MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O'Leary.					
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.					
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan.					
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.					
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.					
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.					
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.					
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir T. Tynan					
ALSO PRESENT	 Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J.G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Staff Officer, ICT & Business Services. 					

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Mrs. Mary Ahern on the death of Kathleen O'Riordan. The Duff Family on the death of Dick Duff. The Mulcahy Family on the death of Donal Mulcahy

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/ BEST WISHES

No items tabled on the night.

3. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

An tArd-Mhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to a Civic Reception for the Oliver Plunkett Street Traders on their recent success in the Urbanism Award.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for October 2015.

An Chomhairle were advised that Cork City Council will be fully compensated in 2016 for loss of income due to global valuations of utilities.

5. <u>MINUTES</u>

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 9th November 2015.
- Budget Meeting 2016 held on the 16th November 2015.

6. *QUESTION TIME*

6.1 BLACKPOOL REGENERATION PLAN

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

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the Blackpool Regeneration Plan. The Regeneration Plan for Blackpool was passed by Cork City Council following a motion from myself.

Has the plan been drafted and, if so, how far off completion is it?

Have the residents, community groups, business groups and any other interested parties been contacted in relation to the plan?

Will the plan go to public consultation and, if so, when?

REPLY

Blackpool Village Action Plan was adopted by Council in November 2010, after a public consultation with all the key stakeholders in the area on the Draft Action Plan. It identified the key issues in the area and put forward a number of actions aimed at improving this historic part of the city. Many of the Plans proposals remain to be implemented and continue to be of great relevance to the area. The North Blackpool Local Area Plan, which deals with the area north of Blackpool Village but takes in part of the Dublin St are was adopted in 2011. It is not proposed to prepare an additional Regeneration Plan at this time, rather the intention is to focus on implementing the actions outlined in the exiting Plans and if appropriate, add further actions.

In July 2015 a list of proposed actions to support the regeneration of Blackpool Village, many of them identified in the Action Plan, was circulated to Council. Progress on these actions and some additional actions not included in the original list, is summarised below. It is acknowledged that much remains to be done however progress is being made on a number of key issues. Significant progress is being made on plans for the redevelopment of derelict sites on Thomas Davis Street and Dublin Street for housing purposes, which should contribute greatly to the regeneration of the overall area. The occupation of the renovated Lido in the heart of Blackpool by Cork Community Art Link will also bring additional activity to the core of Blackpool. The OPW flood relief scheme for the area goes on public display this week with a view to construction starting in late 2016, which will also greatly benefit the area.

Blackpool Village Action Plan - Implementation							
Actions listed July 2015	Status (November 2015)						
1.Public realm scheme for the public open space adjoining the Church of the Annunciation	An interim landscaping scheme was put in place in 2012, pending funding becoming available for a more comprehensive scheme for the plaza. No further funding is available at present.						
2.Upgrade public open space under the flyover at Thomas Davis Street	Options for a new landscaping scheme for this area will be investigated by Recreation and Amenity and City Architects Dept.						
3.Installation of plaques on the historic laneways (based on the research in the Historic Laneways Study).	The installation of the plaques in selected locations has been undertaken.						
4.Creation of an urban nature reserve at site at Cathedral Walk, opposite Heineken Brewery (viewing platform, interpretative panel etc)	Ownership issues need to be further investigated before this project can be progressed.						
5.Removal of disused street furniture (traffic and lighting poles etc)	Redundant traffic and lighting poles will be removed in conjunction with the ESB as opportunities arise.						
6.Assess minor traffic adjustments identified in the Village Action Plan	The adjustment for Brocklesby St will be listed for review and discussion with Ward Members in 2016.						
7.Re-development at 27, 28 & 29 Dublin Street, Blackpool	Tenders have been received and a Contractor is to be appointed to deliver ten units of social housing accommodation. It is proposed that the portion of the site in the ownership of Cork City Council (Numbers 28 & 29) will be disposed of to Respond Housing Association to facilitate the delivery of this housing project. It is projected that construction will commence in December of the current year.						
8.Redevelopment of 18/19/20/21/22/24 Thomas Davis Street	It is proposed that Cork City Council will dispose of the properties at 20, 21,22 & 24 Thomas Davis Street to Respond Housing Association to facilitate the delivery of a proposed new social housing scheme for this area. The properties at 18 & 19 Thomas						

