

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegny, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O'Connor.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Lynch, A. Deasy, T. Coleman, G. O'Brien, C. O'Connor.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. M. Davoren, A/Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. N. Murtagh, A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. Mr. N. Carroll, A/Director of Services, Housing. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Emergency Management and Climate Action. Mr. C. Ó Súilleabháin, Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations. Mr. B. O'Hare, Management Accountant, Finance. Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator. Ms. R. Lynch, Administrative Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Fermo family on the death of Patrick Fermo.
- The Foley family on the death of Elizabeth Foley.
- The Wolfe family on the death of John A. Wolfe.
- The Corkery family on the death of Seamus Corkery.
- The Fitzgerald family on the death of John "Langton" Fitzgerald.
- The Long family on the death of Diarmuid J. Long.
- The Hurley family on the death of Mary Hurley.

- The O'Donovan family on the death of Jennie O'Donovan.
- The Barry Family on the death of Trevor Barry.
- The Donovan family on the death of Eileen Donovan.
- The Barry family on the death of Michael Barry.
- The Kelly family on the death of Mick Kelly.
- The Kavanagh family on the death of Marise Kavanagh.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of James O'Sullivan.
- The Wilkinson family on the death of Pat Wilkinson.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Eileen McCarthy
- The McAllen family on the death of Cora McAllen.
- The Kelleher family on the death of Dr. Patrick Kelleher.
- The Nolan family on the death of Anthony Nolan.
- The McSweeney family on the death of Roger McSweeney.
- The Bray family on the death of John Vincent Bray.
- The Cremin family on the death of Finbarr Cremin.
- The White family on the death of Jennifer White.
- The McCrossan family on the death of James (Jimmy) McCrossan.
- The Curran family on the death of Susan Curran.
- The Keaveney family on the death of Angela Keaveney.

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

- Conor Falvey of Falvey's Pharmacy on celebrating 50 years in business.
- Cork Sports Partnership on the success of SportsFest in Tramore Valley Park.
- St. Columba's Girls National School with Facility for Deaf Children on a wonderful example of sign language during International Week of Deaf People.
- Son of a Bun on celebrating 10 years in business.
- Scoil Ursula on the opening of their new school library.
- Dick Beamish on being crowned All-Ireland Champion (Storytelling) at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.
- Gerardene McNamara on her retirement from the committee of Ballincollig AFC after 31 years' service.
- St. Finbarr's GAA on being crowned Senior Camogie County Champions for 2024 and 2025.
- MTU Cork Campus Student GAA Clubs on celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- Bishopstown Community Playschool on re-opening under new management, St. Anne's Day Nursery.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CULTURE NIGHT**

An tArdmhéara extended thanks to all staff involved in Culture Night.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR PATRICK HORGAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of a Civic Reception on 10th December 2025 for Patrick Horgan in recognition of his contribution to Cork sport.

3.3 **LONDON CORK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of Comhairleoir T. Coleman to Chiswick, London on 24th October 2025 for the London Cork Association Annual Dinner Dance.

3.4 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR CORK MUSEUM**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that a Civic Reception for Cork Museum would take place on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 6pm.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 13th October 2025 on the proposed holding of a parade to mark the start of the Christmas Season and the switch on of the Christmas lights, on 14th November 2025 in Cork City Centre.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 8th September 2025.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 15th September 2025.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO HOUSING MAINTENANCE DURING 2025**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a complete and detailed written report, in the public interest, on all expenditure and operational activity undertaken by Cork City Council in relation to housing maintenance during the 2025 calendar year to date, to include but not be limited to: the total spend incurred under the housing maintenance

budget; a breakdown of that expenditure by programme, scheme, or project title; a description of the nature and scope of each maintenance activity undertaken; the number of dwellings serviced or maintenance requests addressed under each category; the average and total cost per unit where applicable; a breakdown of expenditure by cost type (including labour, contractor fees, materials, equipment, administration, and overheads); performance indicators such as time to first response and time to completion; the number of repeat or follow-up maintenance requests per property; the level of unaddressed or outstanding maintenance cases at the end of each month; and details of any underspend or overspend compared to budgeted figures.

REPLY

Below is detailed a report on the expenditure and operational activity undertaken Cork City Council, housing Assets Section during the 2025 calendar year to date

The following Table 1 Provides details in regard to total Housing Assets Section spend to end August.

Programme	Sum of Revenue Expenditure at end Aug 2025	Sum of Capital Exp at end Aug 2025
DPG	1,396,929	
General Maintenance	9,771,930	
Other/ Overheads	89,953	
Payroll (Salaries)	852,722	
Voids Programme	1,021,199	2,062,495
EERP		3,703,884

The following tables provide the breakdown of expenditure by cost type both for the section as a whole and for the general maintenance programme:

Table 2. All expenditure by expenditure cost type to end August:

Expenditure Cost Type	Sum of All HM Expenditure as at end August 2025
Payroll	5,152,554
Consultancy/ Professional fees	51,795
Contracts	11,628,215
Materials	711,606
Overheads	472,240
Plant & Machinery	809,731
Miscellaneous	72,971

Table 3. Breakdown of General Maintenance spend by cost type to end August:

General Maintenance by Cost Type	Sum of Expenditure to Aug 2025
Payroll	3,064,032
Consultancy/ Professional fees	51,795
Contracts	4,873,531
Materials	624,739
Overheads	276,119
Plant & Machinery	809,731
Miscellaneous	71,987

The average spend on general maintenance per unit of stock is €1,054 per unit

The last period for which full details are available in regard to maintenance work by category is the end of Q2 2025.

The total number of maintenance requests closed to the end of Q2 2025 is 7165. The total number of jobs received is 9284.

The below is breakdown by category of maintenance requests closed to the end of Q2 2025.

Repair Type	No of Repairs Completed to End of Q2
Plumbing	2329
Heating	1612
Electrical	1220
Carpentry	984
Roofing/Plastering	385
Masonry	198
Disabled Persons Work	148
Miscellaneous	289

Figures in regard to time to completion are not presently available as contract jobs are closed on receipt of invoice.

There are at present underspends in pay budgets while there are overspends in regard to the budgets for electrical and heating repairs and in budgets provided for the transition areas.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.2 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

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

To ask the Chief Executive to list out the requests and locations for pedestrian crossings, both controlled and uncontrolled, in each ward with the projected costs associated with each location, in tabular form, and the priority rating it currently has.

REPLY

In the last 5 years, over 150 requests for pedestrian crossings have been received by Traffic Operations. These requests have come from Elected Members, in addition to a range of external stakeholders including but not limited to schools, resident associations and citizens. Costings are not carried out for each request and are instead costed on a project by project basis once funding is secured, typically by external funding partners and under schemes such as SRTS, Road Safety Improvement Schemes and NTA Active Travel funding.

The cost of a pedestrian crossing, whether it be a zebra (Type A, B or C), pelican or toucan can range from €70,000 - €120,000 depending on the location, the type of crossing appropriate for each particular location, the level of civil works associated with the installation and the level of electrical works required. Not every location is suitable for a pedestrian crossing. Assessment criteria governed under the various schemes are applied against individual projects in assessing the priority status afforded to each project. For example, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) schemes prioritise front of school safety and safety of routes to schools, Active Travel Schemes prioritise missing active travel links and Road Safety Improvement Schemes prioritise locations with high accident rates.

Noel Murtagh,
Acting Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.3 NON-PAY EXPENDITURE – TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

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

As we prepare the 2026 Budget, can the CE please give me a break down of exactly where the budgeted €903,700 of **Non-Pay expenditure** for each of the categories listed below under Traveller Accommodation were spent, as these were listed in the 2025 Budget?

The various categories are as follows..... Please advise what was actually spent to date in each of these categories listed below, and also, what was the actual budget for each of these categories Vs the actual spend.

- Contract services such as Caretaking Services across 5 sites
.....?.....
- Out of hours call out services
.....?.....
- Waste and skip services for 7 sites across the City.....?.....
- Skips for clean-ups
.....?.....
- Pest control services
.....?.....
- Welfare hire such as portacabins and Portaloo's
.....?.....
- Hedge cutting
.....?.....
- Control of horses (*and Goats*) costs
.....?.....
- Various costs to the Council for the site such as direct debit costs for electricity charges
.....?.....
- Purchase of pre-paid cards for electricity for the site.....?.....
- Office related expenses such as IT costs, stationary, mobile phones, postage/courier services etc.....?.....
- Other costs involved are for services for the drafting of the TAP and costs associated with the implementation of the Equality Action Plan.....?.....
- The purchase of Mobile Homes and connection to services, certification, disposal, crane hire etc.....?.....

REPLY

Expenditure referenced above refers to Traveller Accommodation Management and Traveller Mobile Home/Purchase Caravans. The expenditure outlined is as of 13th October 2025.

