

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, O. Moran, N. O'Flynn, J. Struthers.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, 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. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Emergency Management and Climate Action. Mr. J. Stapleton, Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations. Mr. C. Ó Súilleabháin, Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Lynch, Senior Executive Transport Officer, Planning & Integrated Development. Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator. Ms. R. Lynch, Administrative Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs. Ms. V. Keating, Staff Officer, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The Hurley family on the death of Patrick Hurley.
- The Tambling family on the death of Bobby Tambling.
- The Meaney family on the death of Ann Meaney.
- The Mullins family on the death of Jeremiah (Jerry) Mullins.

- The Lehane family on the death of Maureen Lehane.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Ellen O'Brien.
- The Kenny family on the death of Olive Kenny.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Mary O'Brien.
- The O'Herlihy family on the death of Donal O'Herlihy.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Margaret O'Brien.
- The O'Leary family on the death of Micheál O'Leary.
- The Hopley family on the death of Frances Hopley.
- The Dillon family on the death of Brian Dillon.
- The Holland family on the death of Bernie Holland.
- The Ginnifer family on the death of Jeremiah (Jerry) Ginnifer.
- The O'Callaghan family on the death of Denis O'Callaghan.
- The Horgan family on the death of Sarah Horgan.
- The Mullally family on the death of Cathal Mullally.
- The Mulcahy family on the death of Clodagh Mulcahy.
- The Murphy family on the death of Teresa Murphy.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of Denis O'Sullivan.
- The Cregan family on the death of Helen Cregan.
- The Crowley family on the death of Daniel Crowley.
- The Dore family on the death of Ann Dore.
- The Whyte family on the death of Phyllis Whyte.
- The Donnellan family on the death of Aideen Donnellan.
- The Conachey family on the death of Agnes Conachey.
- The O'Driscoll family on the death of Patrick (Pat) O'Driscoll.
- The Browne family on the death of Noreen Browne.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of John O'Sullivan.

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

- Ger Gibbons of Fr. Mathew's Basketball Club on receiving a Special Recognition Award from Cork Ladies Basketball Board.
- Ballincollig GAA and the U21A Hurlers on winning the Mid Cork Championship for the fourth year in a row.
- Network Cork and all nominees and winners of the Businesswomen of the Year 2026 Award.
- Fr. Mathew's Basketball Club on being awarded Cork Ladies Basketball Club of the Year 2025/2026.
- Cork Camogie Team on becoming Under 23 All-Ireland Champions.
- Glasheen Boys National School on holding Culture Day 2026.
- Glasheen Boys National School on becoming Sciath na Scol Hurling Champions 2026.
- IRFU on achieving a record attendance for a women's rugby match in Ireland.
- Togher Girls National School on winning the Sciath na Scol Camogie Final 2026.
- Kate Moynihan on her retirement after 15 years of service with LINQ.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CORK CITY MARATHON**

An tArdmhéara noted the success of the Cork City Marathon and praised all who took part.

3.2 **CORK GAA**

An tArdmhéara congratulated the Cork Senior Hurling team on their performance in the Munster Final.

3.3 **BRIEFING WITH UISCE ÉIREANN**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that a Briefing of Council with Uisce Éireann would take place 9th June 2026 at 5pm in the Council Chamber.

3.4 **LORD MAYOR'S CIVIC, COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that the Lord Mayor's Civic, Community & Voluntary Awards would take place Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 7pm and encouraged all members to attend, if possible.

3.5 **LORD MAYOR'S BALL**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that the Lord Mayor's Ball would take place Friday 12th June 2026 in the Vienna Woods Hotel.

3.6 **ANNUAL MEETING**

An tArdmhéara reminded members that the Annual Meeting would take place 19th June 2026 at 6pm.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 11th May 2026.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **GLANMIRE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

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

Can the CE please confirm that, as part of the now almost completed Glanmire Flood Relief Scheme that some form of corrosion protection coating has been applied to the steel shuttering which form the critical flood prevention perimeter on the Glashaboy riverbanks running through the centre of Riverstown, Glanmire and surrounding areas.

If this Coating has actually been applied prior to installation of these critical flood prevention barriers, can the CE please provide details on the Coating details such as Name of Coating system, product Technical Data details, application details and long-term maintenance plan for the perimeter Steel shuttering. These technical details and a subsequent long-term maintenance plan for the perimeter Steel shuttering are very important as they will impact significantly on the long-term integrity of this very costly Flood Relief Scheme. The last thing we need are problems with “leaks” in these steel shuttering barriers in a few years, which will cost the Council dearly in maintenance and repair costs.