Blackpool Village Action Plan - Implementation

 9.Lands at Junction of Spring Lane/Thomas Davis Street & North Ring Road 10.Extension of Living City Initiative 'Special Regeneration Area' to include Blackpool Village 	Davis Street are already in the ownership of Respond. It is projected that construction will commence in the third quarter of 2016. The DECLG have approved a Capital Appraisal submission in the sum of ϵ 6,502,000 for the redevelopment of the site. The City Council is currently in discussions with an Approved Housing Body with regard to the development of the site in accordance with the planning objectives for the area. Its redevelopment will incorporate the delivery of a social housing project. It is projected that construction will commence in the third quarter of 2016. Application for extension of area made to Minister for Finance in July 2015. Response awaited			
Additional actions (not on original list)				
Refurbishment of the former Lido Cinema Watercourse Road to house Cork Community Art Link Action on derelict sites	The refurbishment of the building is virtually complete and is due to be occupied by the Art Link group in January. A review of derelict sites in Blackpool will be programmed for 2016.			
Bride River (Blackpool) Drainage scheme (part of Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme)	Draft proposals will be on public consultation for 8 weeks 24^{th} November for an 8 week period to 2^{nd} February, following which the design will be finalised. It is hoped to commence construction in the second half of 2016.			
Building improvement grant scheme	The provision of a building improvement grant scheme for Blackpool will be considered for 2016.			

Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.2 UPDATE ON TRAMORE VALLEY PARK

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

Can the CE give an update on Tramore Valley Park, in particular the proposed pedestrian access point/entrance at Half Moon Lane and the expected date for which this public access point will be open and the proposed opening and closing times of this pedestrian access point/entrance?

REPLY

The current phase of development of Tramore Valley Park is substantially complete. Currently the BMX track is used on a weekly basis by a local club, Rugby training and a timed Park Run take place every Saturday. The Park Run has proved very popular. Occasional special events are facilitated on a cost neutral basis.

A risk assessment is being carried out prior to opening the Park to the public. Additional works will be required to ensure public safety etc. It is hoped these will be complete to allow us open the park in early Summer 2016.

A sustainable management and maintenance regime must be adopted which will enable the Park open to the public within affordable costs

The public pedestrian access way at Half Moon Lane will be available as will the access point in Douglas West when the Park is open.

The opening and closing times have not yet been determined but will probably reflect current opening and closing times for Public Parks in the City.

Jim O Donovan, Director of Services, Environment and Recreation.

6.3 MODEL OF CORK CITY

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

Could the CE confirm that Cork Civic Trust has released the model back to Cork City Council and now the model which is situated in the St. Peter's Church is currently property of Cork City Council?

REPLY

St. Peter's Church was handed back to Cork City Council on 27th October, 2015 and the building and its contents are now in the possession of the City Council.

Paul Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs.

6.4 CAPITAL AND INTEREST PAID ON HOUSING LOANS IN 2013, 2014, 2015

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

What other capital and interest has been paid on housing loans in 2013, 2014, 2015?

REPLY

The City Council paid an annual sum of €719,667 being interest only in respect of loans for the provision of affordable housing units for the years 2013, 2014 & 2015.

The City Council paid an annual sum of €749,200 being interest only in respect of the purchase of land for housing purposes for the years 2013, 2014 & 2015.

V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services.

6.5 UNESCO LEARNING CITY INITIATIVE

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

Can the CE please give an outline and comprehensive update on Cork's involvement and participation with the UNESCO Learning City initiative?

What actions have taken place to date? What future actions are planned? Have the City Council a funding stream in place for this very worthwhile project?

REPLY

The 2002 Cork City Development Board strategy "Imagine Our Future" included an objective to make Cork a City of Learning. One of the ways in which Cork has since sought to realise this ambition is through annual Lifelong Learning Festival. Following the successful EcCoWell conference in City Hall in September 2013, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Lorraine Kingston, and Lifelong Learning Festival Co-Ordinator Tina Neylon were guests at the first UNESCO International Conference on Lifelong Learning, held in Beijing in October 2013. At this conference delegates debated and adopted the UNESCO Beijing Declaration on Building Learning Cities. On 28 April 2014, Cork City Council voted to adopt the UNESCO Beijing Declaration on Building Learning Cities. It was the first local authority in Ireland to do so. On adopting the declaration Cork became the only Irish city designated to join UNESCO's global network of learning cities. This network seeks to promote policy dialogue and peer learning among member cities, forge links, foster partnerships, provide capacity development, and develop instruments to encourage and recognise progress. A steering group was set up to advance the UNESCO Declaration in Cork and advance the aspiration of 'Learning for All through Promoting Inclusion; Prosperity and Sustainability. This steering group is jointly co-chaired by Pat Ledwidge (Cork City Council) and Willie McAuliffe (formerly Cork ETB) and includes representatives of Cork City Council, Cork ETB, UCC, CIT, HSE/Healthy Cities, Cork Environmental Forum and Cork Opera House. The Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee received a presentation on this project at its meeting on December 15 2014. An Chomhairle resolved to support The Learning Cities Project at its subsequent meeting on December 22 2014.