The following expenditure is recorded for Traveller Accommodation - €933,788. This figure includes € 308,064 relating to salary costs, the remaining balance relates to the following expenditure:

Minor Contracts, Trades and other Contracts	-	€ 574,233.00
(this would cover Caretaking, Control of Horses, Waste, Pest Control, hire of welfare units, any contractor payments etc).		
Staff Travel	-	€ 2,535.00
Computer Software and Maintenance Fees	-	€ 517.00
Communication Expenses	-	€ 133.00
Energy/Utilities Expenses	-	€ 48,306.00

(this would cover Direct Debit costs for electrical supply on Halting Site, payment of any electric bills for the sites etc).

Traveller Mobile Home/Purchase Caravans has a total of €54,295.00 expended to date for minor contractors, trades and other type contracts, which relates to the purchase of mobile homes costs, crane hire and disposal costs for the supply of replacement mobile homes.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.4

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS (CPO'S)

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 to provide, in tabular form, details of the total number of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) initiated each year since 2020, the total expenditure incurred each year in relation to those CPOs, together with an update on the current status of each of those sites; the total amount levied under the Derelict Sites Act each year since 2020, the total amount received each year and the current level of arrears outstanding since 2020; and the annual budget allocated to the refurbishment of void units since 2020, the total number of units refurbished each year, and the expected number of units to be refurbished in 2026.

REPLY

The following table is reflective of the number of properties acquired by Cork City Council Property Department from calendar year 2020 to 8th October 2025 utilising the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

No. of Acquisitions	Properties Sold via the Open Market	Properties in process of redevelopment
21	5	20

Schedule of Properties

Nr. of Properties	Address of Property acquired via Derelict Sites Act 1990 January 2020 – October 2025	Current Status of Property
2	118 Barrack St & 119 Barrack Street, Cork	Property sold privately for redevelopment.
4	62, 63, 64 & 65 North Main Street, Cork	City Centre Directorate advancing development.
1	1 Elizabeth Terrace, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	4 Gerald Griffin Avenue, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	'Greystone Cottage', Cois Coilte, Mahon, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	5, Prosperous Place, Blackpool, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	20, Muskerry Terrace, Blarney, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
2	23, Lower John St & 24 Lower John St, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	49/50, Old Market Place, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	14, The Grove, Shanakiel, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
2	15/16, Kyle Street, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
1	'Strawhall', St. Mary's Road, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing redevelopment.
3	21, 22 & 23 Thomas Davis Street, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing a development process

Year vested in Cork City Council	Costs incurred associated with acquisition of derelict properties under Derelict Sites Act, 1990
2020	€0
2021	€0
2022	€1,359,565
2023	€137,844
2024	€95,768
2025 to date	€14,144
Total	€1,607,321

The following table sets out the Derelict Sites Levies since 2020:

Year	Net Levy	Receipts
2020	€1,505,829	€162,031
2021	€1,730,699	€568,934
2022	€424,905	€280,364
2023	€908,344	€148,656
2024	€1,472,402	€477,604
2025 (YTD)	€1,169,935	€376,388

Total outstanding levies €6.7m (includes pre 2020 levies)

The annual budgets allocated to the refurbishment of voids since 2020 is set out in the following table.

Year	Annual Budget
2020	€5,774,700.00
2021	€2,713,914.00
2022	€3,719,400.00

2023	€7,076,500.00
2024	€7,900,100.00
2025	€6,180,284.00

The following table sets out the number of properties refurbished each year and the expected number of properties to be refurbished in 2025 and 2026.

Year	Refurbished Voids
2020	264
2021	92
2022	164
2023	202
2024	218
2025 (Expected)	250
2026 (Expected)	275

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

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.5

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT BLARNEY STREET

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

To ask the Chief Executive to:

1. Publish the ‘options report’ from the consultants that were appointed to conduct surveys to address the traffic management system on Blarney Street
2. When were the surveys carried out and
3. Who were consulted in the project

REPLY

Blarney Street in Cork City is approximately 2 km in length running in an east west direction. It is a two-way street and is of varying widths along its length. The eastern half of the street is narrow ranging from approximately 3.5 m to 5.5 m in width generally with on street parking on one side and double yellow lines on the other. There are footpaths of varying widths and condition. The street is primarily made up of residential properties with some small business/commercial properties and two primary schools along its length. There are ongoing issues with traffic flow on the street. Due to the narrow nature of the street and the presence of parked cars, there is often not enough room for two vehicles to pass requiring one vehicle to reverse. Material damage, along with the road safety issues of reversing vehicles are an issue.

This is a common issue particularly with HGVs and larger delivery vehicles. Residents and businesses on the street have made ongoing representations to Cork City Council to provide a one-way system on the worst affected part of the street. Cork City Council are not in favour of providing a one-way system in isolation, as due to the nature and length of the street this may have wider repercussions on the local road network and will likely cause an increase in speed on the road and a more unfriendly environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

As an alternative it is intended to carry out a feasibility and options study to explore the feasibility of using various active travel measures to reduce or discourage through traffic including HGVs on the street and improve the environment for residents, pedestrians and cyclists. As outlined above, due to the length of the street and the number of streets feeding on/off Blarney Street, the implications of any changes may be far reaching and would need to be considered and modelled.

The NTA have provided funding to look at the feasibility of how active travel measures may be provided to improve the street as part of a wider active travel project at a number of locations citywide. A consultant has been appointed and both traffic and pedestrian surveys have been carried out which will be used to assess the location and inform an options report. Any identified solutions will be progressed to design stage subject to continued funding from the NTA.

This forms part of a larger project which is being delivered in batches and while the surveys were carried out for all locations in September 2024, the Blarney St. options report is being delivered as part of the next batch and therefore has not been developed to date. Once the options are being developed consultation with stakeholders can then be carried out.

Noel Murtagh,
Acting Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.6

DOG WARDENS

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

To ask the CE when new dog wardens will be in post; what service improvements their hiring will deliver; and if their hiring will result in an increased number of patrols in the city's parks and cemeteries - particularly on Saturdays and Sundays.

REPLY

The CSPCA is an agent of the City Council in delivery of a Dog Warden service for the City, as provided for under the Control of Dogs Acts. Up to 2019, there was one Dog Warden employed by the CSPCA, and this increased to three Wardens in mid 2019 following the extension of the City boundary. Recently, the Department of Community and Rural Development, responsibility for dog control now resting with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, allocated grants to various local

authorities allowing for the employment of more Wardens. The City Council was allocated € 100,000 to support the employment of two additional Dog Wardens.

The CSCP recently advertised the posts, and two new Wardens will be employed by them from Monday 13th October. They will be responsible for discharging their functions under the Control of Dogs Acts, including enforcement of the provisions under the Acts. This will include following up complaints in relation to dogs, dog licensing inspections and patrolling of all City parks and cemeteries. At present these activities are undertaken Monday to Saturday, there being no funding provision to allow an extension of the service to include Sundays.

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

6.7

MORRISON'S ISLAND FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

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

To get an update from the CE on the construction of the Morrison's Island flood relief scheme.

REPLY

The Morrison's Island Public Realm Improvement and Flood Protection Scheme is being advanced by Cork City Council in association with the Office of Public Works. The scheme provides for a complete renewal of the public realm along Morrisons/ Fr Matthew Quay, from Parnell Bridge to Parliament Bridge. The execution of public realm improvement works also creates an opportunity to provide enhanced flood protection measures and these will be delivered as part of the scheme to the benefit of circa four hundred properties in that part of the City.

Construction works commenced in Summer 2024 and are presently ongoing. Works to date have included cleaning, pointing and strengthening of the quay walls, refurbishment works at Parnell Plaza, construction of an underground pumping station at Parnell Plaza, reconfiguration of the South Mall/Parnell Place Junction, works on Union Quay near Trinity Footpath and public realm works on Fr Mathew Quay. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by Q4 2026. It is expected that the scheme, when completed, will be transformative in its impact, further supporting the ongoing private sector investment in the area as well as creating new opportunities for the public to enjoy this riverside location. Further updates will be provided to elected members as the works progress.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.8

GLANMIRE TO CITY CENTRE CYCLE ROUTE

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

To ask the Chief Executive the current status of delivery of the Glanmire to City Centre Cycle Route (Phase 2); and the current level of commitment by the Department of Transport to fund it as a ‘Pathfinder’ project?

REPLY

The detailed design process for the Glanmire to City Centre Cycle Route Phase 2 is now complete and the related construction tender documents are ready for publication. The project team is finalising the detailed Business Case and Cost Estimate for the project. These documents will be submitted to the National Transport Authority as part of the funding application process later this year. The project is scheduled to progress to tender and construction thereafter subject to the required consents including funding consent.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.9

SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATIONS PROCESS

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 provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of how long social housing applications are taking to process at each stage of that process i.e. initial review & full assessment, and to provide information on how many applications are received complete/incomplete.