REPLY

The Office of Public Works (OPW), in partnership with Cork City Council, are progressing the Glashaboy (Sallybrook/Glanmire) Flood Relief Scheme for Glanmire. The scheme was confirmed in January 2021 by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform under the Arterial Drainage Acts 1945 to 1995. The scheme, when complete, will provide flood protection to some 103 properties; 78 residential properties and 25 commercial premises in the areas of Glanmire and Sallybrook, Cork.

The flood defences include a combination of embankments, reinforced concrete walls with stone cladding, reinforced concrete structures (bridges and culverts), steel sheet pile walls and all associated works. The possibility of corrosion impacting on the integrity of the sheet pile walls was considered in their design. In accordance with the relevant European Standard for the design of steel structures (Eurocode 3), the extent of corrosion was considered for the design life of the scheme, and the sheet piles were selected to have sufficient capacity to withstand the forces acting on them. As such, no additional corrosion protection was required or implemented.

The construction phase of the scheme is nearing completion. As is the case with all flood relief schemes an ongoing operational and maintenance plan is put in place. Following completion of the construction works in Glanmire the scheme will be maintained by the OPW or by Cork City Council acting as agents for the OPW.

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

6.2 SITES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP

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

To ask the Chief Executive to list all sites currently in the ownership of Cork City Council, whether these sites are derelict or vacant, whether planning permission has been granted for the site, whether there is a future plan for the site and, if relevant, when the site was acquired (including transfer of ownership from state agency).

REPLY

The following data is reflective of property in the ownership of Cork City Council categorised as derelict property and strategic development sites. It does not provide detail on ‘Core’ or ‘Fixed’ assets in city council ownership, which may be in active use (sport or amenity purposes by clubs and/or the public), let for community/cultural or commercial operation, or vacant land which could result in trespass or illegal occupation if identified publicly.

Table 1 is reflective of 22 properties acquired by and vested in Cork City Council, from calendar year 2021 up to and including 9th April 2026. The table provides a status on their redevelopment via the Housing Directorate or sale via the open market for private development and occupation.

Table 1

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.
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 redevelopment. Part 8.
1	49/50, Old Market Place, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing. Part 8. approved
1	14, The Grove, Shanakiel, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
2	15/16, Kyle Street, Cork	Private sale agreed. Conveyance advancing.
3	21, 22 & 23 Thomas Davis Street, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing redevelopment.
1	7 St. Patricks Terrace, Lower Glanmire Road,	With sales agent for purchase on the open market
1	3 Ardcairn Villas, Churchyard Lane, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment
1	“Levista”, 25 Bernadette Way, Boreenmanna Rd,	Housing Directorate advancing refurbishment
1	115 Gardiners Hill, Cork	To be placed for sale on the open market
2	5 & 6 Woods Street, Cork	Housing Directorate advancing redevelopment. Part 8.

Additionally, the following table 2, provides details of sites in the ownership of Cork City Council, identified by the executive as having strategic development value to assist in the medium to long term regeneration and revitalisation of the city centre and the provision of sport facilities to the south east of Cork city.

Table 2

Property Address	Status	Property Comments
62-65, North Main Street	Derelict & partially demolished properties	Mixed Tenure redevelopment – Residential and commercial/retail – Tender seeking redevelopment proposals advertised in May 2026. Tender to be awarded in Q4, 2026.
Kyrl's Quay / Kyrl's Street	Demolition & site clearance complete May 2026	Mixed Tenure redevelopment option to regenerate both sites – Commercial/Educational/Residential/ Retail/Community - Intended for tender advertisement for redevelopment proposals in Q3, 2026
Site at Ringmahon Road, (Former Housing Depot)	In partial use & occupied by 3rd parties.	Potential for sports facilities - Intended to advertise a tender for development proposals in Q3, 2026
Grand Parade Quarter	Currently occupied by public and private entities	Redevelopment options to be identified – Intention to seek expressions of interest in development of the lands with tender to be advertised in 2027

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

6.3 **PART V PURCHASES**

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

To ask the CE the number of Part V purchases Cork City Council has made in the last 5 years, the total amount spent, the number of units this related to and the highest price paid per year in tabular form.

REPLY

Part V Units Purchased and Managed by Cork City Council from 2021-2025:

Year	No. of Units	Total Spend €	Highest Cost per unit €
2021	16	4,505,205	310,354
2022	21	5,878,678	301,344
2023	37	11,103,361	326,000
2024	42	14,210,233	410,000
2025	22	7,251,482	398,000

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.4 **VAPE SHOPS, BARBER SHOPS, MOBILE PHONE REPAIR SHOPS**

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 of Cork City Council if the Council has undertaken any assessment or review of the increase and clustering of vape shops, barber shops, mobile phone repair shops, and other predominantly cash-intensive businesses in Cork City; if concerns have arisen regarding unauthorised changes of use under the Planning and Development Acts, licensing or fire safety compliance; the number of inspections and enforcement actions undertaken since 2022, broken down by year and business type; whether the Council considers existing planning powers sufficient to address excessive clustering of such premises.