On June 12 2015, Cork City Council, UCC, CIT and the Cork ETB signed a formal memorandum of understanding in order to advance the objectives of the Beijing Declaration.

At the recent <u>UNESCO International Conference on Learning Cities in Mexico City</u>, Cork was one of 12 cities globally (and one of three in Europe) to receive the inaugural UNESCO Learning City Award. This award recognises outstanding effort to developing learning cities and is awarded to cities that have achieved exceptional progress in promoting lifelong learning. Cork was also showcased in a book entitled '*Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities: Case Studies of Twelve Learning Cities*', which was launched during the conference

(http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002345/234536E.pdf).

The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Chris O'Leary, has kindly agreed to host a reception to celebrate this award on Friday 17 December 2015. The Minister for Education and Skills, Ms Jan O'Sullivan TD, will also attend this event.

The project steering group is currently developing an action plan for 2016 which will aim to further develop Cork as a learning city.

There is no funding stream in place for this project. It is supported by the Economic Development Fund on the basis that both Innovation and Skills/Human Capital are identified as key drivers of competitiveness in Cork City Council's Economic Development Strategy as set out in Chapter three of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.

It is envisaged that Cork City Council will continue to support this important project.

Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.6 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT ST. ANTHONY'S PARK, HOLLYHILL

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

Can the CE indicate when the community centre at St. Anthony's Park, Hollyhill will be open?

Are there staffing arrangements in place and an idea of what services will be on offer?

REPLY

The St. Anthony's Park Group Housing Scheme Community Building has been subjected to numerous acts of vandalism which have delayed the opening of the building. This has included two acts of vandalism in the space of seven days since Thursday 13th November, 2015. Currently, the City Architects Department are in the process of rectifying this criminal damage to the Community Building.

A consultation was held with the residents of St. Anthony's Park on 5th November, 2015 to hear their views on potential programmes and activities which they would hope to see delivered in the Community Building. Residents suggested a range of activities but

specifically highlighted the need to provide activities for boys and young men. Whilst a range of local groups and agencies have offered to run programmes and activities there is a strong consensus that there needs to be a single point of co-ordination for the Community Building. A proposal in relation to this is currently being prepared for consideration by key partners. Delivery will be subject to resources being committed by stakeholders.

V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services.

6.7 **CAMDEN PALACE ARTS BUILDING**

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

To ask the CE about the future of the Camden Palace Arts building. Since the building is sold, what does the future hold for the arts practices within the building?

REPLY

Camden Quay Community Arts Centre has occupied this building since 2009, and has developed as a thriving alternative arts organisation operating as a not-for-profit charity, limited by guarantee. The building has recently been sold, meaning that the organisation will either need to pay a substantial annual rent in order to extend their lease, or alternatively move to new premises. A decision regarding the future use of the building will be a matter for the new owners.

Over the last few months Cork City Council has had a number of meetings with the Centre management. These engagements have focused around a around a number of possible options that the Centre will need to explore, including the determination of their priority arts practices, the seeking of alternative accommodation for these practices, reviewing the opportunities for working with other building based organisations, and pursuing public funding streams to support their work.

Paul Moynihan,

Director of Services,

Corporate & External Affairs

6.8 <u>VEHICLES / PLANT LEASED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL FOR THE LAST</u> <u>FOUR YEARS</u>

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

Can the C.E.O. inform the Council of the following.

How many vehicles / plant has the City council leased for the last four years respectively 2012 / 2015?

What Department's and how many of these vehicles were assigned to each section?

How many full time employees were in these relevant section's / Dept's that used these vehicles?

How many vehicles /plant for each year and what were the costs for each year respectively?

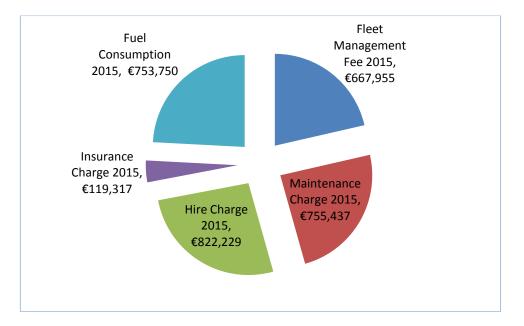
REPLY

The Councils Plant & Machinery Section manages a mix of leased and Council owned vehicles/plant items. The proportion of items on lease has been increasing and the proportion that is owned has been reducing as Council owned plant reaches its end of life. The proportion on lease has increased from 57% in 2012 to 84% in 2015 and will ultimately rise to over 90%. The number of units on lease over the past four years was as follows: 2012 -130, 2013 - 175, 2014 -193 and 2015 - 221.