REPLY

The conducting of a social housing assessment is carried out under the criteria detailed in the Social Housing Assessment Regulation 2011, in particular Section 12 refers;

12. (1) Subject to proper completion of the application form by the household and to paragraph (2), the housing authority of application shall deal with the application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt or, where the authority has requested additional information for the purpose of verifying information relating to the application, within 6 weeks of the receipt of such additional information.

As the time frame for assessing an application is dependent on the assessment officer having all the required information, it is not possible to give an average length of time to process an application. However, the table below gives an indication of the volume of applications being received in recent years.

Period	Number of Applications Received
Q.1/2019	294
Q.1/2020	251
Q.1/2021	274
Q.1/2022	298
Q.1/2023	391
Q.1/2024	468
Q.1/2025	455

Once a completed application has been received it is forwarded to an assessment officer for full assessment. The assessment officer may require additional information or clarification in relation to the application. In most cases this relates to information regarding income, previous tenancies with a local authority/approved housing body, access & maintenance arrangements, documentation regarding Mortgage Arrears Process (MARP) (if relevant) or proof of citizenship/permission to remain in the country.

If the information is not received within the appropriate time frame an application will remain closed until the applicant re-engages. For example, 25% of applications received in September 2025 were returned to the applicant as the application was missing significant documentation required to carry out an assessment.

It should be noted that the change in the income bands introduced in January 2023 means that an assessment officer is now required to review documentary evidence of income for the preceding 12 months. This can involve several interactions with an applicant. Also, the removal of the central broker function on the iHouse system means that we can no longer determine if an applicant has an open application with another local authority. This means that we may need an applicant to provide a letter from a local authority in whose area they previously lived confirming they do not have a tenancy or open application with them. Alternatively, we may have to contact the local authority to investigate this. This additional work, which was not required in previous years, can result in delays in processing an application. We have recently been informed that this function will be re-activated in the coming months so this will reduce the assessment time and inconvenience for the applicants concerned.

In all cases we endeavour to process an application as quickly as possible. While applications are processed in the order they are received, we do prioritise applicants identified to us as being particularly vulnerable. This would include those in emergency accommodation or at risk of imminent homelessness, care leavers, those accommodated in a domestic violence refuge or persons unable to leave hospital due to lack of suitable accommodation.

In all assessments where the application is approved, the applicant's credit time on our social housing list is back dated to the date the application was received.

It should be noted that an additional assessment officer has been assigned to the Allocations Section since September and it is expected that this will significantly improve the processing times for applications.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.10 **CORKERAN'S QUAY**

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 explanation to why the public right of way at Corkeran's Quay has been blocked for some time & when will it be reopened to the public?

REPLY

The steps from the Blackpool Bypass to Corkeran's Quay form a public right of way which was closed, temporarily, during construction works at nearby Conway Court. The steps were reopened on completion of building works, restoring the area and the access that had previously existed. However, they were blocked up by local residents who were concerned with alleged anti-social behaviour which the steps were attracting.

As this is public right of way, Roads Operations staff attended a number of times to re-open the steps. On each occasion the staff were prevented from doing so and were verbally threatened. Cork City Council is seeking legal advice on the next course of action and will continue to pursue the matter.

Noel Murtagh,
Acting Director of Services,
Local Area Development & Operations.

6.11 **CITY COUNCIL HOUSING ENERGY RATINGS (BERS)**

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 give details of the building energy ratings (BERs), of council owned properties in Cork City. This should include the heating energy sources, including which are fossil fuel-free. Also, to detail plans to achieve the best possible BERs and phasing out of fossil fuels, for Cork City Council housing and to indicate a timeline, including progressive milestones, for the achievement of a fossil fuel-free Cork City Council housing stock?

REPLY

As of 31st December 2024 Cork City Council has Building Energy Rating (BER) Certificates for 7,436 of the dwellings managed by the Housing Directorate. The number of housing units at each energy rating is as follows:

A2 = 147 B3 = 774 D1 = 842 G = 141

A3 = 430	C1 = 1107	D2 = 736
B1 = 107	C2 = 1088	E1 = 475
B2 = 278	C3 = 949	E2 = 362

The vast majority of the council social houses are heated using domestic gas boilers. A small number of homes use oil boilers (c. 100). The percentage of the housing stock using renewable energy sources (heat pumps and/or solar panels) is 3.1% (374 units).

In order to achieve the best possible BERs the council is participating in the DHLGH Social Housing energy Efficiency Retrofit Program. This is a thirty year program to ensure that each social house has an energy rating of B2 or better. It commenced in 2021 and is scheduled to be completed by 2050.

The timeline is to have 25% of the social housing stock achieve this target by 2030 and 100% achieve the target by 2050. There is also a target to have heat pumps installed in 25% of the properties by 2030 also.

In line with the energy efficiency retrofit program it is expected that the achievement of a fossil fuel free housing stock will be achieved by 2050.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.12

LVP DEBIT CARDS IN USE BY CORK CITY COUNCIL

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

Can the Chief Executive provide the following details regarding the 125 Low Value Purchase (LVP) Debit Cards in use by Cork City Council for the year 2024 with a total spend of €663,862.00 to include but not limited to: Breakdown of the departments or sections to which the LVP cards are issued, including the number of cards assigned to each department/section and the total expenditure per department/section; the total expenditure per individual LVP card (identified anonymously, e.g., by a unique reference number or department affiliation, to comply with data protection requirements), to include a list of the top 30 payees/merchants receiving payments by way of LVP cards, including the total amount paid to each, the number of transactions, and the primary categories of goods/services (e.g. stationary, electrical, plumbing, cleaning services, protective workwear and general workwear, IT hardware);

Include details of any foreign (outside Ireland) transactions, including total spend, number of occurrences, countries involved, and confirmation of VAT compliance (e.g., reverse charge application); details of any breaches of LVP card limits, procurement guidelines, or policy and the date of the last policy review and circulation to staff, as well as training provided to cardholders, approvers, and receptors in the

last three years, and plans for mandatory refreshers, all to be presented in a format that is easily understood by elected Members and the public.

REPLY

Provided are two reports outlining the requested information regarding LVP card spend:

Report 1

- Total expenditure per department/section
- The number of LVP cards assigned to each department/section
- Total expenditure per individual card (anonymised)

Report 2

- The top 30 payees/ merchants and goods/services categories.

In relation to the query on foreign payments, no LVP card was used outside of Ireland.

There were no breaches of LVP card limits. It is not possible to spend in excess of the transaction/monthly limit set on each individual card.

The most recent LVP card policy was approved by senior Finance management on 29/11/2021 and circulated at this stage. A full programme of Training was provided in May 2023.

A review of the LVPC Policy is currently ongoing. A subsequent programme of training will commence following the approval of the LVPC Policy review.

John Hallahan,
Chief Financial Officer.

Report 1 **Total Summary LVP Card Spend**

Department/Section	Total Amount	No of Cards	Card No	Amount
Architects	€ 11,212.05	1	1	11,212.05
Area Management	€ 87.50	1	1	87.50
City Library	€ 8,142.44	2	1	5,666.88
			2	2,475.56
Community Culture & Placemaking	€ 6,669.79	3	1	53.50
			2	3,660.51
			3	2,955.78
Corporate Affairs	€ 40,645.88	3	1	7,507.05

			2	7,083.27
			3	26,055.56
Finance	€ 683.31	1	1	683.31
Fire Dept.	€ 31,840.89	4	1	3,032.63
			2	8,976.02
			3	4,336.44
			4	15,495.80
Foyer Project	€ 17,488.57	5	1	45.05
			2	10,085.65
			3	3,688.12
			4	2,295.02
			5	1,374.73
Garage & Electrical	€ 71,553.61	10	1	2,827.41
			2	9,493.79
			3	8,376.87
			4	1,269.15
			5	24,679.85
			6	11,929.96
			7	9,205.37
			8	3,538.00
			9	202.21
			10	31.00
Housing Capital	€ 3,519.21	3	1	2,263.68
			2	340.22
			3	915.31

<i>Housing Maintenance</i>	€ 97,996.47	19	1	4,156.32
			2	7,891.25
			3	4,183.40
			4	4,761.00
			5	10,902.82
			6	5,303.33
			7	14,341.32
			8	904.66
			9	6,072.40
			10	8,871.51
			11	97.87
			12	483.30
			13	4,947.89
			14	10,522.01
			15	11,051.70
			16	62.00
			17	230.92
			18	2,804.05
			19	408.72
<i>Information Systems</i>	€ 13,051.79	2	1	11,124.63
			2	1,927.16
<i>Local Enterprise Office</i>	€ 4,145.55	1	1	4,145.55
<i>Parks</i>	€ 161,830.81	29	1	2,858.72
			2	2,254.06
			3	5,891.27
				2,161.40

