



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

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

GNÁTHCHRUINIÚ – DÉ LUAIN, 9^ú MÁRTA 2026

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 9th MARCH 2026

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

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

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9th February 2026.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF FRIAR STREET (L5186), TOWER STREET (L5106) AND FRIAR'S WALK (L5026) - APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED)**

An Chomhairle to consider the report and recommendation of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 4th February 2026, following public consultation, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Works at the Junction of Friar Street (L5186), Tower Street (L5106) and Friar's Walk (L5026), pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.2 **ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE R608 MAGAZINE ROAD, THE R849 GLASHEEN ROAD AND THE L98492 COOLGARTEN PARK - APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED)**

An Chomhairle to consider the report and recommendation of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development and Operations, dated 4th February 2026, following public consultation, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Works at the Junction of the R608 Magazine Road, the R849 Glasheen Road and the L98492 Coolgarten Park, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT HERBERT LAWN, BELMONT, MONFIELDSTOWN, ROCHESTOWN, CORK**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 4th February 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Herbert Lawn, Belmont, Monfieldstown, Rochestown, Cork, and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, 4th February 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 Herbert Lawn, Belmont, Monfieldstown, Rochestown, Cork, are public roads.”

7.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT CLUAIN CHAOIN, KERRY ROAD, COOLFLUGH, TOWER, CORK**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, dated 4th February 2026, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Cluain Chaoin, Kerry Road, Coolflugh, Tower, Cork, and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations Directorate, 4th February 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 Herbert Lawn, Belmont, Monfieldstown, Rochestown, Cork, are public roads.”

7.5 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Chief Executive, dated 26th February 2026 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal by way of lease of property situated at Former Mahon Health Centre, Lakeland Crescent, Mahon, Cork, to Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism CLG, c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin Solicitors, No. 2 George’s Quay, Cork for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €750.00 per annum.

7.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: EDEL HOUSE, GRATTAN STREET, CORK - GOOD SHEPHERD CORK CLG**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th February 2026 in relation to a loan facility for Good Shepherd Cork CLG in respect of the provision of 37 units of accommodation at Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork and if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €8,406,891.21 (previously €8,349,127.44) be granted to Good Shepherd Cork CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 37 units of accommodation at Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork.”

7.7 **COONEY’S LANE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

An Chomhairle to consider the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, following public consultation, on the proposed Cooney’s Lane Pedestrian Improvement Scheme pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.8 **BIKE LIBRARY POLICY**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the Bike Library Policy.

7.9 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA GRANT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report and recommendation of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 12th February 2026 on the Architectural Conservation Area Grant Scheme.

7.10 **COMMUNITY HERITAGE & BIODIVERSITY GRANT SCHEMES 2026**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report and recommendation of the A/Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 12th February 2026 on the Community Heritage and Biodiversity Grant Schemes.

7.11 **2026 TWINNING GRANT APPLICATIONS – RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & Community Affairs, on twinning grant applications received for 2026 and recommendations for allocations.

7.12 **CORK DOCKLANDS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Integrated Development, dated 19th February 2026 on the establishment of a Cork Docklands Committee.

Ten members of An Chomhairle to be appointed to the Cork Docklands Committee.

7.13 **JOINT CORK CITY & CORK COUNTY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 26th February 2026, in relation to the establishment of a Joint Cork City and Cork County Committee.

One additional member of An Chomhairle to be appointed to the Joint Cork City & Cork County Committee.

7.14 **VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle to approve the nomination of Comhairleoir N. O'Connor to the Holding Committee of Wandersford Quay Arts Centre following the resignation of Comhairleoir F. Kerins.

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

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 2nd March 2026.

8.1 **ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2026**

Members considered the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2026.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026 and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.2 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2026**

J. Hallahan presented the Financial Statement to 31st January 2026.

Decision of the Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31/01/2026 to An Chomhairle for noting.

8.3 MOTIONS

8.3.1 CORK CITY ALERTS SYSTEM

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 26th February 2026 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

8.3.2 INCREASED REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 26th February 2026 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

8.3.3 IMPROVED COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, dated 26th February 2026 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 23rd February 2026.