REPLY

While the Planning Enforcement Section has received a number of complaints with regard to specific properties and their use in recent years the issue of clustering of the subject development types in the city centre is acknowledged and under review. In 2026 a review of such complaints has resulted in 17no. Enforcement Files being opened, reviews completed in 11no. instances and Warning Letters issued on 8no. property owners / occupiers regarding such unauthorised development. These cases remain ongoing and are subject to enforcement legislation and due process as per the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

It should be noted in many instances where the complaints have been received the extent of unauthorised development in planning terms is limited to unauthorised amendments/alterations to shopfronts and signage and the use is outside the scope of enforcement.

As per current planning legislation Cork City Council can do little in relation to limiting phone, barber or vape shop clusters in Cork City where these shops are established in existing retail shop units. Such shops come under the definition of a “shop” as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and therefore planning permission is not required to change from one type of retail shop to another. Essentially, these uses fall under the same use class – “Class 1” – and moving from one type of shop to another is exempted development under planning law.

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

6.5 **VACANT DERELICT PROPERTY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for clarification on the handling of sensitive information relating to the long-vacant derelict property at 1 Park Gate Villas, Bishopstown Road.

On 19 December 2025, at the invitation of Cork City Council Executive, I attended a briefing at City Hall and was given sensitive information on this matter in confidence. This briefing followed my ongoing engagement on the issue since taking up office in June 2024. I was specifically requested not to speak publicly about the matter until legal process was completed. In the interest of the public good and to support a successful outcome, I fully honoured that request and refrained from any public comment.

However, in May 2026 — at a time when legal process had not yet been completed — Deputy Jerry Buttimer TD and Cllr Gary O’Brien issued a joint public statement announcing that Cork City Council was set to acquire the property and demolish it. This was the same sensitive information that had been provided to me in confidence.

In light of the above, I ask the Chief Executive:

1. Can the Chief Executive clarify on what basis this sensitive information — which had been given to me in strict confidence — was shared with Deputy Buttimer and Cllr O’Brien, allowing them to make it public?
2. What specific steps will be taken to ensure that commercially and legally sensitive information is shared in a consistent and transparent manner with all elected members in the future, so that the pursuit of political capital does not take precedence over the best interests of the public and the successful handling of Council business?

I raise this matter constructively, in the interest of good governance and transparency. Maintaining public confidence in how the Council manages sensitive commercial matters is essential, particularly on high-profile local issues.

REPLY

The property known as, 1, Park Gate Villas, Bishopstown Road, privately owned, is on the Derelict Site Register since 10th December 2015. It, based on being in a continued state of dereliction, and in line with legislation, has accrued levies which total €73,687 inclusive of interest.

As previously advised to councillors, the City Council is fully committed to removing the long-standing dereliction on site through engagement with the owner and up to and including acquisition of the property by negotiation or by compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act. The commitment to acquire this derelict property is confirmed in CE Order 5434/25 which is a matter of public record.

By way of update the City Council is actively engaging with the registered owner to reach agreement on the acquisition of the property and will remove the dereliction on site as quickly as possible thereafter. While at an advanced stage the process is not yet complete but as previously advised, all Councillor’s will be formally updated on this matter when one is available.

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

6.6 **ILLEGAL BONFIRES**

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 apply preventative measures such as large sign posting on green areas that have been scorched by illegal bonfires on St. John's Eve. It would seem that illegal bonfires are decreasing but the campaign needs to continue to avoid this negative activity and by implementing preventative measures would be much cheaper than the costs associated with cleaning up the green areas and the extensive use of the fire services.

REPLY

The Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the impact of illegal bonfires on green spaces and recognises the importance of ongoing efforts to deter this activity.

It is noted that there has been a welcome reduction in the occurrence of illegal bonfires in recent years, which reflects the effectiveness of ongoing awareness campaigns and community engagement initiatives such as 'Non Fire Night'. These efforts will continue to be supported and developed.

It is extremely difficult to pre-empt the location of bonfires as it varies significantly from year to year hence the erection of signage is likely to have limited benefit. Instead, the Council will continue to prioritise existing preventative approaches including public awareness campaigns, collaboration with community groups, and targeted interventions where necessary, such as removal of bonfire material from greens prior to the 23rd June.

The situation will be kept under review, and further measures may be considered should the need arise.