4	
5	2,602.19
6	2,150.50
7	931.58
8	1,886.10
9	9,295.93
10	3,113.45
11	9,944.20
12	6,293.48
13	14,297.60
14	1,509.16
15	10,763.24
16	10,096.24
17	4,022.00
18	6,496.47
19	916.93
20	14,724.87
21	6,801.68
22	5,044.72
23	3,355.45
24	2,008.14
25	3,077.50
26	11,770.01
27	5,988.67
28	5,227.02
	6,348.23

<i>Roads Design & Maint.</i>	€ 109,055.33	19	29	
		1	10,097.62	
		2	665.58	
		3	424.86	
		4	10,591.53	
		5	3,685.57	
		6	2,065.33	
		7	6,413.48	
		8	638.81	
		9	3,641.18	
		10	1,626.05	
		11	14,724.56	
		12	1,397.91	
		13	8,214.17	
		14	1,524.87	
		15	1,698.42	
		16	1,181.06	
		17	14,971.18	
		18	8,424.73	
		19	17,068.42	
<i>Roads Traffic</i>	€ 26,840.01	7	1	31.00
		2	2,209.44	
		3	21,335.50	
		4	53.50	
		5	2,470.43	
			678.14	

Water & Drainage	€ 59,098.79	15	6
		1	3,427.01
		2	4,406.96
		3	2,373.23
		4	2,004.02
		5	21,335.15
		6	1,681.86
		7	61.76
		8	53.69
		9	327.85
		10	3,016.47
		11	8,161.40
		12	5,475.39
		13	4,781.39
		14	1,399.96
		15	592.65
	€ 663,862.00	125	663,862.00

REPORT 2

Merchant Spend

Transaction post date between 01/01/24 and 31/12/24
 Reporting currency is EUR

Merchant Name	Total spend	No of Trans	MCC Description
Keohane Citymix Limite	29927.09	269	Construction Materials
DOS AUTOMOTIVE LTD	29155.35	124	Misc Auto/Aircraft/Farm Equipment Dealers
DPL CORK	28444.62	189	Lumber/Building Materials Stores

TREVOR TOOL HIRE	20742.67	117	Hardware Stores
CORK BUILDERS PROVIDER	20565.56	155	Lumber/Building Materials Stores
IRISH INTERNATIONAL TR	19765.82	168	Agricultural Cooperative
EWL ELECTRIC LTD	17652.49	105	Electrical Parts/Equipment
MCK Electrical 01	14771.89	121	Electronics Stores
PAT DENNEHY SIGNS LTD	14289.39	76	Commercial Photo/Art/Graphics
M D O'SHEA & SONS	13518.16	128	Hardware Stores
FRANK CLARK LIMITED	13418.84	100	Hardware Stores
A R BROWNLOW LTD.	13106.97	187	Hardware/Equipment/Supplies
MICHAEL CUNNEEN SO 0	10912.75	106	Business Services
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL WH	9634.50	53	Electrical Parts/Equipment
CLASSIC ENVIROMENTAL S	9061.66	37	Chemicals/Allied Products
MJ SCANNELL SAFETY CRK	9016.59	59	Uniforms And Commercial Clothing
DALY INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	8646.80	58	Equip/Tool/Furn/Appliance Rental/Leasing
CORK BUILDERS PROVIDER	7853.62	85	Lumber/Building Materials Stores
Keohane Citymix Limit	7602.18	69	Construction Materials
ROADSTONE LTD	7183.00	60	Construction Materials
RIAI	6903.00	16	Professional Services
BROOKS TIMBER	6658.57	52	Lumber/Building Materials Stores
Tierney and Ahern Buil	6410.06	62	Lumber/Building Materials Stores
Douglas Lawn-Mower Cen	6338.00	33	Nursery/Lawn/Garden Supply Stores
HANDLES AND HINGES COR	5461.00	75	Hardware/Equipment/Supplies
SOUTH LINK TYRES	4859.63	26	Automotive Tire Stores
CB Tool Hire	4742.81	30	Equip/Tool/Furn/Appliance Rental/Leasing
JOHN ATKINS AND CO	4711.37	52	Misc Auto/Aircraft/Farm Equipment Dealers
ONLINE MOTOR TAX	4654.00	35	Tax Payments
SCREWFIX IRELAND	4529.65	26	Lumber/Building Materials Stores

6.13 NUMBER OF DERELICT PROPERTIES ACQUIRED UNDER CPO

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

To ask the number of vacant and derelict properties this Council has acquired under compulsory purchase orders since 2020. The number of these that have been sold to new owners, and of these the number that have been redeveloped and have returned to use?

REPLY

The following table is reflective of the number of properties acquired by Cork City Council Property Department from calendar year 2020 to 8th October 2025 utilising the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

No. of Acquisitions	Properties Sold via the Open Market	Properties in process of redevelopment
21	5	20

Schedule of Properties

Nr. of Properties	Address of Property acquired via Derelict Sites Act 1990 January 2020 – October 2025	Current Status of Property
2	118 Barrack St & 119 Barrack Street, Cork	Property sold privately for redevelopment.
4	62, 63, 64 & 65 North Main Street, Cork	City Centre Directorate advancing development.
1	1 Elizabeth Terrace, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	4 Gerald Griffin Avenue, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	'Greystone Cottage', Cois Coilte, Mahon, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	5, Prosperous Place, Blackpool, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	20, Muskerry Terrace, Blarney, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
2	23, Lower John St & 24 Lower John St, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	49/50, Old Market Place, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment.
1	14, The Grove, Shanakiel, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
2	15/16, Kyle Street, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
1	'Strawhall', St. Mary's Road, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing redevelopment.
3	21, 22 & 23 Thomas Davis Street, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing a development process

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

6.14 PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

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 whether the procurement process for a social housing development in Cork by an Approved Housing Body must involve the following:

- A developer must enter into negotiations with an Approved Housing Body regarding a proposal by the developer to build social housing units.
- If those negotiations are successful, confirmation must be received from Cork City Council that there is market demand for the relevant social housing units.
- If such confirmation is received from the City Council, the agreed terms of the Scheme need to be approved by the internal management of the Approved Housing Body. This involves approval by a sub-committee of the Approved Housing Body, followed by approval by the board of the Approved Housing Body.
- If approved by the Approved Housing Body's internal management, the Heads of Terms of Agreement are issued.

- The Approved Housing Body must then lodge a Capital Advanced Leasing Facility application to Cork City Council.
- If approved by Cork City Council, the Approved Housing Body must then lodge a Capital Advanced Leasing Facility application to the Department of Housing.
- If the Department of Housing approves the Capital Advanced Leasing Facility funding, the Approved Housing Body must lodge a Housing Finance Agency application to the Housing Finance Agency for a Housing Finance Agency loan offer.
- The Housing Finance Agency must then approve the application.
- If, by this point, building costs have increased to the extent of requiring a price increase, the Housing Finance Agency cannot approve the application and the entire process will have to start all over again.
- However, if, by this point, building costs have not increased to the extent of requiring a price increase, and the Housing Finance Agency approves the application, it will issue a Housing Finance Agency loan offer to the Approved Housing Body.
- The Housing Finance Agency loan offer must then be accepted/approved by the board of the Approved Housing Body.
- If accepted/approved by the board, the relevant construction and site contracts must then be submitted for approval by 3 sets of solicitors, namely the solicitors for the developer, the solicitors for the Approved Housing Body and the solicitors for the Housing Finance Agency.
- When the construction and site contracts have been reviewed and approved by the 3 sets of solicitors, the process must be signed off on by the Housing Finance Agency and the Approved Housing Body.
- The Approved Housing Body must then issue a Utilisation Form.
- Once the Utilisation Form has issued, the developer and Approved Housing Body must execute the construction documents and circulate them, put in place security for the Housing Finance Agency and ensure that the site transfer and development agreement is drafted and signed by the parties.
- The contractor must then enter the site within 2 weeks of the closing date of the transfer and development agreement.

and to ask the Chief Executive approximately how long, on average, the procurement process for a social housing development in Cork by an Approved Housing Body takes.

REPLY

The steps outlined reflect the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) Construction Funding Model where an Approved Housing Body (AHB) is acquiring a site and entering into a Construction Agreement with a Developer. It is generally deemed a higher risk process requiring more due diligence by the lender (Housing Finance Agency (HFA) or other Bank) and by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), who lend up to 30% of the overall costs via the CALF Loan.

Hence this method of CALF funding involves more steps and can take longer than the Turnkey CALF model. Most CALF schemes are Turnkey schemes where there is a straight acquisition and release of funds at the end of the scheme.

