



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

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

GNÁTHCHRUINNÍ – DÉ LUAIN, 9^ú FEABHRA 2026

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2026

1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES

3. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

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

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

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

4.1 PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report of the Chief Executive on the proposed holding of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March in Cork City centre.

5. MINUTES

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

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

6. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **NPF IMPLEMENTATION: HOUSING GROWTH REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AUTHORITIES (2025)**

An Chomhairle to note the non-statutory Chief Executive's Report prepared in accordance with section 3.1 of the 'NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2025).

7.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle to consider the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 29th January 2026 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of Stall No. 16 Grand Parade Market to KWB Meat Centre Ltd. c/o Frank Buttiner & Company Solicitors, 19 Washington Street, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €3,741.60 plus rates and service charges.
2. Disposal of Stall No. 30A Grand Parade Market to San Thidar, c/o Best & Co. Solicitors, 3 Marlboro Street, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €2,636.07 plus rates and service charges.
3. Disposal by way of exchange of property known as No. 14 Oakpark, Ballyvolane, Cork to Patrick & Marie O'Sullivan, c/o Finbarr Murphy Solicitors, Lee White House, 8 Washington St, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Patrick & Marie O'Sullivan at No. 28 Dunmore Gardens, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

7.3 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT EVERGREEN ROAD, TURNERS CROSS.**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed residential development at Evergreen Road, Turners Cross, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 14th January 2026 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

"Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Evergreen Road, Turners Cross, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Evergreen Road, Turners Cross, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th February 2026."

7.4

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ANGLESEA TERRACE

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed residential development at Anglesea Terrace, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 5th February 2026 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Anglesea Terrace, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Anglesea Terrace, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th February 2026.”

7.5

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT PHASE 1D EAST

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed residential development at Phase 1D East, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 30th January 2026 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Phase 1D East, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Phase 1D East, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th February 2026.”

7.6

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 2 THE STEEPLES, SILVERSPRINGS ROAD, MAYFIELD, CORK - COPE FOUNDATION CLG

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19th January 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Cope Foundation CLG in respect of the provision of 1 four bed house at 2 The Steeples, Silversprings Road, Mayfield, Cork and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €489,997.00 be granted to Cope Foundation CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 4-bed detached house at 2 The Steeples, Silversprings Road, Mayfield, Cork.”

7.7

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 20 KINVARA AVENUE, BALLYVOLANE, CORK - COPE FOUNDATION CLG

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19th January 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Cope Foundation CLG in respect of the provision of 1 four bed house at 20 Kinvara Avenue, Ballyvolane, Cork and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €623,006.00 be granted to Cope Foundation CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 4-bed semi-detached house at 20 Kinvara Avenue, Ballyvolane, Cork.”

7.8 **DRAFT FRUGAL ENERGY EFFICIENT LIVING POLICY**

An Chomhairle to consider and if so decided to adopt the Draft Frugal Energy Efficient Living Policy.

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

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

8.1 **MOTIONS**

8.1.1 **EU PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL**

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

‘In light of Ireland hosting the EU Presidency of the Council later in 2026, that Cork City Council takes an interest in hosting EU Council Presidency meetings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/022)

Decision of Committee

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

8.1.2 **GENDER-RESPONSIVE POLICYMAKING TRAINING**

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

‘That Cork City Council notes the publication of the Government’s *National Strategy for Women and Girls 2025–2030*, which commits to embedding gender equality across all areas of public policy, including at local authority level. The Council acknowledges that its policies, plans, projects and budgetary decisions can have different impacts on women and men.

In this context, Cork City Council calls on the Chief Executive to support the provision of gender-responsive policymaking training for councillors and relevant council staff, including training in gender mainstreaming and gender-responsive budgeting, in order to ensure that gender equality impacts are considered in council decision-making. The Council further supports the role of Cork City Council’s Women’s Caucus in advocating for and supporting this work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O' Connor 26/057)

Decision of Committee

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

9. PARTY WHIPS – 26th JANUARY 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 26th January 2026.

9.1 MOTIONS

9.1.1 DESIGNATE THE NEW BRIDGE AS THE “FREDERICK DOUGLASS BRIDGE”

Members considered the report of the Directors of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, and Infrastructure Development, dated 12th January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council, on the back of a previous motion I submitted to this Council in 2022, can look to name the new bridge in Cork City the “Frederick Douglass Bridge.”