The 2015 breakdown of P&M supplied Plant for each Directorate is shown below.

Туре	Description	CCC Owned	Hired	% Hired	Environment	Roads	Housing	Corporate Affairs
1	Estate	7	36	84%	18	12	13	0
2	Light Van	3	34	92%	13	15	9	0
	Light Commercial							
3	Vehicle	3	46	94%	10	5	33	1
4	4x4	1	5	83%	3	2	1	0
5	Small Tipper	4	33	89%	14	13	10	0
6	Medium Tipper	0	22	100%	16	6	0	0
7	Large Tipper	3	4	57%	1	6	0	0
8	Tractor/Trailer	10	12	55%	19	3	0	0
9	Compressor	0	16	100%	6	10	0	0
10	RCV	0	2	100%	2	0	0	0
11	Sweeper	0	8	100%	8	0	0	0
12	Golf Cart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Road Marking	2	0	0%	0	2	0	0
16	Misc	9	0	0%	3	6	0	0
17	Motor Bike	0	2	100%	0	2	0	0
		42	221	84%	114	82	66	1

The P&M Machinery account has a number of costs that are distributed across each item of plant. The Hire/Maintain costs of hired plant are approx $\in 1.5m$ for 2015.



Each vehicle is assigned to a Driver by the relevant Directorates.

The number of staff assigned to the above Directorates is as follows – Environment -330, Roads - 209, Housing - 215 and Corporate Affairs -155.

Gerry O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.

7. <u>CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 16^h NOVEMBER 2015</u>

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

An Chomhairle agreed to amend the minutes to record Comhairleoir T. Shannon in attendance.

7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2015

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st October 2015.

8. <u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 2nd</u> <u>NOVEMBER 2015</u>

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, from its meeting held on the 2nd November 2015.

9. <u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th</u> <u>NOVEMBER 2015</u>

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th November 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending October 2015.

9.2 MOTIONS

An Chomhairle considered the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

9.2.1 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GREENMOUNT AVENUE AND FRIARS <u>STREET</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That pending an allocation in the 2016 Council Budget, the following areas - both affected by speeding downhill motorists - be considered for traffic calming measures:

Greenmount Avenue
 Friar Street.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/267)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Greenmount Avenue and Friar Street can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Currently there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

9.2.2 **RENEWAL OF DOUGLAS STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the public realm renewal of Douglas Street (including a review of traffic flows) be prioritised in light of successes to date following a similar scheme in Barrack St, and mindful of the new Nano Nagle Centre currently under construction and current efforts by business owners to improve their properties.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/281)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Douglas Street would benefit from renewal similar to that undertaken on Barrack Street in recent years. Related design work can be progressed when funds are allocated for the project. It is also to be noted that the Council has separately applied for funding for the renewal of Mary Street under the Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme (DUCGS) and a decision on same is expected in the coming months.

9.2.3 <u>**REVIEW OF THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTFALL FROM THE FAIRFIELD AREA**</u> <u>**TO SCOIL IOSAGAIN**</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council conduct a review of the pedestrian footfall from the Fairfield area to Scoil Iosagain with a view to establishing the need for additional push button pedestrian crossings.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/286)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Scoil Isogain is situated on Knockpogue Avenue between Fair Hill and Popham's Road. As there are two existing controlled pedestrian crossings on Knockpogue Avenue between Knockpogue Park and Popham's Road, the provision of additional push button pedestrian crossings is not recommended.

9.2.4 URGENT ROADS REPAIRS AND RESURFACE KILMORE ROAD/ KILMORE HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council carry our urgent roads repairs and resurface Kilmore Road/ Kilmore Heights, Knocknaheeny.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/288)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Kilmore Road / Kilmore Heights will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

9.2.5 <u>CAR PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF SUMMERHILL SOUTH, LANGFORD</u> <u>ROW AND HIGH STREET</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the car park situated at the junction of Summerhill South, Langford Row and High Street be more resident friendly, the current situation and limited space taking into consideration that the residents are not permitted to park on the main road due to bus lanes is not sufficient. I propose that the waste ground to the front of the car park be removed to create more parking spaces and that the disc parking zone area be reduced from the current 2 hour limit to a one hour limit, thus allowing a more efficient turnaround time of parking spaces which would be of immense benefit to the residents of the area.'