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

6.7 **NOISE REVIEW IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

To ask if the Chief executive will undertake a noise review impact assessment for the area of Blackrock Ballintemple and Ballinlough and surrounding residential neighbourhoods with a view to determining what constitutes an acceptable decibel level to endure in a residential area on a regular basis, regardless of the emitter of the noise pollution.

REPLY

The current Noise Action Plan is the Cork Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 which was adopted by Cork City Council on 04th 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 and is aimed at strategic long-term management of environmental noise. It is based on the results of the strategic noise maps which informed assessments of population exposure and harmful effects of noise. Environmental noise includes noise from road, rail, air traffic and industrial sources only.

The Noise Action Plan identifies ‘Priority Important Areas’, ‘Most Important Areas’ and ‘Important Areas’ determined using EPA Guidance which references the World Health Organisation Guidelines. The identification of these areas is based on modelled noise levels and population density. With regard to road traffic noise, the thresholds where the assessment of harmful effects of road traffic noise should be undertaken are 53 dB Lden and 45 dB Lnight. Note different thresholds apply for different environmental noise sources.

Within the Blackrock, Ballintemple, and Ballinlough areas, only one “Most Important Area” was identified in the Noise Action Plan, namely Blackrock Road. It should be noted that there is currently no dedicated grant funding available to support detailed noise assessments or the identification of mitigation measures for specific locations. Should funding become available, priority would need to be given in the first instance to the designated “Priority Important Areas.”

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

6.8 CORK CITY LIBRARY

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 timeline for completion of the new Cork City library including all expected stages to that process.

REPLY

The Counting House building was formally acquired on the 11th May 2026.

Cork City Council is now in the process of procuring the necessary multi-disciplinary design teams required to deliver the library project.

Key milestone dates for the project will be identified as part of the project design and delivery process, in conjunction with the project team with the relevant details and timelines communicated to Councillors when available.

These milestones will include the following:

- Part 8 Planning;
- Construction/Fit Out Procurement;
- Construction Delivery;
- Library Opening.

Brian Geaney,
Assistant Chief Executive.

6.9 **WAY FINDER SIGN – DILLONS CROSS**

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 a commitment to place a way finder sign in Dillon's Cross promoting the historical importance of the area and recognising the existing community by working with the NE Local Area Committee & other relevant committees of Cork City Council, along with Fáilte Ireland and the NTA?

REPLY

Cork City Council is currently considering draft designs for wayfinding/directional signs which could potentially be installed across the city to signpost locations of interest and historical significance. Rather than signpost individual destinations in isolation it is considered that a coherent network of consistent signage would be more appropriate.

A wayfinding project that delivered a network of 48 interpretative panels and 10 fingerpost signs in the city centre was completed in 2025. This project was funded by the National Transport Authority and Fáilte Ireland. As no additional monies are available under the project the Council will need to seek an alternative source of funding for a supplementary scheme.

The Tourism Section will follow up with both the National Transport Authority and Fáilte Ireland to ascertain whether funding would be available for any newly proposed wayfinding/directional signage. It will also work with the relevant committees of Council in progressing the matter.

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

6.10 **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 2024 and are presently ongoing. Works to date have included cleaning, pointing and strengthening of the quay walls, the installation of flap valves, construction of underground pumping stations at Parnell Plaza and Fr Mathew Quay, reconfiguration of the South Mall/Parnell Place Junction, refurbishment works at Trinity Footbridge and public realm works (including tree planting) on Fr Mathew Quay, Morrison's Quay and Parnell Plaza. A portion of Parnell Plaza is expected to open to the public in Q3 2026 with the overall project scheduled for completion in Q1 2027.

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.

6.11 **TREES**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Boyle was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 13th July 2026:-

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

6.12 **HOMELESSNESS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how joined-up and holistic Cork City Council's response to homelessness is, including how those in emergency accommodation are supported to access mental health services, whether their placements remain secure during treatment, and what changes may be needed to better reassure people that engaging with such services will not affect their accommodation.

REPLY

Cork City Council's response to homelessness is delivered through a co-ordinated, multi-agency approach in line with the South-West Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2025-2028, in partnership with HSE Social Inclusion, Approved Housing Bodies and the NGO service providers.

Individuals in emergency accommodation are supported to access appropriate mental health services through established pathways. Engagement with such services does not affect the security of access to emergency accommodation. Cork City Council continues to work with partners to strengthen integrated, person-centred supports on a continual basis.

Martina Broderick,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing Directorate.