The AHB's involvement with the HFA and indeed any discussions within their own Board do not involve the Local Authority in any way. In a project such as is outlined the Local Authority's role once approval has been granted, is to ensure site cost, stage payments etc., are made to the AHB as required and recouping of same from the DHLGH. In the event of a cost increase, this is assessed by the Local Authority and sent to the DHLGH and the Housing Agency to approve any proposed uplift in costs.

The timelines around these schemes from initial discussion to approval including procurement varies on the size of the scheme, financial complexities and any other mitigating factors. With any CALF project carried out in conjunction with an AHB, Cork City Council's Housing Delivery section always works constructively with the AHB sector and the DHLGH to expedite decisions. CALF construction projects from initial discussion with the Local Authority to approval from the DHLGH can take anywhere from 3 to 6 months.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.15

PROTOCOL FOR FLYING OF FLAGS

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

To ask the CE to outline the protocol for the flying of Flags of any kind on lampposts or Council owned property.

REPLY

Legislation prohibits the display of articles (flags) or advertisements from any structure including poles, trees and other structures in public places (or visible from a public place) unless the party is authorised to do so in writing by the owner, occupier or person in charge of said place. Cork City Council operates a posterizing protocol to control the display of articles and advertisements in accordance with this legislation.

Noel Murtagh,
Acting Director of Services,

Local Area Development & Operations.

6.16 **AMOUNT SPENT ON BOARDING UP HOMES**

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

Can the CE outline the amount spent on boarding up homes, private and council, in the last 12 months and the average annual cost of providing emergency accommodation to a family in Cork city.

REPLY

The amount spent on securing homes by Cork City Council in the last 12 months is €221,492. This includes housing for demolition as part of regeneration projects. The average annual cost of providing Emergency Accommodation to a family in Cork City is €87,500.

Nicky Carroll,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 2nd October 2025 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of land, (approximately 2.79 hectares) located at Carrigrohane Road, Cork by way of a 99 year Sporting Lease, together with a right of way therein, to Patrick Scannell, Brendan McCarthy, Joe Plunkett and Michael Casey, being the Trustees of Avondale United Football Club, their successors and assigns, c/o Sean Murphy & Co. Solicitors, 1 South Bank Crosses Green, Cork, subject to an annual rent of €5.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal of Stall No. 25 & 26 Grand Parade Market to Mr Bell Foods Provider Limited c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin, 2 George's Quay, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €5,314.80 plus rates and service charges.

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

3. Disposal of Stall No. 1 & 2 Princes Street Market to My Goodness Limited t/a My Goodness c/o De Búrca Greene Solicitors LLP, 1st Floor Classic House, 11/12

Washington Street, Cork by way of lease for a term of 20 years and 3 months from the 1st October 2024 at an annual rent of €4,294.28 plus rates and service charges.

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

4. Disposal of Stall No. 42 Grand Parade, Cork to Ballycotton Seafood Limited c/o Fiona Twomey Solicitors, 3 East Gate Village, East Gate, Little Island, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €8,035.88 plus rates and service charges.

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

5. Disposal of Stall No. 30 Grand Parade, Cork to Joe Hegarty t/a Heaven's Cakes c/o Myra Dineen, Solicitor, South Main Street, Bandon, Co. Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €2,040.89 plus rates and service charges.

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

6. Disposal of the freehold and leasehold interest in a plot to the rear of 4 Convent Place, St. Mary's Road, Cork to Michael Monaghan and to Mary McGrath & Michael Monaghan in their capacity as Executors of the Estate of the late Christopher Noel McGrath, c/o Michael Powell, Solicitors LLP, 5 Lapps Quay, Cork, for the sum of €750.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7. Disposal of premises situated and known as Café Kiosk, Marina Promenade, The Marina, Cork. to Coffee Et Al Ltd. t/a Cortado Coffee c/o Galvin Donegan LLP, 91 South Mall, Cork, by way of lease for a period of 10 years, subject to an annual rent of €52,000.00.

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

7.2 PROPOSED OLD COURT GREENFIELD OFFLINE BUS STOP/STAND SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Connor, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Lynch, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Operations, dated 16th September 2025, following public consultation, for new accessible offline bus stop/stand required on Old Court, Greenfield, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.3 **PROPOSED OLD FORT ROAD AT WALTHAM ABBEY BUS STOP SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Lynch, seconded by Comhairleoir G. O'Brien, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Operations, dated 16th September 2025, following public consultation, for new accessible bus stop required on Old Fort Road at Waltham Abbey, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.4 **BALLYCURREEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BUS STOP SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Operations, dated 18th September 2025, following public consultation, for new accessible offline bus stop/stand required on Ballycurreen Industrial Estate, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.5 **ROSSA AVENUE, ALLENDALE AVENUE AND FOXFORD AVENUE ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Coleman, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, following public consultation, on the proposed Rossa Avenue, Allendale Avenue and Foxford Avenue Active Travel Scheme pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 110 THORNDALE ESTATE, DUBLIN HILL, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 15th September 2025 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 three-bed house of accommodation at 110 Thorndale Estate, Dublin Hill, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €338,275 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 three bed house at 110 Thorndale Estate, Dublin Hill, Cork.”

7.7

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: ROWAN COURT, 5 BOHERBOY ROAD, MAYFIELD, CORK - BELMONT PARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th September 2025 in relation to a loan facility for Belmont Park Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 four bed bungalow at Rowan Court, 5 Boherboy Road, Mayfield, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €588,812.00 be granted to Belmont Park Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at Rowan Court, 5 Boherboy Road, Mayfield, Cork.”

7.8

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 20 FAIRFIELD CRESCENT, FARRANREE, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 15th September 2025 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 three bed house at 20 Fairfield Crescent, Farranree, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €351,900 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 three bed house at 20 Fairfield Crescent, Farranree, Cork.”

7.9

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 12 GRANGE VALE COURT, GRANGE, CORK - BELMONT PARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th September 2025 in relation to a loan facility for Belmont Park Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 three bed house at 12 Grange Vale Court, Grange, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Connor, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €406,949.00 be granted to Belmont Park Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 12 Grange Vale Court, Grange, Cork.”

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LEHENAGHMORE

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Lehenaghmore, 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 7th October 2025.

The Assistant Chief Executive read a statement in relation to the proposed development, addressing a number of issues raised in correspondence to members of Council, following the premature public circulation of Council meeting documentation.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Flynn, a vote was called for on the deferral of a decision in relation to the proposed development at Lehenaghmore, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoir A. Deasy. (1)

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

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against the deferral of a decision were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéára declared the vote failed, and the matter not deferred.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Flynn, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed development at Lehenaghmore, where there appeared as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoir A. Deasy. (1)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéára declared the vote carried, and the proposed development at Lehenaghmore approved. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Lynch, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Lehenaghmore, 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 Lehenaghmore, 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 13th October 2025.”

7.11 **CORK NORTH DOCKS PUBLIC REALM AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME - PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Cork North Docks Public Realm and Transport Infrastructure Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, dated 29th September 2025, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Cork North Docks Public Realm and Transport Infrastructure Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council dated 29th September 2025, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Cork North Docks Public Realm and Transport Infrastructure Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council.”

7.12 **MARY STREET, DOUGLAS STREET AND WHITE STREET PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Mary Street, Douglas Street and White Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, dated 6th October 2025, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Mary Street, Douglas Street and White Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council dated 6th October 2025, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Cork North Docks Public Realm and

Transport Infrastructure Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council.”

7.13 **CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development and Operations, dated 9th October 2025 on the establishment of a City Centre Committee.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoirí M.R. Desmond, S. Martin, T. Fitzgerald, J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, J. Maher, D. Boyle, F. Kerins, N. O'Connor, P. Dineen to the City Centre Committee.

7.14 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Comhairleoir K. Collins to the Climate Action Committee following the resignation of Comhairleoir M. Gould.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Comhairleoir C. O' Connor to the Cork City Partnership CLG following the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Maher.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 6th OCTOBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 6th October 2025.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31/08/2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31/08/2025.

8.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR Y/E 31/12/2026**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 30th September 2025.

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

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €25m (twenty-five million euro) for the twelve-month period to 31st December 2026.”

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS TO CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 2nd October 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The report of the Chief Financial Officer stated that Cork City Council continues to engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to financial matters concerning the annual contribution payments to Cork County Council under the Local Government Act 2019. The city council has outlined its concerns in relation to the uncertainty surrounding payments post 2029 and the increase in the annual payment due to high inflation.

8.3.2 **JOINT CORK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 2nd October 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Cork County Council requesting the reconvening of the Joint Cork City Council / Cork County Council Committee, to ensure ongoing cooperation and coordination on projects of mutual importance that overlap both local

authority areas and municipal districts – for example, the proposed Cork to Kinsale Greenway, as well as other strategic infrastructure, transport, housing, and environmental initiatives which require joint planning and delivery.'