Statement of Rationale:

Frederick Douglass, the eminent abolitionist, writer, and global advocate for human and civil rights, visited Cork in 1845 during his historic Irish tour. His lectures and engagements in the city had a lasting impact on Cork’s civic and cultural life and continue to form an important chapter in our shared history.

The proposal to name this bridge after Frederick Douglass carries additional significance. A major bridge in Washington, D.C. is already named the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, a landmark of national importance in the United States. During a previous visit by representatives of Cork City Council to Washington, D.C., it was suggested that should Cork choose to name its new bridge in honour of Frederick Douglass, there may be an opportunity to explore the twinning of the two bridges. Such a twinning arrangement would strengthen international civic relationships, highlight shared values of justice and equality, and deepen cultural and educational ties.

Naming the bridge after Frederick Douglass would therefore:

1. Honour a Historic Connection: Recognise the important relationship between Frederick Douglass and the people of Cork.
2. Continue the Work of the 2022 Motion: Build directly on the aims and principles of the motion I submitted in 2022, reaffirming Cork City Council’s commitment to inclusion, equality, and the recognition of figures who embody these values.
3. Promote International Civic Links: Provide the basis for exploring the potential twinning of Cork’s new bridge with the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge in Washington, D.C.

4. Enhance Public Awareness: Offer a meaningful civic landmark inspiring reflection on Cork's role in global human rights history.
5. Celebrate a Shared Global Legacy: Align Cork with other cities that honour Frederick Douglass as a leader of enduring moral importance.

In light of the above, and in keeping with the objectives outlined in the 2022 motion, I request that the Council formally look at designating the new bridge as the Frederick Douglass Bridge, and undertake any necessary administrative or diplomatic steps to support this designation and explore opportunities for international bridge twinning.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 26/001)

Decision of Party Whips

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

10. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 20th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 20th January 2026.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORK LUAS ACROSS THE RIVER**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 12th September 2025 on the following motion:-

'That a comprehensive river uses feasibility study be carried out prior to any further development of the Cork Luas across the river.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. McCarthy, Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/311)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.2 **DOG PARK FOR MARINA PARK**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.3 **PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.4 **CLIMATE CRISIS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations and Director of Services, Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

(a) Recognises road transport as Cork’s primary source of greenhouse gas pollution, recognises bus priority on Saint Patrick’s Street as the primary change it can make to cut this pollution, recognises Bus Éireann’s advice to extend bus priority hours there, will engage with Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to model the related improvements to bus reliability and footfall in the city centre, will engage with stakeholders about extending the hours and, on that basis, commits itself in principle to extending the hours to coincide with the introduction of the new Bus Connects network, due from April 2026, to collaboratively and successfully implement Cork’s greatest response to the existential crisis of climate change.

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.5 WATER FOUNTAINS IN PUBLIC PARKS

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.6 INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC WATER REFILL STATIONS

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.7 WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE CITY CENTRE

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises:

- a. that the current system of waste management in the city centre and surrounds is not fit for purpose in areas of dense population where homeowners have nowhere to store bins but on the footpaths outside their homes;

- b. that the current system leads to vast tracts of footpaths in the city being rendered completely unusable and impossible to navigate if you are reliant on a mobility aid, pushing a buggy, physically impaired etc;
- c. that the current system poses a safety risk to walkers by rendering the said footpaths unusable and is incompatible with the city's stated goal of being a city that encourages active travel;
- d. that the current system materially detracts from the overall look of the city,

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.8 HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.9 ANIMAL WELFARE CONCERNS

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

'Given the tremendous work undertaken by Council staff and other supports I wish to ask Cork City Council to prepare a report on:

1. The number of areas in the city where animal welfare issues have been highlighted.
2. The number of horses reported and taken into care.
3. What inter agency approaches have been undertaken in terms of animal welfare prevention.
4. What's the length of time taken from reporting the issue to collecting the animals and taking them into care.