6.13 **PURPLEAIR SENSORS**

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 status of PurpleAir sensors on the north side of the city, specifically at North Ring Road, Mayfield, Knocknaheeny, Blackpool, UCC North Mall Campus, as well as South Parish, Grattan Street, and Fitzgerald Park; and to confirm whether the Blarney sensor is working correctly?

REPLY

A number of the PurpleAir sensors across the north side of the city are currently offline. This appears to be due to a combination of connectivity issues with local WiFi networks and the age of some of the units. While it is planned to replace several air quality units this month, it may also be necessary to relocate certain sensors where persistent WiFi issues are affecting performance. This could extend the timeframe for resolving the issue.

The Blarney sensor has been inspected on site and is currently reporting data, indicating that it is functioning correctly. However, calibration and further testing will be undertaken to verify data accuracy, as current output levels at this location are

unusually low. It is worth noting that all operational PurpleAir sensors across the city are generally recording very low PM2.5 levels at present, which is typical for the summer period.

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

7. STATUTORY ITEMS

7.1 SECTION 19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CASUAL VACANCIES

7.1.1 VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF CORK CITY COUNCIL

On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Jerrica Struthers to fill the vacancy arising from the retirement of Comhairleoir T. Tynan.

7.1.2 VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Struthers to the following Boards/Committees listed below arising from the retirement of Comhairleoir T. Tynan:

- Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht
- Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil
- North East Local Area Committee
- Climate Action Committee

7.2 TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ARD AOIBHINN, BANDUFF ROAD, BANDUFF, BALLYVOLANE, CORK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Ard Aoibhinn, Banduff Road, Banduff, Ballyvolane, Cork.

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

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, and the provisions of Section 11 (1)

of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Ard Aoibhinn, Banduff Road, Banduff, Ballyvolane, Cork, are public roads.”

7.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT FERNWOOD, BALLINGLANNA, GLANMIRE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Fernwood, Ballinglanna, Glanmire, Cork.

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

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Fernwood, Ballinglanna, Glanmire, Cork, are public roads.”

7.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT CASTLE MEADOWS, SKEHARD ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Castle Meadows, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork.

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

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 21st May 2026, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Castle Meadows, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork, are public roads.”

7.5 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BLARNEY, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed development at Blarney, 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 29th May 2026.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Blarney, 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 Blarney, 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 8th June 2026.”

7.6 **NATIONAL MOBILITY HUBS PILOT PROGRAMME – CORK CITY**

In accordance with the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, An Chomhairle considered the proposed Mobility Hubs Pilot Programme, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, dated 4th June 2026.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Lynch, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed Mobility Hubs Pilot Programme, where there appeared as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. Collins, P. Dineen, J. Lynch. (3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir B. McCarthy. (1)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed Mobility Hubs Pilot Programme approved.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed Mobility Hubs Pilot Programme, 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 the Planning and Development Act, 2001, as amended, that the proposed Mobility Hubs Pilot Programme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 8th June 2026.”

7.7 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 28th May 2026 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground measuring 35m² (approximately) situated to the rear of No. 123, Ardculen, Hollyhill, Knocknaheeney, Cork to Stephen & Helen Murphy, c/o Eamonn Murray & Co. Solicitors, 6/7 Sheares St. Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.8 **CORK CITY FIRE BRIGADE FIRE & EMERGENCY SECTION 26 PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Section 26 Fire and Emergency Operations Plan, dated the 26th of May 2026, as presented by the Director of Emergency Management & Climate Action, which details all organisational elements used for the provision of fire and emergency operations by Cork City Council through its Fire Service.

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

“Having considered the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan, dated the 26th of May 2026, presented by the Director of Emergency Management & Climate Action and the provisions of Section 26 of the Fire Service Act 1981, it is now resolved that the Section 26 Fire and Emergency Operations Plan is hereby adopted by Cork City Council”.

7.9 **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Report 2025.

7.10 **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME 2026**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendations for allocations for Sports Programme Grants 2026.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendations for allocations for Major Sports Grants 2026.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Horgan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendations for allocations for Multi Year Grants 2026.

7.11 **EXTERNAL NOMINATIONS TO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, An Chomhairle considered and approved Cork Business Association's nomination to Cork City Council's Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 2nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 2nd June 2026.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th APRIL 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30/04/2026.