(Proposer: P. Dineen 15/289)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the car park, situated at the junction of Summerhill South, Langford Row and High Street, will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify possible solutions that could be provided there.

Any identified solutions can be put forward for consideration in the works programme subject to funding being available.

9.2.6 <u>INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES / SPEED RAMP IN CARDINAL</u> <u>COURT WILTON</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That City Council would install traffic calming measures / speed ramp in Cardinal Court Wilton as this estate is being used by motorists as a rat run due to recent development in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/291)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cardinal Count, Wilton can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Currently there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

9.2.7 SURVEY OF ALL THE DAMAGED FOOTPATHS ACROSS THE CITY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That City Council would carry out a survey of all the damaged footpaths across the city due to the growth of tree trunks that were planted parallel to these footpaths.

Also that City Council would think again before planting anymore gigantic trees in gardens in future housing developments and footpath structures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/292)

The report of the Director of Services stated that footpaths surveys are currently underway and the damage caused by trees is included in the defects recorded. As there are in excess of 700km length of footpath in the City it will take a considerable amount of time to complete the survey.

This motion was referred to the Environment & Recreation Directorate which advises that a selection of tree species for planting on individual lengths of pavement are carefully considered in the context of width of pavement, location of utilities, proximity of adjacent buildings and roadway, only species that satisfy this examination are selected.

This motion was also referred to the Housing & Community Directorate which advises that the landscaping in future housing developments will be appropriate to the street type.

9.2.8 <u>ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THE MAHON ESTUARY WALKWAY FOR</u> <u>EMERGENCY SERVICES & PERSONNEL</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council reports on the access arrangements along the Mahon Estuary Walkway for emergency services & personnel in the event of an accident. Can the location of each access point be identified also.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/300)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion has been referred to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee as the Mahon Estuary Walkway comes under the remit of the Environment & Recreation Directorate.

9.2.9 <u>INCLUDE PARKOWEN IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR</u> 2016

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Parkowen be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme for 2016.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/309)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parkowen Estate will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

9.2.10 INCLUDE DUNBAR STREET IN THE NON-NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2016

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Dunbar Street be included in the Non-National Roads Programme for 2016.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Dunbar Street will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

9.2.11 INCLUDE BIRCH PLACE, TOGHER IN THE 2016 RESURFACING PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That City Council would include Birch Place, Togher in the 2016 resurfacing programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/316)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Birch Place will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

9.2.12 CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That as part of the City Centre Movement Strategy Process (Phases 1 & 2) – and prior to a Part 8 planning application going back out for public consultation - a traffic management solution involving the installation, use and assessment of intelligent (co-ordinated) traffic lights be rolled out in all eight zones in advance of any major infrastructural works being undertaken in Phases 1 & 2 in a bid to test the projected traffic volumes and the integrity of the overall Strategy, before any major capital outlay is expended.'

(Proposer: Cllrs. M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, P. Dineen 15/284)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the traffic lights in the city centre are already operating on an ITS solution known as SCOOT. This is a fully functioning system and provides for the coordination of signals to facilitate the effective movement of traffic. It is regularly optimised by independent specialists. The City Centre Movement Strategy as adopted by Council provides for a phased reorganisation of traffic flows. It will redirect and improve the movement of through traffic to the benefit of general traffic, public transport and other road users. The City Centre Movement Strategy provides for a series of phases that are to be rolled out in sequential order over a number of years. It necessitates significant physical works and related capital investment for the reconfiguration of junctions and signals. This includes extensive underground ducting and cabling together with work on loop detectors, signal heads etc. Such ducting and caballing requirements are to be carried out in tandem with the public lighting and public realm improvements proposed for each location. The physical works required also include civil works on lanes, junctions, crossings and footpaths which are necessary to ensure the availability of appropriate capacity to accommodate the movement changes which the traffic signals will support (eg one way routing along Grenville Place, two way movements along McCurtain

St. etc). Having regard to the foregoing it would not be possible to look at the traffic signals in isolation of the other related elements or to bypass the required sequential nature of implementation so as to implement the full strategy on a temporary basis. It will be noted the strategy was fully assessed against a range of criteria prior to adoption by Council. The impacts of each phase will be monitored and reported upon after implementation and in relation to phases 1 & 2, the restrictions on St Patrick Street can and will only be commenced when the other elements of the two phases have been implemented.