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the joint Cork City / County Council Committee is an external body to which Cork City Council has nominated 8 members of Council. The committee has not met for some time and historically met infrequently. Outside of the Committee, there is on-going and constructive engagement and cooperation with Cork County Council in relation to strategic infrastructure projects and also in relation to transport, housing, and environmental initiatives at both an operational and strategic level, including formal mechanisms such as the Southern Regional Assembly, joint Housing Strategy, CMASP and CMATS. The executive in Cork City Council will engage with the County Council in relation to the Joint Committee and any proposal to meet will be brought via Party Whips for consideration.

8.3.3 **DECADE OF CENTENARIES MARKING 1926-36**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 2nd October 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Decade of Centenaries National Programme was initiated in 2012, intended to be a broad and inclusive programme, led by Minister Catherine Martin, TD, and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with guidance from an Expert Advisory Group.

In response to the national programme, Cork City Council established its own community commemorations programme, working with a range of stakeholders both locally and nationally to commemorate events significant to Cork.

One of the significant learnings from that programme was the impact and value of local ownership and community-led commemorations.

Whilst the Decade of Centenaries Programme commemorated a very distinctive and unique period in Irish modern history, the Department has recognised that significant events occurred in the decades that followed the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922 and that communities will want to continue to explore their history and mark locally significant centenaries and other anniversaries after the Decade of Centenaries. Whilst it is not possible to replicate the scale of the original Decade of Centenaries programme, a small grant allocation of €15,000 has been provided from the

Department of Culture, Communications and Sport for 2025 to enable locally significant anniversaries and events to be commemorated.

Subject to the continuation of that funding, the events referenced in the motion can be commemorated and members suggestions are welcome. Reflecting on the feedback from the national programme, community-led commemorations will be encouraged.

8.3.4 **CLEAR OUR PATHS CAMPAIGN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 2nd October 2025 on the following motion:-

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

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

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Operations and Local Area Development Directorate are happy to support Vision Ireland ‘Clear Our Paths’ annual campaign. Senior staff in the Directorate from Environment, Roads and Parks will be available to meet with Vision Ireland to discuss their needs and concerns and their current campaign. I would suggest the Environment SPC would likely be the best forum for representatives of Vision Ireland to meet the Elected Members and relevant Officers of the Council.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 22nd September 2025.

10. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 16th SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 16th September 2025.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **FEBRUARY PARK OPENING HOURS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th May 2025 on the following motion referred back to the committee for further discussion:-

‘That Cork City Council extend February park opening hours till 6.30pm each evening and ensure that weekend opening hours match weekday opening hours as agreed by the Council of 2019 - 2024.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/086)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current opening hours for parks, follows a principal of opening at 8.30am, and closing at a designated time to take account of approximate time of dusk during the year. These parks do not have public lighting which is a Health & Safety factor considered in these closing times.

November to February – 5pm closing
March & October – 6pm closing
April & September – 8pm closing
May & August – 9pm closing
June & July – 10pm closing

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

10.1.2 **ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th May 2025 on the following motion referred back to the committee for further discussion:-

‘That Cork City Council provide a report to each Local Area Committee by the next scheduled committee on all animal welfare issues currently at play in each of the five electoral wards of Cork City and if the following areas will be addressed in full:

- Number of animal cruelty cases reported
- Processes that Cork City Council have in place and personnel in charge for animal welfare
- Actions carried out by Cork City Council in the last 12 months, in tabular form

- Fines and court proceedings given to those found guilty of animal cruelty.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the primary responsibility for animal welfare lies with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013.

Cork City Council has certain responsibilities in relation to dogs under the Control of Dogs Acts, namely the provision of a Dog Shelter and a Dog Warden service. The CSPCA, as an agent of the Council, and reporting to the Parks & Recreation Department, operate these services for the Council, having a purpose-built Shelter at Mahon and employing three Dog Wardens.

On average the CSPCA receive approx. three calls a week from across the city in relation to possible dog cruelty cases, some of which prove to be mischievous, and endeavour to follow up and investigate. A number of cases are resolved by a visit from the Dog Warden, surrender of the dog, or if necessary, are further escalated by referral to the ISPCA whose officers have powers under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 to investigate such cases and issue fines. Dog Wardens do have powers to issue fines for dog control related issues.

While the Housing Directorate does not have direct responsibility for animal welfare or a dedicated Animal Welfare Officer, 19 cases of animal welfare concerns have been reported to the Housing Directorates for the period May 2024 to April 2025. Cork City Council generally will refer any welfare issues to the ISPCA for investigation in the first instance.

10.1.3 **RISKS OF GORSE FIRES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Emergency Services & Climate Action, dated 12th September 2025 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will conduct an awareness campaign on the risks of gorse fires at places like the Glen River Park and Murphy's Rock; and will work with An Garda Síochána and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to provide information to the public on how to identify and report incidents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/252)

The report of the Director of Services stated that any emergency situation, including a gorse fire, should be reported to the emergency services using the standard channels i.e. ring 999 or 112. As much specific information about the exact location of the incident and the nature/size of the incident should be relayed to the emergency services in said phone call. This will allow the correct response to be mobilised and directed to the required location.

10.1.4 **DEVELOPMENT OF LARGE-SCALE RENEWABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

‘That, as a Mission City to be climate neutral by 2030, Cork City Council is opposed to the development of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, as new fossil fuel infrastructure, and will work to ensure no LNG terminals are developed in the Cork region; and shall focus its support on the development of large-scale renewable infrastructure for energy security instead.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/317)

The report of the Director of Services stated that LNG terminals, due to their locational requirements, are unlikely to be constructed in Cork City Council’s administrative area. The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region sets a regional planning framework and addresses issues that include the region’s energy infrastructure. ‘Strategic Objective 4, Climate and Environment’ of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out Cork City Council’s commitment to support a transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable future and to the implementation of measures to support the achievement of national policies and targets for climate mitigation, and ‘Objective 9.15, Renewable Energy’ confirms the Council’s commitment to promoting increased use of renewable energy resources.

10.1.5 **AMEND THE NOISE ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations dated 12th September 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would amend the NAP to include the M8 Northbound corridor, adjacent to Chestnut Meadows in Glanmire, as (at least) a Most Important Area (MIA), if not a Priority (PIA). Especially as the EPA Guidelines include a specific clause that says that the Responsible Authority (i.e.: Cork City Council) must have an Action Plan for any major road with more than 6 million vehicle passages per annum.

This stretch of the M8 has in excess of 10 million p.a. (as per TII's current data).

Traffic passes by Chestnut Meadows houses on a raised embankment on a daily basis, less than 20 metres from residential estate bedroom windows, far in excess of WHO guidelines for maximum noise levels. As per Cork City Councils Environment Department's noise readings (November 2024), each 15-minute period has a maximum reading that never drops below 65dB. One day-time slot peaked at 82dB, and residents also had readings in excess of 70dB during night-time hours. This needs to be urgently addressed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 25/343)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that the current Noise Action Plan is the Cork Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 which was adopted by Cork City Council on 4th June 2024 and is available on the Cork City Council website at [Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 - Cork City Council](#). The Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028 was prepared in accordance with EU directive 2002/49/EC commonly referred to as the ‘END’ Directive which was transposed into Irish Law by the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (S.I. 140/2006) (the ‘Regulations’). The Regulations were revised by the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 549/2018) and amended through the European Communities (Environmental Noise) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 663/2021). The production of the Noise Action Plan is the result of a number of years work that is repeated on a 5 year cycle.

Chestnut Meadows did not meet the criteria to be included as an MIA in the Cork Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. In basic terms, the criteria to be included as an MIA were based on modelled noise levels and population density.

The priority rating in the Noise Action Planning process is as follows

1. Priority Important Areas (PIAs): areas deemed worst affected based on modelled noise levels and population density
2. Most Important Areas (MIAs) and
3. Important Areas (IAs),

Important areas are determined using EPA Guidance which references the World Health Organisation Guidelines and are based purely on modelled noise levels namely 53 dB L_{den} and 45 dB L_{night} for road traffic noise. If the road traffic noise level at Chestnut Meadows is above these levels, which it most likely is given the location, then it is classed as an ‘Important Area’.

The results of the Important Areas are then used to inform the identification of Most Important Areas. The process of identifying the MIA is set out in the EPA Guidance and is an automated process within GIS software which uses the results of the Strategic Noise Model assigned to population statistics in areas with exposures greater than the Important Area guideline noise levels i.e. the Important Areas are cross referenced with population statistics to identify areas where the most people are worst affected. This method was applied city wide and indeed for other Agglomerations nationwide.

The Most Important Areas are then further short listed into Priority Important Areas.

Currently there is no dedicated available funding for mitigation of noise. Should funding be made available this will be assigned to investigate Priority Important Areas in the first instance.