5. To establish if those claiming they own the animals are capable of looking after the animals and in compliance with legislation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 25/481)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.10 CITY CENTRE STREET CLUTTER AUDIT

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

'That a city centre street clutter audit be undertaken specifically on streets such as St. Patrick's Street and the Grand Parade.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/509)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.11 HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council supports the report and recommendations of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission into The Operation of the Household Waste Collection Market.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/517)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.12 RE-TURN UNITS AT PUBLIC FACILITIES

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will add dedicated Re-turn units for bottles and cans at City Hall, libraries, and other public facilities and will consider the example of Cork University Hospital (CUH) and Cork Airport in nominating charities to benefit from these deposits.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 25/525)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.13 COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 17th November 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council commits to expanding the provision of community allotments across the city, recognising their value in promoting biodiversity, sustainability, mental and physical wellbeing, and social inclusion. The Council will identify suitable green spaces, including underutilised public parks and lands, for the development of accessible allotments, with particular consideration given to raised bed gardening for older people and those with disabilities. Furthermore, the Council will explore partnerships with community organisations, schools, and healthcare providers to maximise the social and educational benefits of allotment spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 25/530)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.14 TRIAL CONVERSION OF A STREET TO A PERMEABLE MATERIAL

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 16th January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will trial conversion of a street to a permeable material to assist in relief from the impact of cloudbursts and other flash flooding situations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/624)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.15 GREENING PLAN FOR THE CITY

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development, dated 16th January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council welcomes the opening of Bishop Lucey Park, particularly the removal of the railings, notes that its success will be measured by the number and variety

of people enjoying it, and resolves to mark the occasion by deliberately greening the city, starting with restoring green space within the park and detailing a greening and de-paving plan for public space throughout Cork, starting in the city centre, noting the recent example of grasscrete for car-parking spaces at the Marina Promenade and the potential for the radical retrofit of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to manage surface water, mitigate flood risk and materially add to Cork's appearance, colour, health and wellbeing.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/652)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.16 PLAQUE AT SPRIGGS ROAD

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th January 2026 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council in remembrance of Volunteer Denis Spriggs install a plaque at Spriggs Road, Gurranabraher to be included in the Revolutionary Trail.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/573)

Decision of Committee

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

11. COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 22nd JANUARY 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 22nd January 2026.

11.1 MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE – 22nd OCTOBER 2025

Members considered the minutes of the Arts Committee meeting held on the 22nd October 2025.

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, the minutes of the Arts Committee meeting were approved, and it was agreed to refer it to An Chomhairle for noting.

11.2 **MOTIONS**

11.2.1 **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORK TRAUMA SENSITIVE CITIES STRATEGY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 18th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the review and continuation of the Cork Trauma Sensitive Cities Strategy beyond 2025, and that the Council will work in partnership with the Community section and the Steering Group to develop the next phase of the strategy. The continuation of this work will ensure that Cork remains a leader in embedding trauma-informed principles across services, communities, and policy development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/576)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.2 **DEVELOPMENT OF A CORK CITY MUSEUM OF MUSIC**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 22nd December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council explore the feasibility of establishing a dedicated Cork Museum of Music, reflecting the city’s rich musical heritage across two core themes:

1. Artists and Bands – documenting and celebrating the contributions of Cork’s musicians, bands, composers and performers across the decades; and
2. Iconic Venues – preserving the history, stories and cultural impact of the city’s legendary music venues, past and present.

That Council initiate the preparation of a preliminary business case to examine:

- suitable sites or existing buildings capable of accommodating the project;
- potential for phased development or partnership models (public, private, cultural, educational);
- visitor-attraction potential and projected footfall;
- operating costs, revenue opportunities and funding sources (local, national, EU cultural funding);
- integration with the city’s tourism strategy and night-time economy; and
- opportunities for digital archives, exhibitions, and educational or community programming.

That a report be brought back to Council outlining options, estimated costs and next steps. ’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 25/614)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.3 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ADRENALINE AUTO-INJECTORS (EPIPENS)

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

‘Can the Council assess the feasibility and governance requirements of providing publicly accessible adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens) alongside existing AEDs in the city, and of supporting community, sporting and voluntary groups to hold stock EpiPens for emergency use?’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/024)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.4 FULL-TIME DISABILITY OFFICER

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

‘That Cork City Council fund and recruit a full-time Disability Officer, tasked with engaging with disability organisations and advocacy groups and to work across Council departments to help ensure that Cork is a disability-friendly city that is accessible and inclusive for all.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/025)

Decision of Committee

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

12. CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 13th JANUARY 2026

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

13. CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE – 28th JANUARY 2026

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the City Centre Committee from its meeting held, 28th January 2026.

14. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 3rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 3rd February 2026.

15. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th January 2026.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th January 2026.

17. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th January 2026.

18. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 26th January 2026.

18.1 **MOTIONS**

18.1.1 **ST. PATRICK'S HILL, AUDLEY PLACE, BELLS FIELD, LADY'S WELL, FEVER HOSPITAL STEPS AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, and the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 9th and 22nd January 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would hold an architectural competition for the redesign of St. Patrick's Hill, Audley Place, Bell's Field, Lady's Well and Fever Hospital steps, and surrounding areas. Engage consultants to oversee the redevelopment and enhancement of this historic area of Cork City.’

(Proposers: Cllr. N. O'Flynn, Cllr. O. Moran 25/606)

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir N O'Flynn, the Committee agreed to refer the motion to An Chomhairle for discussion.

19. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th JANUARY 2026**

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

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

21. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

22. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

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

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

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

24. **TRAINING**

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

25. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

An Chomhairle to note the Chief Executive’s monthly management reports for November and December 2025.

26. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **PROVISION OF IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION**

‘That this Council / local authority call upon Government to enact legislation to systematically, sustainably and steadily increase the provision of Irish-medium education so that future generations of Irish children will have the opportunity to be educated through their national language, if they so desire.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/067)

27.2 **TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS FOR SCRAMBLERS**

‘That Cork City Council write to the Taoiseach’s office calling for tighter restrictions on the use of scramblers in public spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/069)

27.3 **EARLY WARNING MOBILE ALERT SYSTEM**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government and the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to accelerate the development, strengthening, and full national implementation of a modern Early Warning Mobile Alert System capable of issuing immediate, location-based emergency alerts to all mobile phones across all networks during severe weather events and other major public safety emergencies. Similar to the Spanish alert system in Spain, called the ES-Alerts.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/070)

27.4 **DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT SCHOOL CAMPUS AT LISHEENS**

‘That Cork City Council:

- Notes with concern the recent publication of the Department of Education’s Sectoral Investment Plan and its failure to address the urgent need for new school buildings to be provided for Le Chéile secondary school and Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin in Ballincollig;
- Notes that both schools have been operating out of temporary premises since they opened in 2017 and 2021 respectively, with a suitable site for the development of a joint school campus at Lisheens, Ovens being identified in 2020;
- Recalls that this Council completed a compulsory purchase of this site in 2024 and that the land remains in Council ownership;
- Calls for this school building project to be afforded the priority it warrants and that it be delivered without delay - given the urgent need for school places in Ballincollig and surrounding communities;
- Shall write to the Minister for Education communicating the contents of this motion to her.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/079)

27.5 **MAXIMISE SUPPORT TO UKRAINE**

‘That this Council, supporting the significant Ukrainian community living within our city, acknowledge the fourth anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the continuing assault of that country’s democratic independent right to be, calling upon the Irish Government to continue and maximise support to Ukraine and its people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/099)

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APPENDIX 1

MOTIONS

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

1. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON UPPER DUBLIN HILL

‘That Cork City Council would facilitate plans to install a signalised pedestrian crossing at Upper Dublin Hill adjacent to the very busy business park at the top of Dublin Hill.

There are a lot of people currently working in this business park, and a signalised pedestrian crossing at this location would greatly enhance the safety of pedestrians going to and from the business park every day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/013)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

2. WINTHROP ARCADE

‘That Cork City Council would put plans in place to acknowledge, commemorate and celebrate the 100-year Anniversary of the opening of the Winthrop Arcade Retail Centre in Cork City.

This beautiful iconic retail centre is located in Cork City Centre and runs between Oliver Plunkett Street and Winthrop Street, and it was officially re-opened on May 1st 1926 by the Lord Mayor of the day, Sean French. The original retail outlets at this particular location had been destroyed by British forces in December 1920 during the Burning of Cork.