8.2 **MOTIONS**

8.2.1 **EUROPEAN SOFTWARE AND IT SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Information Officer & Head of Information Systems, ICT, dated 28th May 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will endeavour to use European software and IT services, recognising and supporting a shift in Europe towards technological sovereignty.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/269)

The report of the Chief Information Officer & Head of Information Systems stated that Cork City Council is aware of the recent geopolitical developments which have impacted supply chains, costs, availability and a renewed emphasis on securing critical public services. The City Council has taken steps to defer the procurement of new software services in some areas of our architecture stack to consider alternatives while awaiting possible new future developments. We will continue to take a considered approach to procurement for both products and services and to ensure compliance with best practice, redundancy, cyber resilience and EU procurement law. The Office of Government Procurement is constantly revising their procurement frameworks. We regularly look to these frameworks for suppliers offering best value and compliance. We also participate and benefit from national licensing enterprise agreements negotiated by the LGMA and the CCMA on behalf of the local government sector.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 25th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 25th May 2026.

9.1 **MOTIONS**

9.1.1 **RESPECTFUL DEBATE AND CONDUCT IN ALL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

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

‘That Cork City Council reasserts its obligation to uphold the standards of dignity, respect, equality, participation, and decorum as required by law in all Council proceedings.

Each member holds a democratic mandate and has the right to express their views and represent their constituents without fear of undue personal criticism or being silenced.

A diversity of opinions is fundamental to effective democratic governance and process.

Debate, while robust, must remain focused on issues and policy, and must not become personalised or conducted in a manner that undermines the dignity of any member.

That the Council affirms that all members, irrespective of their views or positions, are entitled to contribute to debate without being subject to personal attack, interruption, or attempts to diminish their right to be heard.

Calls for all discourse within the chamber to be conducted in a respectful and measured manner, ensuring that disagreement does not translate into hostility.

Emphasises that no individual or grouping of members should engage in conduct that could reasonably be perceived as targeting, isolating, or undermining another Councillor.

Commits to fostering an inclusive environment where all voices can be expressed and heard on their merits.

This motion is intended to reinforce a culture of respectful engagement, where the focus remains on the issues at hand and where all members are afforded the dignity inherent in their role as public representative.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Flynn 26/196)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Local Government Act 2001 ("the 2001 Act") sets out an ethical framework and that imposes a statutory duty on all in the local government service to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

The conduct of Councillors in the performance of their duties is governed by both that Act and associated guidance including but not limited to The Standing Orders for the regulation of Council business 2025, Local Government Code of Conduct produced by DHPLH, elected members induction manual, Local Government Act 2001, schedule 10 as amended 2014, Cork City Council dignity at work policy and other relevant Health and Safety regulations.

The Code of Conduct for Councillors sets out the principles and standards of conduct, respect, dignity, equality and integrity for Councillors, in performing their functions and in their relationship with each other, Council employees and with the public. The Code of Conduct for Councillors is circulated to all members annually and Councillors must declare that they have read and understood this Code as part of their annual declaration made under section 171 of the 2001 Act.

It is the duty of elected members to familiarise themselves with these policies/regulations. Guidance in this regard was issued to all members on 5th November 2025 and recirculated on 30th April 2026.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - CAIDREAMH IDIRNÁISIÚNTA & TURASÓIREACHT – 18th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 18th May 2026.

11. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 19th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th May 2026.

11.1 **MOTIONS**

11.1.1 **FEBRUARY PARK OPENING HOURS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 16th May 2025 on the following motion referred back to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy 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

11.1.2 **HYDROLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY REPORT OF THE GLASHEEN RIVER**

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 commission and conduct a comprehensive Hydrology and Morphology report of the Glasheen River. As part of this process, the Council will engage with relevant stakeholders as required, including but not limited to the Cork

River Alliance, the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO), and Simon Harrison of University College Cork (UCC).’

(Proposers: Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. C. O’Connor 25/299)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that in relation to the Glasheen River, the Natural & Rural Water section of Cork City Council have engaged with the relevant stakeholders including Cork River Alliance, LAWPRO and Simon Harrison of UCC. This engagement is continuing and ongoing. The requirement and scope of a Hydrology and Morphology Report is to be discussed.

11.1.3 **IBAL SURVEY**

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

‘That Cork City Council write to IBAL and request that the northside of Cork be withdrawn from its annual report.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/033)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has no role in determining which areas of the city are included in IBAL’s surveys. However, we will forward Cllr. Collins’ request to IBAL and report back to the Committee with their response.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11.1.5 **WASTE DISPOSAL AND SCHEMES**

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

‘That Cork City Council will report on the potential to trial the provision of small-scale civic amenity facilities in local communities (e.g. public bins for small WEEE devices, such as vapes), including the gathering together of existing schemes into a coherent programme (e.g. a schedule for the location of skips in communities, Christmas tree drop-offs, etc.) and formal supports for Tidy Towns-type groups; expand existing special schemes offered at the civic amenity to other sites in the city (e.g. the annual mattress amnesty); and that this will include hyper-local public awareness campaigns on the local impact of the illegal disposal of waste in communities, initiatives available for the proper disposal of materials, and promotion of the circularity pillar of the Frugal City Policy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/208)

The report of the Director of Services stated Cork City Council already offers small scale collection of waste through the bulky goods programme. The programme is coordinated with careful planning and offers up to 18 collections yearly these collections are carried out on rotation. Other collections such as annual mattress amnesty collection are dependent on funding from the department and are not guaranteed annually. Some collections are seasonal such as the Christmas tree collections, collections are also site specific with many areas not suited for collections, also some collections require specialized contractors which must be procured.