The adopted Noise Action Plan for the Cork Agglomeration was submitted to the EU earlier this year as required by the directive. Work on the production of the next round of Strategic Noise Maps (Round 5) to inform the next Noise Action Plan begins this year and Chestnut Meadows will be considered in more detail during Round 5.

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

10.1.6 **EQUITABLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING SCHEME**

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

‘That Cork City Council invite representatives of Newton Court Sustainable Energy Community to give a presentation to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee outlining their plans and proposals regarding the creation of an equitable Electric Vehicle (EV) charging scheme for residents in estates where some or all houses do not have driveways.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 25/357)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council have previously met with representatives from the Newton Court Sustainable Energy Community with respect to their proposed residential Electric Vehicle (EV) charging scheme. From these discussions we understand their proposal includes the laying of private electric wires under the existing footpath to charge a car parked within the public road space to the front of their homes.

Cork City Council expressed significant reservations with respect to the routing of a private cable in the public domain (either temporarily or permanently) as they are currently not permitted in Ireland due to the definition of “private wires” under section 37 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999, preventing the installation of such cables in the public domain. Additionally, concerns with respect to public liability, the additional costs of maintaining public infrastructure under the footpath into which the private wires have been installed, the creation of trip hazards and the defacto privatisation of public lands were raised.

It is worth noting that following extensive public consultation the Government has recently published a Private Wires Policy Statement which **will allow** private wires to be delivered under a limited number of circumstances, including possibly allowing for on-street charging of electric vehicles. The next steps to support this policy statement is for the Government to bring primary legislation and supporting regulations before the Oireachtas to allow for the construction of such private wires. Cork City Council will review any new legislation once enacted and will incorporate same into our Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy document.

For information, the Cork City Council Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy has allowed for the delivery of both fast and normal speed charging options, this approach allows for the application of different user costs depending on the speed of the EV charger. Generally, fast charging options are priced at a higher unit cost compared to the normal speed charging options which will be closer to domestic prices. This approach will allow for the more equitable delivery of electric vehicle charging across the city.

10.1.7 NOISE POLLUTION AND MANAGEMENT PLANS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations dated 12th September 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that conditions relating to noise pollution and nuisance form conditions of future event licences in the city; and that all applicants for event licences will be required to submit a noise management plan, in particular as these relate to noise pollution overnight from multi-day events.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 25/383)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Waste Enforcement Section is consulted in relation to any licenced events by the Planning department.

It is standard to apply conditions in relation to Noise as well as other Environmental issues which includes requesting a Noise Management Plan.

The Waste Enforcement team also carry out spot checks in relation to Noise monitoring of these licenced events.

10.1.8 PROGRAM OF WORKS FOR STREET SIGNS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development and Acting Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 12th September 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council recognises that the street signs in the inner city which are affixed to houses and boundary walls provide utility for navigation purposes but also are of aesthetic and cultural value. In recognition of this the Council will commence a program of works whereby the said signs will be cleaned and repainted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Connor 25/394)

The report of the Directors of Services stated that the heritage and tourism value of historic fabric in the public realm is recognised in Action 1.21 of the Cork City Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2021-2026: this Action seeks to protect and repair historic fabric in the public realm, focusing on historic ironwork, plaques and street furniture. The implementation of this action is however subject to sourcing appropriate funding and resources. Matters such as ownership of the signs are also important considerations.

There is an ongoing annual programme of works where street signs on publicly accessible walls and boundaries are provided, replaced, cleaned and repaired. There is limited funding assigned to this task each year by Cork City Council. If there are particular signs that need maintenance works, these locations can be sent to trafficrequests@corkcity.ie where they will be added to the list for assessment for maintenance subject to funding.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

11. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 18th SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 18th September 2025.

11.1 **MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE APRIL 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting of 30th April 2025.

11.2 **MOTIONS**

11.2.1 **CITY WIDE CORK CITY TIDY TOWNS UMBRELLA GROUP**

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

‘That Cork City Council put plans in place to facilitate the setting up of a city wide Cork City Tidy Towns Umbrella Group under the Community, Culture and Placemaking SPC.

Community Tidy Towns Groups right across the City would be invited to join this Umbrella Group which should help them grow through the sharing of ideas, initiatives and strategies currently being undertaken by the wide variety of individual Community Tidy Towns Groups across the city. Cork City Council can, through this group, advise on various opportunities for funding, grants and any other opportunities for shared development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 25/232)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Tidy Towns groups are independent organisations established across the City, that work closely with Cork City Council. Last year, a South City Tidy Towns group was established, which is an umbrella group for the voluntary organisations in this section of the City, with a view to shared learning, equipment, and training. It is intended to widen participation shortly to include other groups across the City.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

11.2.2 WATER SAFETY FLAG AWARD

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

‘That the City Council liaise with Cork Sports Partnership and roll out the Water Safety flag award in Cork City Schools.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 25/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team within the Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs Directorate continues to liaise with Cork Local Sports Partnership to examine the feasibility of delivering Water Safety flag award in Cork City Schools and will provide further information at the next SPC.

11.2.3 ACCOMMODATION CENTRES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

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

‘That Cork City Council recognises that families are sharing the same bedroom space in Designated Accommodation Centres for International Protection in Cork and resolves to support alternatives for them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/320)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team facilitate and have representation at the Community Response Forum. This platform allows for discussion on various aspects of integration in Cork City including challenges faced by this client group. However, responsibilities relating to accommodation are with the Department of Justice, who appraise all accommodation settings based on criteria outlined by the International Protection Procurement Service (IPPS). Predominately, these criteria are drawn from the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) National Standards. When assessing accommodation, there is a minimum bed space requirement per person.

All offers are subject to full compliance with requisite statutory legal regulations. HIQA has now assumed responsibility for monitoring the quality of IPAS centres and all inspection reports are published on their website.

11.2.4 FIRE SERVICE PROVISION FOR THE SOUTH WEST OF CORK CITY

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

‘That Cork City Council, recognising the findings of the *Crowe Strategic Review of the Fire and Building Control Department (June 2022)*, and the ongoing lack of full fire service coverage on the western side of the city:

1. Commits to the expedited delivery of a new fire station to be strategically located between Ballincollig and Bishopstown, in line with the Report’s recommendation to conduct a comprehensive review of fire cover and strategically position resources (Recommendation 16);
2. Calls for the immediate assessment and reopening of Ballincollig Fire Station on an interim basis, to serve the South West Ward until the new fire station is operational, in light of the current service gap and population growth in the area;
3. Requests that the Chief Executive and Director of Services provide an update to Council on:
 - o The current status and timeline for planning and delivery of the proposed new station;
 - o Any evaluations undertaken regarding fire service coverage under the Area Risk Categorisation (ARC) model, as recommended in the Report (Recommendation 5);
4. Requests that funding for both the interim reopening of Ballincollig Fire Station and the development of the new fire station be identified and prioritised:
 - In the 2025–2027 Capital Programme, with a clear timeline for design, site selection, and construction;
 - Through engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management, to secure co-funding or support under national fire services investment schemes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/339)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all communities and businesses in Cork City presently are provided with a full and complete fire service from its two operational fire stations. Cork City Council’s Fire Services have, since 1877, provided an exemplary service to the communities and businesses of Cork City. This exemplary service continues to this day and will endure into the future. The latest National Oversight & Audit Commission’s (NOAC) Local Authority Performance Indictor Report 2023 provides the evidence to support this. Cork City Council’s Fire Service ranked first across all 31 Local Authorities in respect of attendance of the first appliance on a scene within 10 minutes for both Fire and non-fire emergencies. However, the Cork City Fire Service is always looking to the future with a view to ensuring that the existing high standards of service which have been provided in the past and which are currently being provided today, are maintained going forward as the City expands and develops as envisaged in the national Development Plan.

As confirmed when the Fire Cover Review Report was launched, Cork City Council are proceeding to move forward with the implementation of the recommendations as set out in the recent Fire cover review report, which defines three distinct phases over three, seven and ten years respectively. As detailed in the report, the facility in Ballincollig continues to be an important piece of infrastructure supporting the entire fire department both currently and into the future. The current facility was designed

for a retained (part time) service while Cork City's current and future service delivery model is based on a full time only service. Thus the facility is not designed nor suitable for such a full time operational service to be based from that location and cannot operate as same.

The recently published Cork City Fire Cover Review Report provides a comprehensive, evidence-based assessment of fire and emergency service provision for Cork City. This review was commissioned in response to the Strategic Review carried of Cork City Fire and Building Control Department, following the city's significant boundary extension in 2019, and the future projected population growth envisaged for Cork City in the National Development Plan. It ensures that Cork's Fire and Building Control Department will be equipped to meet the evolving needs of our communities and businesses going forward.