Can I also ask that Cork City Council erect a commemorative plaque at a suitable location in the Winthrop Arcade, acknowledging its 100-year history, and maybe include a QR code on the plaque which would include details of the history of the Winthrop Arcade in our city centre. This would be of keen interest to many residents of our city and of course the many tourists who also visit our city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/015)

Party Whips – 23/02/2026

3. NAMING OF BRIDGES

‘That Cork City Council call one of the new bridges over the Lee after the Ballincollig sculptor Joseph Higgins who while working as a clerk in Newsom and Sons tea merchants attended night classes at the Crawford School of Art specialising in sculpture modelling and wood carving winning several national awards. He died at 25 from tuberculosis. Nineteen of his sculptures survive, many of which his son in law, the sculptor Seamus Murphy, had cast in bronze. He did a forceful portrait of Michael Collins carved from lime

wood. The national sculpture factory is in Cork and this would be a fitting tribute to Cork's sculpture history. The City Library recently honoured the anniversary of his death.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/059)

Party Whips – 23/02/2026

4.

PUBLIC LIGHTING IN GLANMIRE

'That Cork City Council would put plans in place to fund and erect public lighting on the stretch of road in Glanmire which is named the R639.

The stretch of road in question is from the junction to L2999, along the R639 to the junction with Barnavara Hill and the L3010. This very busy stretch of tree lined road is currently in complete darkness and poses significant dangers to all road users and pedestrians using the footpath along this stretch of road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/060)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

5.

FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

'That Cork City Council, in the context of the Cork City Development Plan, seek to establish an enhanced and more detailed framework to guide planning officers in the assessment of new planning applications, specifically to assist in determining whether proposed developments are appropriate, proportionate, and in keeping with the character, scale, density, design, and amenities of their immediate surroundings.

This framework should aim to provide greater clarity and consistency in planning decisions, strengthen confidence among residents and applicants, and ensure that new developments contribute positively to the existing built environment, public realm, and overall quality of life in local communities.

That the Committee further requests that this framework be informed by best practice, existing Development Plan objectives, and meaningful consideration of local context, including established neighbourhood patterns, infrastructure capacity, and community impact.'

(Proposers: Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. C. Kelleher, Cllr. A. Deasy, Cllr. T. Coleman, Cllr. G. O'Brien, Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/061)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 16/02/2026

6.

BUS SHELTER ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

'To ask the Council for bus stop 242091 to be included for the provision of a bus shelter on the Council's bus shelter enhancement scheme this year.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/062)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

7. **ROAD CARRIAGEWAY IN BALLINTEMPL VILLAGE**

‘To ask the Council for a complete relay of the road carriageway in Ballintemple village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/063)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

8. **CCTV ALONG THE BLACKROCK LINE GREENWAY**

‘To ask the Council and Gardaí to present a definitive timeline on the provision and monitoring of CCTV at various points along the Blackrock Line Greenway especially where there are access ramps and seating areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/064)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

9. **NATURE PLAY AREA FOR BEAUMONT PARK**

‘To ask the Council to cost and install a nature play area for Beaumont Park in Q4 2026 or Q1 2027 at an appropriate location in the park to encourage transitional play and serve as a forerunner example for the 2026 Play Strategy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/065)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

10. **FEASIBILITY OF SOLAR-POWERED CCTV AT INNISHMORE PLAYGROUND**

‘That this Committee requests Cork City Council to examine the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras at Innishmore Playground, with particular consideration given to the use of solar-powered CCTV systems.

Innishmore Playground is due to be reinstated following the securing of over €85,000 in government funding. Historically, this playground has been a frequent target of antisocial behaviour, vandalism, and arson attacks. With significant public investment now being made to restore this important community amenity, it is vital that appropriate measures are explored to safeguard the facility and ensure it remains safe and accessible for local families and children.