Cork City Council will look to carry out more awareness campaigns in the year ahead.

To dispose of your vape in Ireland, you already have several options:

1. Retailer Take-Back: Many vape retailers, like Vuse Ireland and Hale, are required to accept your old device on a like-for-like basis when you buy a new one.
2. WEEE Drop-off Points: You can return used vapes to WEEE drop off recycling points or Civic Amenity Sites. These locations are often marked with blue battery boxes, which are available in supermarkets, newsagents, and local authorities.

12. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 21st MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 21st May 2026.

12.1 **MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE – 25th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Arts Committee meeting held on 25th February 2026.

12.2 **MINUTES OF AN GRÚPA FORBARTHA GAEILGE – 26th JANUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge meeting held on 26th January 2026.

12.3 **MINUTES OF AN GRÚPA FORBARTHA GAEILGE – 13th APRIL 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge meeting held on 13th April 2026.

12.4 **MOTIONS**

12.4.1 **EXPANSION OF THE KABIN STUDIO MODEL ACROSS CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 14th May 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises the outstanding success, popularity, and community impact of The Kabin Studio in Knocknaheeny and commits to exploring the expansion of similar youth-focused facilities into other areas of Cork City.

Given the growing demand for their facilities I call on Cork City Council to:

1. Conduct an assessment of areas within Cork City that would benefit from a similar youth hub model;
2. Report back to Council with recommendations for a phased rollout of community-based creative studios inspired by the Kabin model.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 26/270)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through the Community Team continue to work closely with, support and engage with the Kabin Studio along with colleague in the Housing Directorate.

As Cork City Council does not have a specific youth section, the Community Team will link with colleagues in Cork Education and Training Board and the UBU funded programme from the Department of Education and Youth who have conducted an assessment of needs for both young people and young people’s services within the city.

12.4.2 **GRANTS FOR STREET PARTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 19th May 2026 on the following motion:-

‘Given that the IPB are giving 50,000 Euro to each Local Authority and the Local Authority must match it, I propose that the funding stream be made available for grants to Community Associations and Residents’ Associations to put on a street party to give back to those who look after their estates and communities. It is a great way of communities interacting with each other and developing friendships.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 26/149)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the County and City Management Association has announced formal approval of a partnership with IPB Insurance to establish a national Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) to support Tidy Towns and other voluntary community groups engaged in environmental enhancement and climate action activities. Under the partnership, IPB Insurance as part of its centenary programme will provide € 50000 to each local authority, with this contribution matched by each authority, creating a significant nationwide community based environmental fund.

The concept is to encourage collaboration between Tidy Towns and similar groups to work with other community groups and stakeholders such as schools, sports clubs etc to deliver environmental and climate action projects of various sizes, with grants ranging from € 1000 to € 25000. The City Council, through its Parks Department will oversee the combined € 100,000 project, with application forms available within the next couple of weeks. Funding of neighbourhood street parties can not be facilitated via the Scheme, however the Council would support a small element of funding towards hospitality costs associated with bringing local people together to further environmental actions in their area. The requested funding stream could be sourced from the national Street Feast initiative with events taking place this weekend across the country, May 23rd and 24th

12.4.3 **GLANMIRE LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

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

‘That Cork City Council would provide playing pitches or acquire land for Glanmire Ladies Gaelic Football Club. To provide an update on the audit that was carried out a number of years ago by Cork City Council in relation to pitches and sporting facilities in Cork due to the extreme lack of facilities and pitches for women sports.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/183)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork Active Recreation Infrastructure Needs Study identified a shortfall of playing facilities by some sporting organisations in the Cork area. The findings helped to inform the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

The City Council has a very limited land bank but will undertake to explore if any of the identified needs of the various groups can be met from these lands and bring a report to Council in relation to the matter in the next few months.

13. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 12th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 12th May 2026.

14. **CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE – 20th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the City Centre Committee from its meeting held, 20th May 2026.

15. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 2nd JUNE 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 2nd June 2026.

16. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 20th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Sports Committee from its meeting held, 20th May 2026.

17. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th May 2026.

18. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th May 2026.

19. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th May 2026.

20. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th May 2026.

21. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th MAY 2026**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th May 2026.

22. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

23. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB AGM 2026, held at Mansion House, Dublin, 1st May 2026.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Annual Training Conference 2026, held at Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, 22nd - 23rd April 2026.
- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the AILG Training Module 3, Supporting Councillors: responding to mental health, suicide and addiction, held at Kilmore Hotel, Co. Cavan, 21st May 2026.
- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the 79th World Health Assembly, held at Geneva, Switzerland, 15th - 21st May 2026.

24. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

None received.

25. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

26. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

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

28. **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.

29. **MOTIONS**

29.1 **INVITATION TO CORK CITY HALL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the Prime Minister of Spain Pedro Sánchez to formally invite him to Cork in recognition of the fact that he is the only leader of a large European Union country who has had the courage to call out and condemn

United States President Donald Trump for his repeated breaches of international law and the rules based international order; breaches that have led to the deaths of countless innocent civilians and major disruptions to the world economy and which have fatally undermined the moral authority of the western democracies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 26/198)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, J. Struthers, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Cahill, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, J. Lynch T. Coleman, C. O’Connor. (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí N. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, P. Dineen, A. Deasy. (6)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí B. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, S. Martin, F. Dennehy. (4)

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

29.2 **TRIPLE LOCK**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this Council:

1. Notes the Government's intention to remove the entire UN authorisation requirement (both Security Council and General Assembly routes) from the Triple Lock mechanism, which currently requires UN, Government and Dáil approval before Defence Forces personnel can be deployed on international missions;
2. Notes that polling consistently shows a majority of Irish people support retaining the Triple Lock, with 75% wanting to keep neutrality exactly as it is;
3. Notes that the Triple Lock was cited as a key guarantee of Irish neutrality during both the Nice Treaty (2002) and Lisbon Treaty (2009) referendum campaigns and that removal of the Triple Lock would be a fundamental undermining of Irish neutrality;
4. Opposes any proposals to remove the Triple Lock and calls for a referendum before any changes to Ireland’s neutrality provisions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/285)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, O. Moran, N. O’Flynn, J. Struthers, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, K. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, D. Boyle, N. O’Connor, J. Lynch, A. Deasy, G. O’Brien, C. O’Connor. (17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. Coleman. (7)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir F. Dennehy. (1)

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

29.3 **AI-ENABLED SMART GLASSES AND WEARABLE SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Justice, the Data Protection Commission, the Oireachtas AI Committee, and other relevant national and EU regulatory bodies calling for an urgent review of the regulation of AI-enabled smart glasses and wearable surveillance technology, including devices such as Meta Ray-Ban glasses, with particular regard to privacy, consent, facial recognition, public safety, and the recording of individuals without their knowledge.

The Council should also examine its own policies regarding the use of wearable recording technology within Council workplaces, facilities, libraries, and public-facing services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connor 26/295)

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

29.4 **NEW RECRUITS FOR DOUGLAS AND BLACKROCK GARDA STATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will write to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice to specifically seek allocations of new recruits in numbers enough to reopen Douglas Garda Station with proper public opening hours and enhance public hours at Blackrock Garda Station as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/297)

29.5 **OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGIOUS BELIEF**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this Council reaffirms its opposition to any form of discrimination based on religious belief, such as antisemitism or Islamophobia, while resisting any attempt to

claim such discrimination when legitimately criticising the actions of governments that makes use of war resulting in large scale civilian death and the diminution of human rights in their countries.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/329)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That this Council reaffirms its opposition to any form of discrimination based on religious belief, such as antisemitism, Islamophobia or Christianophobia, while resisting any attempt to claim such discrimination when legitimately criticising the actions of governments that makes use of war resulting in large scale civilian death and the diminution of human rights in their countries.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/329)

29.6 **WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to all waste collection service providers operating within the city and request that they offer their customers the option of changing to 140l wheelie bins in the interests of making footpaths in densely populated areas more accessible, and further request that every new account holder is given the option of smaller bins when signing up for a new account.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/337)

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

29.7 **ENFORCEMENT OF GRACE’S LAW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council welcomes the new law introduced on 3rd April 2026, Road Traffic (Control of Certain Vehicles) Regulations 2026.

Grace's Law was introduced in response to the fatal accident of Grace Lynch by a scrambler bike on a public road.

The Gardaí now have the power to seize scrambler motor bikes on public roads and public greens and parks, and in private residential properties, in particular, Sunvalley Drive, Fairfield, Ballyvolane and all other public areas of Cork City.

I call on the Minister for Justice to actively engage with the Gardaí in Cork to ensure that this law is enforced in full.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/343)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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