9.1 **MOTIONS**

9.1.1 **WINTHROP ARCADE**

Party Whips considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development, dated 19th February 2026 on the following motion:-

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

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

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

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

Decision of Party Whips

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, it was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10. **TRANSPORT & MOBILITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - IOMPAR & SOGHLUAISTEACHT – 16th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 16th February 2026.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **ANPR CAMERA TECHNOLOGY**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, and A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 4th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council commence the process of evaluating, procuring and tendering for ANPR camera technology to enforce key traffic regulations, including:

- Bus lane restrictions (e.g. Coburg Street),
- Yellow box junction compliance on the city quays, and
- The private car ban on St. Patrick’s Street.

Those who follow the rules currently feel like fools, while persistent breaches face no meaningful sanction. Effective automated enforcement is now essential to restore fairness, safety and proper traffic flow across the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 25/604)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.2 **REVIEW OF PARKING BYE-LAWS**

The Committee considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 4th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That a review of Cork City Council's parking bye-laws be undertaken so that appropriate parking restrictions are in place within the confines of car parks serving the city's parks to ensure that appropriate enforcement can be undertaken.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 25/620)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.3 **MEETING INVITATION TO THE NTA AND BUS ÉIREANN**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 16th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council invite the NTA and Bus Éireann to an in-person meeting of the Transport and Mobility Strategic Policy Committee to discuss the performance of the bus services in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 25/633)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.4 **ROADS POLICING OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development & Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 16th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes that:

- Traffic chaos has caused gridlock in the city centre and across Cork city
- Decades of underfunding and the failure to deliver the Northern Ring Road has left Cork’s road infrastructure unable to cope with increased demand post-Covid
- Unreliable public transport forces commuters into cars and increases traffic
- There are still significant issues with illegal parking and road usage across Cork city.

And agrees to:

- Convene an urgent meeting of the Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee and the Cork City Roads Policing Unit to produce a plan for roads policing over the Christmas period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 25/639)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.5 **LOCAL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

The Committee considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 16th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would develop and implement its own Safe Routes to School programme, aimed initially at schools that did not apply for the An Taisce-administered scheme introduced four years ago.

This local initiative would:

- Be coordinated directly by Cork City Council, in partnership with local schools and communities.
- Seek direct funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA), thereby removing the need for An Taisce as an intermediary.
- Prioritise improvements in walking, cycling, and safe access infrastructure around schools.

- Ensure that all schools in the city, regardless of previous participation, have the opportunity to benefit from safe, sustainable travel routes.
- Purpose: To accelerate delivery of safe, child-friendly active travel routes to schools across Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 25/646)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.6 **SAFER ROADS AND SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

The Committee considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 4th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges the 190 lives lost on Irish roads in 2025, embraces its responsibility as a road authority to play its full part in halving road deaths and serious injuries by 2030 and achieving Vision Zero, that is zero road deaths or serious injuries, by 2050, consistent with Ireland’s Government Road Safety Strategy, and will respond to the review of speed limits in built-up and urban areas by preparing the most ambitious possible 30km/h speed zones, consistent with the Love 30 Campaign, including in the city centre at a scale at least consistent with those already implemented in Limerick and Galway city centres, and will accompany these with a GIS map of colour-coded roads for different speeds to give a full view of the city on a single interactive map to illustrate text in Speed Limits Bye-Laws.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/044)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.7 **INDOOR BIKE PARKING**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, City Centre Development & Operations, dated 3rd February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council detail what progress, if any, has been made in the provision of secure indoor bike parking in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/052)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.8 **EQUITABLE EXPANSION OF PARK AND RIDE PROVISION FOR CORK CITY**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 16th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will engage with the National Transport Authority, including its Park-and-Ride Office, and with third-level institutions such as University College Cork and Munster Technological University, to actively identify and progress Park-and-Ride solutions serving the northside of Cork City, addressing the current imbalance whereby existing facilities are primarily accessible via southside approaches, and ensuring any proposals are integrated with BusConnects Cork, rail services and active-travel networks, support students, staff and commuters, reduce congestion and car dependency in the city centre, and contribute to the Council’s climate-action objectives, with a report back to Council on feasible locations, delivery models and timelines.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/052)

Decision of Committee

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

10.1.9 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

The Committee considered the report of the A/Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 9th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘To mark World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on the third Sunday in November, to reflect that cyclists have priority over turning vehicles when travelling straight through junctions, and to be consistent with the example of Dublin City Council, that Cork City Council will review its traffic lights to include flashing amber arrows for left-turning vehicles at junctions, and to synchronise the timing of both general and bike-specific traffic lights so that cycling may continue for the full time that general traffic lights are green, including specifically for eastbound movement from Parnell Bridge to Eamon de Valera Bridge along Albert Quay, and for westbound movement from Brian Boru Bridge to Christy Ring Bridge along Saint Patrick’s Quay and Camden Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 25/521)

Decision of Committee

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

11. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - STRAITÉISEACHT, FORBAIRT EACNAMAÍOCH, FIONTAR & PLEANÁIL – 16th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 16th February 2026.