As part of this review, an analysis of a wide range of data to model how best fire cover can be provided within Cork City, as the City continues to develop and expand over the next fifteen plus years, was undertaken. Each phase of the Fire Cover Review modelling involved analysing a number of resourcing scenarios to identify their relative merits and make recommendations using various input data ranging from historic operational and incident data, to road network and speed data. The Area Risk Categorisation (ARC) model, was considered and used as part of the fire cover review report and is forms a key part of the modelling undertaken for same.

The report highlights the need for modernisation and strategic investment in our fire services infrastructure to meet emerging needs. Key findings include the necessity for a new full-time fire station in the south-west of the city (located between Curaheen and Ballincollig), in addition to our existing stations at Anglesea Street and Ballyvolane. The analysis also identifies the requirement for further expansion, recommending a three phased approach to ultimately develop four fully operational stations across the city, with optimal locations to be identified by future modelling validating the needs for future growth in the north-west and city centre areas based on updated input data e.g. updated Census data, the delivery of future residential and commercial development etc. By identifying strengths and addressing systemic challenges, the report offers a blueprint for modernising operations, maintaining or improving response times, and fostering collaboration.

This report represents the culmination of a significant quantum of analysis, both spatial and statistical, which has been carried out using Geographic Information System (GIS) and ICT data analytical software analysing emergency information (operational resource data, incident data, callout data) as well as spatial information (including the geometry of the road network and road speed data). Other key inputs to this process included national response performance targets, population and other Central Statistics Office (CSO) Census Data and finally specific hazards e.g. SEVESO sites.

The review underscores the importance of aligning our fire cover with national standards, using data and advanced modelling tools to ensure effective response times and for all the communities, residents, and business of Cork City.

Following the completion of this Fire Cover Review, a funding application will be submitted to the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management for the implementation of the Phase 1 recommendations over the next three years. We will continue to engage with stakeholders and the wider community as we progress these next phases of this critical investment in public safety and community wellbeing.

The fire cover report which sets out a clear three phased roadmap for the future infrastructural needs of the Cork City Council Fire and Emergency Response Function. These three phases are to be delivered over the next three, seven and ten years respectively.

The Fire Cover Review Report clearly lays out a future development strategy which details the infrastructure investments which need to be delivered in Cork City to meet the expanding needs of our growing City, its communities and businesses. This enhanced emergency service infrastructure will help future proof the increasing demands upon the emergency services within Cork City and allow us in the Fire service to deliver on our vision of continuing to provide an excellent operational service to the public we serve going forward.

Work has commenced on the identification of a suitable site for the new Southwest Fire Station. Once a location has been assessed as suitable, a formal funding application will be made to the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management. As per the dates contained within the Crowe Fire Cover Review, the timeline for the implementation of phase 1 recommendations is three years with these timelines being dependent of the required funding being secured. Councillors and the public will be updated on progress with regards to the delivery of this new infrastructure as this project progresses.

Cork City Council is committed to continuing to deliver a resilient, future-proofed fire and emergency service. Cork City Council, supported by National Government, will need to make a significant investment in the development of its fire service physical building infrastructure in the coming years, including both construction of new stations and refurbishment of existing locations to achieve the deliverables set out in the Fire Cover Review Report.

11.2.5 REUSABLE CUP SCHEMES AT CONCERTS AND EVENTS

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

‘That this Council collaborate with promoters of events such as Live at the Marquee, Virgin Media Park, and Páirc Uí Chaoimh to introduce deposit and return reusable cup schemes.

Promote the use of reusable cups only, with designated collection points and partnerships with local groups for recycling.

Support awareness efforts to encourage attendees to reduce single-use plastics.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 25/379)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Action 5.26 of the *Cork City Climate Action Plan 2024–2029* is to “Investigate the possibility of introducing a ban on single-use cups as a condition for licenced commercial events. Event organisers who serve beverages would be required to provide reusable/ returnable alternatives.” In Q4 this year, Cork City Council will work with large event promoters to encourage their collaboration with companies who provide reusable cups for large events.

Furthermore, under the auspices of the Southern Region Waste management Office, Cork City Council will be participating in a pilot reuseable cup project which aims to eliminate single use plastics at festivals and community events. The initiative includes glasses and coffee cups. The Southern Region Waste Management Office received funding to trial the project across four local authorities - Cork City, Cork County, Kerry and Waterford. IRD Duhallow will store the equipment (which includes the glass/cups as well as the mobile washing infrastructure) and the official launch will take place at IRD Duhallow in early November. Each local authority will trial the process at an event. The pilot will allow for a robust assessment of the efficiency and practicalities of the approach.

11.2.6 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION FORUM

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 25/459)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team facilitate and have representation at the Community Response Forum, the membership of this group brings representatives from all sectors; Government, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), voluntary bodies and community groups. The forum coordinates the current work and efforts regarding migrant populations and serves as a platform to share opportunities while acknowledging gaps and obstacles. Sub-groups are formed, where necessary, ensuring issues are overcome and responded to at a local level.

A standing item on the agenda ensures that contributions and initiatives are acknowledged and shared across agencies and communities. The current approach has a wholly inclusive lens and endeavours to eradicate duplication in the area. Celebrating diversity in our city is at the forefront of the Community Response Forum

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) working as part of the Community Team, collaborate with multiple agencies citywide to support individuals seeking protection. This includes helping them navigate Irish systems, connecting with services, tackling barriers including racism and promote integration. The Community Team’s broader social inclusion work has built strong connections with migrant

communities resulting in impactful projects including Cities of Welcome, Africa Day, The Anti-Racist Youth Summit amongst others.

11.2.7 SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ERECTING ARTWORK AND STATUES

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

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that a programme of erection of artworks in the city centre has been established via the Island City Sculpture Trail, funded by Fáilte Ireland in 2023. The Island City Urban Sculpture Trail engaged with the heritage of the city centre island through contemporary artworks. Regular, in-person guided tours, as well as self-guided tours via the Island City website, are available free to the public.

On an ongoing basis, the National Per Cent For Arts Scheme is the primary mechanism through which Local Authorities can raise funds for the commissioning of public art across art forms including, but not limited to, sculptural works. Under this Government initiative, 1% of the cost of any publicly funded capital, infrastructural and building development can be allocated to the commissioning of a work of public art, subject to thresholds and national guidelines on commissioning.

Under the Cork City Arts and Culture Strategy, Council has committed to leveraging the full potential of the scheme. A new Public Art Policy will be developed and brought forward to Council in 2026.

All matters relating to the arts, including public art commissioning, are overseen by the Arts Committee.

11.2.8 SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE FOR THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

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

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team within the Corporate, Community and Cultural Affairs Directorate will explore such a service being delivered within the community with Cork City Age Friendly partners including An Gardai Siochana, various community associations and seniors' groups. This will ensure any proposed plan avoids duplication of services

12. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 9th SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 9th September 2025.

13. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 6th OCTOBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 6th October 2025.

13.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

13.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF AUGUST 2025**

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

14. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2025.

15. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2025.

16. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2025.

17. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2025.

18. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 23rd SEPTEMBER 2025**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd September 2025.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

20. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the AILG Training for SPC Chairs and Officials supporting SPCs, held at Hotel Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny, 3rd September 2025.
- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh and S. Martin at the AILG Autumn 2025 Training Seminar, Delivering for Communities, held at Westport Woods Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo, 17th - 18th September 2025.

21. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir O. Moran – Local Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce – Q3 2025.
- Comhairleoir O. Moran – Cork ETB – Q3 2025.

22. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

22.1 **NATIONAL LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir O. Moran at the National Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Conference, taking place in Dublin on 13th November 2025.

23. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management reports for June, July and August 2025.

25. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle agreed that motion 46, Ensuring Operational Childcare Facilities in Part 8 Housing Developments, be referred to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

26. **MOTIONS**

26.1 **EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the exclusion of Israel from the United Nations until such time that the IDF end its campaign in Gaza and a just peace settlement is agreed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/483)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Kerins, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, a proposed amendment to the motion was tabled to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the suspension of Israel from the United Nations until such time as Israel ends its blockade and occupation of Gaza and West Bank in accordance with international law, and a just peace settlement is agreed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 25/483)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a vote was called for on the approval of the amendment where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, D. Boylan, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan. (3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, T. Tynan, O. Moran, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, F. Dennehy. (6)

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

26.2 **SOLIDARITY WITH THE GLOBAL SAMUD FLOTILLA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council condemns the illegal armed assault carried out by the Israeli Occupation Forces on the ships of the Global Samud Flotilla in international waters as they were attempting to deliver vital humanitarian aid to Gaza. Like many others around the world, including the two million Italian workers who went on strike on Friday 3rd October, we stand in full solidarity with the activists on board, who despite having their hands up, were targeted with water cannons, violently assaulted, abducted and detained in an Israeli prison.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 25/512)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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