	2 Adult	1 Adult & 1 Child	1 Adult & 2 Children	2 Adults & 3 Children	2 Adults & 4 Children
€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€45,000	€48,000

These income limits are net (excluding tax, PRSI and USC) and are based on the household income over the previous 12 months. Extending the assessment period to 12 months gives a better picture of an applicant's regular and usual income and allows for disregards for temporary or once-off income. The Household Means Policy sets out the list of income disregards for an assessment. There are significant number of income types that are disregarded for assessment purposes including.

- Child Benefit
- Carers Allowance (unless it is the sole income)
- Foster Care Payments
- Domiciliary Care Allowance
- Living Alone Allowance
- Fuel Allowance

It should be noted that Cork County Council are in Band 2 with an income threshold of €35,000. The Key Findings Geographical Profiles Income in Ireland 2022- Household Income published by the CSO reported that in Munster the top five LEAs with the highest median gross household income were all in Cork: Carrigaline (€74,781), followed by Cork City South East (€71,614) followed by Cobh (€69,833), Macroom (€69,436) and Cork City South West (€67,489). It should be noted that Cork City North West had a lower median household income of €50,035 and Cork City South Central median income was €54,783. The full report is available at the link below.

Key Findings Geographical Profiles of Income in Ireland 2022 - Household Income - Central Statistics Office <https://share.google/xMufHp6QLSqWBgD9X>

To summarise, the City Council is already in the highest band for income thresholds to qualify for social housing. We are at the same level as the authorities in Dublin, its surrounding areas and Galway City. Any request to review the threshold for Cork City would have to be part of a national review. Consideration should also be given to the evidence that the County Council areas in proximity to the City have median household incomes which, in some instances, are higher than the City, but the applicable income thresholds for social housing are €5,000 lower than the City e.g. Income threshold for a single person in the City is €40,000 whereas it is €35,000 in the County Council area.

Cost Rental Tenant in Situ (CRTiS) Scheme

It should be noted that The Housing Agency has the Cost Rental Tenant In-Situ (CRTiS) Scheme which is available where a tenant household faces the termination of their tenancy due to the landlord's intention to sell the property. The scheme is available if the tenant household:

- Is not seeking to purchase the property from the property owner/landlord.
- Does not own any other residential property.
- Is assessed by the Local Authority to be at risk of homelessness.
- Is not eligible to qualify for social housing support or is not in receipt of social housing support in their current tenancy - the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) or the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS).
- Has an annual net household income of no more than €66,000 per annum for applicants in Dublin and below €59,000 per annum for applicants elsewhere.

Local Authorities have responsibility for the assessment of applicant tenant households in receipt of a valid notice of termination due to the landlord's intention to sell the property.

If the local authority is satisfied that the applicant tenant household is eligible for CRTiS the local authority will pass the details of the tenant and the property to The Housing Agency for consideration for potential acquisition under the CRTiS Scheme. The Housing Agency will then engage with the tenant and the tenant's landlord with a view to acquiring the property.

If a tenant has a query about Cost Rental Tenant In-Situ, they can contact the Housing Agency via email at tenantinsitu@housingagency.ie.

12.2.4 **RENT CALCULATIONS AND SOCIAL HOUSING ASSESSMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 17th October 2025 on the following motion which had been held in Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would disregard child maintenance payments when calculating income for the purposes of rent calculations and social housing assessments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/265)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is in the process of reviewing the current Differential Rent Scheme and, once finalised, a report will issue to Members.

The current Departmental Guidelines issued to all Local Authorities requires them to include child maintenance payments in household income calculations.

13. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 9th JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 9th June 2026.

14. **DOCKLANDS COMMITTEE – 25th JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Docklands Committee from its meeting held, 25th June 2026.

15. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 6th JULY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 6th July 2026.

15.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

15.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MAY 2026**

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

16. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2026.

17. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2026.

18. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2026.

19. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2026.

20. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd June 2026.

21. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

22. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoirí D. Cahill and S. Martin at the AILG Training Module 3, Supporting Councillors: responding to mental health, suicide and addiction, held at Whites Hotel, Co. Wexford, 23rd May 2026.
- Comhairleoir C. O'Connor at the National Meeting of Local Community Safety Partnerships, held at Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, 27th May 2026.
- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh and D. Boyle at the AILG Training Module 4, Planning, held at Tower Hotel, Co. Waterford, 18th June 2026.
- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the AILG Training Module 2, Housing for All, held at Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Limerick, 19th March 2026.

23. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – Crawford Art Gallery – Q1 2025 to Q4 2025.
- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – National Sculpture Factory – Q1 2025 to Q4 2025.
- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – Cork International Film Festival – Q1 2025 to Q4 2025.
- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – Crawford Art Gallery – Q1 2026 to Q2 2026.
- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – National Sculpture Factory – Q1 2026 to Q2 2026.
- Comhairleoir J. Lynch – Cork International Film Festival – Q1 2026 to Q2 2026.

24. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

24.1 **MACGILL SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and T. Fitzgerald at the MacGill Summer School, held in The Highlands Hotel, Co. Donegal from 23rd to 25th July 2026.

25. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management report for May 2026.

27. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir P. Horgan to address An Chomhairle on the following motion, after which a discussion took place and the motion was approved:-

‘To request a suspension of standing orders to reiterate to Government the need to act upon the motion passed by this Council in September 2025 in the name of Cllr. Peter Horgan in respect of beginning a CPO of the Bessborough site as a matter of urgency given the planning decision made on Thursday 9th July.’

28. **MOTIONS**

28.1 **PROPOSED FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME FOR BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this Council declares it’s complete opposition to the OPW’s plans to cover over the last open stretch of the Bride River in Blackpool with concrete. These measures are supposed to be in the interests of flood prevention but according to the OPW’s own reports this is not the most effective option, it’s not the most cost-effective option and it will have a permanent negative impact on the local area.

The alternative upstream storage option will control river water, is less expensive and will have significantly less impact on the health and wellbeing of the community of Blackpool. The culverting proposal is expensive and will drive major disruption in the area. It will also have limited effect for flooding caused by rainwater. The streams of water will continue to pour down every hill into Blackpool and flooding will continue to occur.

This Council calls on Minister Jack Chambers to not approve the proposed Flood Relief Scheme for Blackpool. Instead, we are calling for the alternative, cheaper and more effective proposal of upstream storage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/335)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, O. Moran, J. Struthers, B. McCarthy, P. Horgan, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, C. O’Connor. (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí N. O’Flynn, M. Gould, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, F. Dennehy, J. Lynch, T. Coleman. (7)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, S. O’Callaghan, A. Deasy. (6)

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

28.2 **SPOT CHECKS ON VAPE SHOPS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘From 2nd February, 2026, a new national licensing system for retailers selling tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, including vapes, officially came into force across Ireland. Under public health legislation, all retailers must now hold a licence issued by the HSE Environmental Health Service for each premises where vapes or tobacco are sold. Retailers have been advised that compliance checks will take place in the coming months. These checks are expected to include underage test purchasing as part of enforcement activity, similar to existing tobacco control measures.

Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, to work in conjunction with the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Garda Commissioner to carry out regular and robust spot checks on vape shops and retailers across Ireland, with particular attention to Cork City. The purpose of these inspections would be to ensure that all vaping products being sold are legal, properly imported into the State, and fully compliant with Irish regulations and licensing laws, and this motion aims for Cork City to lead the way of enforcement.

Furthermore, Cork City Council calls on An Garda Síochána in Cork to prioritise enforcement action against individuals and businesses involved in the sale, distribution or importation of illegal or non-compliant vaping products throughout the city of Cork. Such action is necessary to protect public health, support the integrity of the new licensing regime, and ensure that legitimate retailers and small businesses operating within the law are not undercut by those engaging in unlawful trade practices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/349)

28.3 **INTER-COUNTY GAA MATCHES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to and calls on the GAA to ensure that all inter-county senior football and hurling games from 2027 onwards are available for all to view on free-to-air television and, where required, through accessible online streaming platforms. Everyone should have the opportunity to watch their county team compete in the inter-county championship.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/358)

In the absence of the proposer of the motion, the motion was considered withdrawn.

28.4 **STANDALONE SPIKING LEGISLATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Justice seeking a national strategy to tackle spiking, including consideration of standalone legislation, improved incident recording, and enhanced supports for victims.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 26/365)

28.5 **NATIONAL CLIMATE EMISSION TARGETS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council notes with concern the likelihood of national climate emission targets not being reached by 2030, that the failures in particular that are found in the agricultural and transport sectors need to be responded to, and that the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment be asked to secure and provide necessary resources to act with seriousness in meeting these emission targets.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/387)

28.6 **EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING PRISON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council reaffirms its objection to the building of any extension of the existing prison and that Government use the space for housing, community and a heritage / cultural space and will communicate same to the Minister and the Government without delay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/396)

28.7 **UISCE ÉIREANN’S OPERATIONAL COST OVERSIGHT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY TRANSITION IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Uisce Éireann to request a formal statement outlining their service-continuity and quality-assurance frameworks for Cork City, with specific reference to how the utility is managing the operational transition as experienced local authority water workers retire.

In the interest of public accountability and transparency, clarity is requested from the utility on the following historical and administrative matters:

System Integrity:

The mitigation steps and infrastructure safeguards implemented following the July 28th, 2022 chemical imbalance incident at the Lee Road Treatment Plant, where an

over-administration of sodium hydroxide led to subsequent system leaks and water discolouration.

Asset Management:

The updated operational protocols for tidal infrastructure, following the historical management issues concerning the valve at the Atlantic Pond.

Cost Oversight:

The auditing and valuation procedures used to verify third-party contractor invoices for network repairs.

Given these precedents, what specific training programs are being established under the National Water Services Transformation Programme to ensure that the loss of retiring local Council expertise does not impact service delivery?

Furthermore, what mechanisms exist to ensure that complex infrastructure repairs are cost-evaluated effectively to protect public funds?’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Struthers 26/408)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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