This motion further asks that, as part of this feasibility assessment, Cork City Council considers solar-powered CCTV options in line with environmental sustainability and green

energy objectives, while also potentially reducing long-term operational and installation costs.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 26/066)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

11. O'LEARY'S FIELD

'That Cork City Council engage with the residents of Bantry Park Road in relation to enclosing O'Leary's field and to put a walking path around the field with designated parking for homeowners and general users of the facility.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/071)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

12. CITY CENTRE PEDESTRIANISATION

'That Cork City Council look at engaging with artists and performers who have difficulties accessing late night venues due to city centre pedestrianisation measures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/072)

City Centre Committee – 25/03/26

13. GREEN AREA AT TANNERY GARDENS

'That Cork City Council look at building infill housing on the green area at the entrance to Tannery Gardens to prevent the anti-social behaviour and continuous burning of rubbish.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/073)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

14. ADDITIONAL CEMETERY IN BALLINCOLLIG

'That Cork City Council conduct an audit of lands in Ballincollig suitable for an additional cemetery given the level of available plots in St. Oliver's Cemetery.'

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O'Brien 26/074)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

15. TRAFFIC SIGN TO ADVISE MOTORISTS OF UNSUITABLE STREETS

'That Cork City Council will invite ideas for the design of a traffic sign or other means to advise motorists and hauliers not to follow satellite navigation systems when it directs them towards certain unsuitable streets; and will pilot the use of signage for this purpose in the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/075)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaiasteacht – 20/04/2026

16. **2025 NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILES**

‘That Cork City Council will invite the Cork City Public Participation Network to review and comment on the boundaries of the neighbourhoods described in the 2025 Neighbourhood Profiles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/076)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 16/02/2026

17. **CORK CITY ALERTS SYSTEM**

‘That Cork City Council will review the Cork City Alerts system and invite comment from the public on the operation of the flood and severe weather warning system in the city, and suggestions for other warnings to include (e.g. air quality).’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/077)

Corporate Policy Group – 02/03/2026

18. **BILLBOARD TAX**

‘That Cork City Council will investigate the potential for the operation of a ‘billboard tax’ in the city, for example by requiring the payment of development contributions by outdoor advertisers, and limiting the term of the grant of planning permission.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/078)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 16/02/2026

19. **CAR PARK SERVING THE REGIONAL PARK**

‘That Cork City Council provide an update re the possible installation of a paved surface at the car park serving the Regional Park, Ballincollig (Fionn Laoi entrance) and to set out whether this has been included in the park’s capital plan for installation in 2026.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/080)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

20. **FOOTPATH AT LIMEWORTH ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council - in the absence of progression of the Leo Murphy Road Active Travel Scheme this year - undertakes to install a footpath at Limeworth estate to serve the residents of Carriganarra Estate and surrounding areas in Ballincollig.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/081)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

21. **ILLEGAL PARKING AT THE REGIONAL PARK**

‘That Cork City Council set out the details of planned measures to address illegal parking at the car park serving the Regional Park (Innishmore entrance).’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/082)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

22. **WORKS ALONG KNOCKFREE AVENUE AND KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would agree to temporarily suspend all ongoing and scheduled works along Knockfree Avenue and Knockpogue Avenue, Farranree.

This pause would allow for structured and community engagement, improved transparency, and the presentation of clear and comprehensive project plans to residents and elected members.

While a vast majority of residents welcome the principle of an improvement scheme for the area, they have clearly indicated that they do not support key elements of the current proposals. In particular, there is significant concern regarding the removal of mature trees, the introduction of cycle lanes in place of existing landscaping, and the associated reduction in on street car parking spaces. These aspects are viewed as having considerable environmental, visual, and practical impacts on daily life in the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/083)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

23. **KNOCKFREE AND KNOCKPOGUE AVENUES**

‘In light of the significant community opposition to the plans for Knockfree and Knockpogue Avenues, this Council calls for an immediate temporary stoppage of work to allow space for the Council to seriously engage with residents who are calling for clarity, clear and full plans and better community engagement. The contractor should also be engaged with by the Council to allow for this temporary stoppage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/084)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

24. CITY BUS SERVICES

‘Recognising the continued unsatisfactory bus service and that a one-size-fits-all approach is not fit for purpose in Cork, that Cork City Council supports the creation of “Cork Bus” to take control of city bus services in Cork, as a new public service under the direction of Cork City Council, to achieve minimum standards in reliability and frequency through accountable management with the autonomy to offer competitive driver salaries tailored to Cork, and to coordinate effectively with the Council’s housing, planning and roads functions, so that compact growth is supported by the key enabler of sustainable mobility, as detailed in the National Planning Framework and the Cork City Development Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/085)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisceacht – 20/04/2026