9.2.13 PAINT YELLOW LINES ON POPHAMS ROAD, FARRANREE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'Can Cork City Council paint yellow lines on Pophams Road, Farranree from the junction of Farranferris Avenue to the shops. The residents can't exit or enter their houses with cars parked across their drives.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/311)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the section of Pophams Road, Farranree from the junction of Farranferris Avenue to the shops is used by both residents for residents parking and patrons seeking to access the shops. In the absence of any other traffic or safety issues, double yellow lines would normally be considered in such situations where there is consensus on the matter amongst local residents and local traders. If an agreed request is submitted it can be considered for inclusion in the lining works programme and progressed accordingly.

9.2.14 **<u>RE-INSTATE THE YELLOW BOX AT ST LUKES CROSS JUNCTION</u>**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council will re-instate the yellow box at St Luke's Cross Junction as it has completely worn away.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/305)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the request to re-instate the yellow box at St Luke's Cross Junction has now been inputted into the road painting programme and will be carried out subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

9.2.15 <u>UNDERTAKE A SIGNIFICANT ROAD REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME IN</u> <u>UAM VAR ESTATE</u>

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council recognises the volume and density of traffic using Uam Var Estate as a means of access to and egress from CIT, would undertake a significant road refurbishment programme in Uam Var Estate, and that it would request that a proportion of development levies associated with the proposed Science and Technology Park would be ring fenced for such a programme of work, and that it would continue to advocate and lobby for the building of a western relief road to CIT from the Ballincollig By-pass to the Model Farm Road and onto the Carrigrohane Road, and that it would request from CIT and publish an annual traffic management plan with specific goals for the reduction of vehicular access to the campus and a switch to sustainable modes of transport.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/314)

The report of the Director of Services stated that as the Science and Technology Park is situated within the Cork County Council administrative area, it will not be possible for Cork City Council to ring fence a proportion of the development levies for a road refurbishment programme for Uam Var Estate. Road repairs will be carried out as necessary from the available revenue budget. CIT has a mobility management plan (MMP) for its campus. As part of a recent planning application, it has been conditioned to update its MMP and agree specific measures with Cork City Council that have defined targets and milestones which will be monitored by a designated CIT mobility manager as well as on an annual basis by Cork City Council.

9.2.16 PARKING REGULATIONS IN HARTLANDS ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th November 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would consult with residents in Hartlands Road regarding the efficacy of current parking regulations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/277)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the efficacy of current parking regulations on Hartland's Avenue can be investigated to determine the extent of the problems that exist there.

In addition the Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to the Hartland's Avenue area in order to deter any illegal parking incidents.

10. <u>HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE -16th NOVEMBER</u> 2015

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

10.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of a site situated at Monahan's Road, Cork to Rehab Enterprises Limited c/o McCann Fitzgerald Solicitors, Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, by way of a 31 year Lease at an annual rent of €8,400.00. On the proposal of J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy this disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal by way of lease of substation site together with right of way and wayleave to ESB Networks at Kinsale Road Landfill Site, Kinsale Road, Cork at a rent of €10.00 per annum (if demanded) plus costs of €750.00 (plus VAT if applicable). On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, this disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of property known as Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork to Good Shepherd Services Limited, c/o O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €6,001.25 (plus VAT if applicable). On the Proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, this disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as Bruach Day Centre, Henry Street, Cork to Good Shepherd Services Ltd., c/o O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €3,025.80 (plus VAT if applicable). On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, this disposal was approved.
- e. Disposal of property known as No. 5, Grenville Place, Cork to University College Cork-National University of Ireland-Cork, having its Principal Office at Western Road, Cork c/o Jonathan Hurley, Solicitor of the Office of Corporate and Legal Affairs, University College, Cork for the sum of €1 plus a contribution of €600,000.00 (inclusive of VAT) towards the refurbishment project with each party to bear their own legal costs. On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, this disposal was approved.
- f. Disposal of site situated at Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork by way of 99 year Sporting Lease to Ted Barry, John Wiseman, & Claudia O'Driscoll, being the Trustees of Cork County Boxing Board, their successors and assigns, c/o John Henchion & Co. Solicitors, The Bakehouse, Waterloo Road, Blarney, Co. Cork subject to annual rent of €500.00 (plus VAT if applicable). On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, this disposal was approved.
- g. Disposal of freehold interest in land situated at Hollyhill, Cork (Plot 3) to IDA Ireland, Athlone Business & Technology Park, Garrycastle, Dublin Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath for the sum of €470,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable). On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, this disposal was approved.

10.2 MONTHLY REPORT

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for October 2015.