25. FOOTPATHS AT SOUTH VIEW TERRACE

‘That Cork City Council recognises the traffic hazard and damage to public infrastructure and investment in footpaths caused by heavy goods vehicles mounting the kerb along South View Terrace, Ballinlough Road, will consider fixing this damaged footpath and whether to protect this footpath with kerbside bollards or whether to redirect or otherwise physically restrict heavy goods vehicles from driving through this particular roadway, and will implement the best possible solution at the earliest opportunity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/086)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

26. BARRIERS ON THE SOUTH RING ROAD

‘That Cork City Council will engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), as necessary, to put barriers on the South Ring Road along the full length of Douglas Village to protect it from noise and pollution, and to create cleaner air and a quieter sound environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/087)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/02/2026

27. RE-TURN CUPHOLDER-STYLE SURROUNDS

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

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

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 18/03/2026

28. **RELOCATION OF THE BUTTER EXCHANGE BAND**

‘To ask Council for an update on the relocation plans for the Butter Exchange Band which have been ongoing for some time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 26/089)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

29. **COSTED PILOT FOR EXTENDED TRAFFIC WARDEN HOURS AROUND UCC**

‘That Cork City Council will prepare and present to the South West Ward Local Area Committee a detailed, costed proposal for a pilot programme to extend Traffic Warden operational hours to 8p.m., in the areas surrounding University College Cork during the academic term.

This costing shall include a breakdown of overtime requirements, staffing implications, and projected costs for a range of pilot options (including 6–8 week evening time pilots at differing staffing levels).

Furthermore, that Cork City Council will undertake a problem severity assessment of illegal parking in the UCC area, to include:

- A hotspot mapping analysis based on existing Fixed Charge Penalty Notice data;
- A review of evening time parking infringements, including obstruction of driveways, footpath parking, and illegal parking on double yellow lines;
- An assessment of impacts on resident access, pedestrian safety, and mobility;
- The collation of resident complaints submitted to the Council to date.

The findings of both the costing exercise and the problem severity assessment shall be reported back to the Committee, together with recommended options for addressing illegal parking during evening hours in the areas surrounding UCC.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 26/090)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

30. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LEHENAGHMORE AREA**

‘That Cork City Council notes the severe traffic disruption, unsafe driving conditions, bus delays, and serious emergency access concerns being experienced by residents in Lehenaghmore, Lehenaghbeg, Coolkellure, Manor Farm and surrounding areas due to the current road closure and diversion arrangements under OBR, and requests that the Chief Executive immediately review and revise the Traffic Management Plan to introduce peak-

hour mitigation measures, provide the traffic assessment and timeline for the works, and ensure improved communication protocols for future closures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/091)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

31. “INELIGIBLE BY INCOME” AND RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

‘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)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 17/02/2026

32. KERRY PIKE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

‘That Cork City Council would provide a timeline of when the roads and footpaths in Clogheen Kerry Pike will be completed. The Kerry Pike Clogheen Association have raised concerns in relation to the delay with the ‘Kerry Pike Pedestrian Improvement Scheme’ and outline the state of disrepair of the footpaths and in some parts having no footpaths at all. Can the Council provide a report on this with a start date to commence works.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Gould 26/094)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

33. ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

‘That Cork City Council, considering the views of the Public Participation Network, reviews and then adopts the following when engaging with community groups or the public:

- “A Guide for Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making”, 2nd Edition, October 2023, Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht
- “A Vision for Community Well Being in Cork City”, Public Participation Network Cork City 2024
- Aarhus Convention Directive 2003/35/EC on Public Participation

And that this Council support and monitor these activities through the Community Section of Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs Directorate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/096)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhobair Áite – 19/03/2026

34. INDOOR BICYCLE PARKING

‘That this Council restores and works towards increasing access to and availability of indoor bicycle parking in the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/097)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisceacht – 20/04/2026

35. INCREASED REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL AGENCIES

‘That this Council seek increased representation on external agencies, such as the Southern Regional Authority and the Education and Training Board, to better reflect increased population within its administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/098)

Corporate Policy Group – 02/03/2026

36. BALLYPHEHANE GAA CLUB

‘That Cork City Council recognises the significant growth and development of Ballyphehane GAA club and the vital role it plays in promoting sport, community wellbeing, youth engagement, and social inclusion within the community.’