10.3 **RESPOND! HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 15, Delwood Grove, Mahon, Cork by Respond! Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, 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 €205,000 be granted to Respond! Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme".

10.4 **FUNDRAISING PROPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and agreed to refer the following motion to the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'Cork people are one of the most generous kind hearted people in this country. They give willingly every year to different charities, fundraising initiatives etc.

Cork City Council needs approximately $\notin 4$ million to complete all housing adaptations within its own housing stock for the residents of Cork. We have only received $\notin 500,000$ despite continuing lobbying of National Government leaving a short fall of $\notin 3.5$ million.

I propose that Cork City Council apply for fundraising permits & every Councillor & any other Cork City Council staff member who is willing to give up 1 or 2 days of their time go around fundraising within the city centre, every shopping centre around the city and any other area that would be good for fundraising.

We could also open a bank account for any corporate donations, public donations etc.

All this more than likely will not reach the figure of $\in 3.5$ million but at least we will be trying something different, rather than giving lip service to a problem we are actually doing something about the problem.

Cork City Council might match the amount donated by the public Euro for Euro to show its commitment to the housing adaptation problem.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/271)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Sligo County Council dated the 5th November 2015 regarding the passing of a Resolution.
- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 17th November 2015 regarding Corporation Tax.
- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 17th November 2015 regarding the Motion on Annual National Holiday ' Lá na Poblachta on April 24th.

12. CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES

An Chomhairle noted the following summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars:-

- Cllr Terry Shannon LAMA Autumn Seminar Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny 8 /10 October 2015.
- Cllr Mary Shields Building Controls (Amendment) Regulations Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 23/25 October 2015.

13. CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following:-

• Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 in The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway to be held on the $4^{th} - 5^{th}$ December 2015.

14. **TRAINING**

There was no training tabled on the night.

15. <u>MOTIONS</u>

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

15.1 **TAKE IN CHARGE PORTION OF TRAMORE RIVER**

'That Cork City Council take in charge the portion of the Tramore River in the ownership of Nemo Rangers with a view to encompassing it in the overall development of the Tramore Valley Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/328)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.2 **<u>REPLACE THE PAVING STONES ON SUMMERHILL SOUTH</u>**

'That the paving stones on Summerhill South be replaced given that they are totally broken and constitute a real hazard for the public.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/329)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 STEPS CONNECTING WELLINGTON ROAD AND SIDNEY PARK

'That the "unnamed" steps connecting Wellington Road and Sidney Park be officially named as "Sidney Steps" and that appropriate designating signs would be erected at both ends of the steps and that the "unnamed" roadway connecting Wellington Road to Sidney Park be officially named "Sidney Drive" and relevant signage be erected accordingly.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/345)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN

'I am requesting that The C E O of Cork City Council ensures that funding for the construction and furnishing of the long awaited Children's Playground in Bishopstown is provided for in the upcoming budget. A group of active and concerned residents met with officials of the Environment Dept last May where the residents put forward a very comprehensive proposed plan and costings.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 15/346)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.5 SURVEY OF ALL HOUSES IN HORGANS BUILDINGS

'There have been numerous requests made by the residents of Horgans Buildings to carry out maintenance of their houses, from leaking roofs, leaking sky lights, facia & soffit rotten & leaking, shoots & guttering breaking, baths where showers are needed etc. These residents need the support of Cork City Council and we should be responding in a much quicker time than we are currently doing. Some residents have expressed the feeling that they are being ignored, forgotten about and that Council don't care about them.

So I would like for this council to pass a motion that Cork City Council's housing maintenance department carries out a survey of all the houses in Horgans Buildings immediately to find out all of the maintenance problems the residents are having. Then put in place a serious plan to rectify all of the issues the tenants are having.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/348)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.6 ERECT GATES AT SULLIVAN'S LANE, BARRACK STREET

'That City Council would investigate erecting gates at Sullivan's Lane in Barrack St. that could be locked in the late hours to prevent anti social behaviour and give the residents some form of security.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/349)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.7 INCLUDE GOAL CROSS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROGAMME

'That Cork City Council will include Goal Cross in its reconstruction and resurfacing programmes. The pavement on Goal Cross has fallen into disrepair and it is in need of necessary if not urgent improvements. There are students who have visibility issues, these students find it most difficult to go to and from UCC. The bridge wall being so low is an added concern should someone trip in that vicinity.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/350)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 ERECT A FENCE/GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SERVICE ENTRANCE OF THE MIDDLE PARISH MEALS ON WHEELS ON PETERS STREET