Expansion of the club’s membership has placed increased pressure on its existing facilities.

I call on Cork City Council to engage with Ballyphehane GAA club to explore opportunities to support the expansion and development of its facilities, including access to land, in order to meet current and future community needs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 26/100)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

37. **IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

‘That Cork City Council review its public consultation process following a project going out for public consultation in our city and improve our communication with all stakeholders when the final decision is made.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/101)

Corporate Policy Group – 02/03/2026

38. **IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**

‘That Cork City Council improve the pedestrian access at the junction of Richmond Hill, Goldsmith’s Avenue and Old Youghal Road to ensure that people of all abilities can access the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/102)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

39. **GLEN RIVER PARK**

‘That Cork City Council clean up the river and improve the water quality in the Glen River Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/103)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

40. **SURVEY OF DUBLIN HILL**

‘That Cork City Council carries out a survey of Dublin Hill that addresses road surface and follows up with contractors working on behalf of utility companies to ensure full road reinstatement, damaged traffic signs, road lining, safety of entrances of residents living in Millfield Lawn, Delaney Park, Hawthorn Mews, Glenthorn, Kilbarry Cottages and Marian Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/104)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

41. **PROHIBIT DOGS FROM CORK CITY COUNCIL-MANAGED BURIAL GROUNDS**

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges that graveyards are hallowed places where people come to remember, reflect, and pray for deceased loved ones and friends. Cork City Council further recognises the nuisance and upset caused by uncontrolled dogs in burial grounds. Accordingly, Cork City Council agrees that this issue should be addressed through the preparation of a draft amendment to the Cemetery Bye-Laws to prohibit dogs

— with the exception of Guide Dogs — from entering Cork City Council–managed burial grounds.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/105)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 18/03/2026

42. **ROAD CONDITION AT MANOR FARM, LEHENAGHMORE**

'That Cork City Council notes the deteriorating condition of the roads at Manor Farm, Lehenaghmore, in particular the significant potholes that have developed in recent weeks. That an assessment of the road surfaces in this area be carried out as a matter of urgency, and that any necessary remedial works be scheduled and completed without delay in the interest of public safety and accessibility.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/106)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

43. **ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF WOODBROOK GROVE**

'That Cork City Council carry out an engineering assessment of Woodbrook Grove, Bishopstown, to assess the suitability of the roadway for the introduction of additional parking controls including pay-parking.'

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/107)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

44. **NEW CITY CENTRE LIBRARY**

'That the Council will give a detailed update to members on progress being made on the new City Centre library as soon as ever possible.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/108)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhobair Áite – 19/03/2026

45. **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PICNIC BENCHES**

'That the Council will install wheelchair accessible picnic benches at Marina Park and look to rolling out wheelchair accessible benches to all parks going forward.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 26/109)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 18/03/2026

46. **BAT POPULATION AT THE LOUGH**

‘That Cork City Council will conduct an audit of the bat population at the Lough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/110)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

47. **LOADING AND ACCESSING VENUES IN THE CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council will engage with representatives of the night time entertainment industry in Cork City to resolve issues around loading and accessing venues in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/111)

City Centre Committee – 25/03/26

48. **ST. JOSEPH’S COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MAYFIELD LIBRARY**

‘That Cork City Council notes that:

- Part 8 Planning was approved for the refurbishment of St. Joseph’s Community Centre and Mayfield Library
- This project is badly needed
- The library and community centre are vital resources

And agrees to:

- Write to the Minister for Rural and Community Development seeking a funding allocation to progress the project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/112)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/02/2026

49. **USE OF A SPECIFIC TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN CALLING RESIDENTS**

‘That Cork City Council would pilot the use of a specific telephone number when calling residents in relation to housing maintenance and/or Council matters and not use a private number. People will not answer private numbers as they fear scam calling. As a result, people have missed calls which may have been from the Council and are not at home for call outs for Council staff. If a specific number cannot be used, then a text alert system notifying residents of when Council will be calling should be considered.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/113)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 17/02/2026

50. **ASD PARKING SPACES**

‘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)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisceacht – 20/04/2026

51. **RECENT CONSTRUCTION WORK**

‘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)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 16/02/2026