'That Cork City Council would consider erecting a fence/gate at the entrance to the service entrance of the Middle Parish Meals on Wheels on Peters Street, the side entrance is an off road cul de sac which is attracting groups of individuals who hang out and make a nuisance of themselves. The said area is being used as a public toilet by these individual and drug use is also common place. The width of the entrance is in the region of 16 foot and it would not prove too difficult or costly to do. The fence/gate would be of immense importance for the volunteers of the Middle Parish and it would also provide added security to the service entrance in the cul de sac.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/351)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.9 **FOOTPATHS AT MAYFIELD PARK**

'That the footpaths at Mayfield Park on Old Youghal Road be repaired as they have deteriorated very badly and pedestrians are having to step on to the road to avoid the severely damaged areas.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/352)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON THE BRIDGE AT GAOL CROSS NEAR UCC**

'That this Council repair footpaths on the bridge at Gaol Cross near UCC which are a trip hazard.'

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 15/353)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 JUNCTION OF ST. RITA'S AVENUE AND GURRBRANEBRAHER ROAD

'That Cork City Council would assess the junction of St. Rita's Avenue and Gurranabraher Road with regards to the signs indicating a one way system as the current signs are only visible once vehicles start to turn into St Rita's Avenue.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/354)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 <u>RETURN NO'S 33, 35 HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, KNOCKNAHEENY TO THE</u> <u>LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING STOCK</u>

'Can Cork City Council ensure that No's 33, 35 Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny are returned to the local authority housing stock and available for allocation asap.'

(Proposer Cllr. K. Collins 15/355)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.13 TRAFFIC SURVEY ALONG ST. MICHAELS DRIVE, MAHON

'That Cork City Council carries out a traffic survey along St. Michaels Drive, Mahon (adjacent to Mahon Point). The survey should pay particular attention to issues with illegal parking and propose measures that may alleviate this particular problem for the many residents along the road who are frequently blocked from entering or exiting their driveways.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/356)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN 2014

'That Cork City Council reports on any or all actions from the Mahon Local Area Plan (2014) that have been implemented thus far. To include a particular update on plans for the proposed works on Avenue de Rennes, Mahon.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/357)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee 15.15 <u>SURVEY THE ENTRANCE TO ST. VINCENT'S H & F CLUB COMPLEX OFF</u> KILMORE RD, KNOCKNAHEENY

'That Cork City Council survey the entrance to St. Vincent's H & F Club Complex off Kilmore Rd, Knocknaheeny to determine if the area is safe for pedestrians & motorists alike.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/358)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 <u>REPLACE THE E.S.B POLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO BLACKWATER GROVE,</u> <u>DEANROCK ESTATE, TOGHER</u>

'That City Council would replace the E.S.B pole at the entrance to Blackwater Grove in Deanrock Estate, Togher. This pole was demolished by a car last year and was never replaced and it is dark in the area with elderly residents living in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/359)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.17 <u>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN AREAS ADJACENT TO THIRD LEVEL</u> <u>EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD</u>

'That Cork City Council would refer the issue of anti-social behaviour in areas adjacent to third level educational facilities in the South West Ward to the Joint Policing Committee for discussion and the identification of strategies to tackle this serious issue.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/362)

Joint Policing Committee

15.18 <u>REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF RENTED PROPERTIES INSPECTED ON A</u> <u>WARD BY WARD BASIS</u>

'That Cork City Council would publish a comprehensive report on the number of rented properties inspected on a ward by ward basis in 2014 and 2015 to include details of compliance and non-compliance and follow up investigations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/363)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.19 **REPAIR THE POTHOLES IN ARDCULLEN HOLLYHILL**

'That Cork City Council repair the potholes in Ardcullen Hollyhill.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/364)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16. MOTIONS

16.1 ENGAGE WITH THE IRISH AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION (IABA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN TO DETERMINE IF FUNDS CAN BE SECURED TO INITIATE A 'BOXING IN THE COMMUNITY' PROGRAMME.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle referred the following Motion to Party Whips.

'That Cork City Council will engage with the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and the Department of Health and Children to determine if funds can be secured to initiate a 'Boxing in the Community' programme. Such a programme is operated by Dublin City Council in partnership with the IABA which sees boxing as a community activity that enhances the physical, social and well-being of young people. 'Boxing in the Community' works with targeted groups within the community such as youth clubs, primary & secondary schools, Youthreach etc, operating in their own premises, IABA premises and Local Authority centres. A locally based programme would complement the proposed 'Boxing Centre of Excellence' to be located on Knocknaheeny Avenue.'

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/361)

This concluded the business of the meeting

ARD-MHÉARA <u>CATHAOIRLEACH</u>