11.1 **MOTIONS**

11.1.1 **COMPULSORY SALES ORDER FOR VACANT AND DERELICT PROPERTIES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 15th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to legislatively introduce Compulsory Sales Order as a mechanism to force vacant and derelict properties into direct and productive use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 25/585)

Decision of Committee

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

11.1.2 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 15th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE provide a report on the number of planning enforcement complaints received in the years 2025, 2024 and 2023; setting out how many of these have been resolved, how many remain ongoing, and how many have resulted in court action being brought against the subject of complaints.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/027)

Decision of Committee

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

11.1.3 **COMMERICAL UNITS ON PATRICK STREET**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 15th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘Recognising the impact of 'fast-fashion' and related business models on the environment, and the importance of supporting local businesses identified in the city centre strategy - that it shall be an objective of Cork City Council that 33% of commercial units on Patrick's Street will be occupied by local and slow or circular-economy businesses; and that this policy shall be incorporated into the next Cork City Development Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/037)

Decision of Committee

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

11.1.4 **COMPULSORY SALE ORDER FOR TACKLING DERELICTION**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Integrated Development, dated 15th December 2025 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council seeks the advice of its Legal Advisers on the use of Compulsory Sale Order (CSO) as a mechanism to force the sale of Derelict Site Registered properties by requiring property owners to sell such properties at public auction to the highest bidder without the burden of compensation costs to Cork City Council. This mechanism is used in other jurisdictions, as an adjunct to Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs).’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/042)

Decision of Committee

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

12. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - TITHÍOCHT – 17th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 17th February 2026.

12.1.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

Members considered the Housing Progress report for December 2025.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the Housing Progress report and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for noting.

12.2 **MOTIONS**

12.2.1 **ACCELERATE THE OPENING OF DAY CENTRE FOR HOMELESS**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th February 2026 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will proactively cooperate with the HSE to accelerate the opening of Cork’s first purpose-built Day Centre for homeless people and will not wait to lead the opening of a supervised injection facility, recognising that it is in all our interests - socially, economically and environmentally - to respond to the reality of addiction and support those in need to make Cork a living city.’

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Kamegni, Cllr. D. Boyle 26/043)

Decision of Committee

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

12.2.2 **USE OF A SPECIFIC TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN CALLING RESIDENTS**

Members considered the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th February 2026 on the following motion:-

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

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

Decision of Committee

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

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

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 18th February 2026.

13.1 **REPORT ON VISIT TO CORK BY THE MAYOR OF NABLUS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate, Community & Cultural Affairs, dated 11th February 2026, on the visit to Cork of the Mayor of Nablus

Decision of Committee

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

14. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 10th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th February 2026.

15. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd February 2026.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 23rd February 2026.

16.1 **INTRODUCTION OF PAY PARKING IN BISHOPSTOWN**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Local Area Development & Operations, dated 23rd February 2026, in relation to plebiscite voting on the introduction of pay parking in the Uam Var Estate, Elton Lawn and Chestnut Grove areas in Bishopstown.

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Coleman, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Connor, it was agreed to accept the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

17. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd February 2026.

18. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd February 2026.

19. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2026**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th February 2026.

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

21. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

22. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

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

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

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

24. **TRAINING**

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

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

An Chomhairle to note the Chief Executive's monthly management report for January 2026.

26. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **EU GDP GROWTH**

‘That Cork City Council expresses concern at the persistently low rate of economic growth across the European Union over the past two decades, particularly when compared with other major global economies. The GDP is averaging 1% per year, falling well behind China at 5% and America at 2.8%. When Ireland joined the EU, it was averaging 6%.

Council calls on the Government of Ireland to formally petition the European Commission to provide a clear and detailed strategy outlining how it intends to significantly increase EU GDP growth in the coming years. This should include specific measures to improve competitiveness, attract investment, and raise productivity across member states.

Council further requests clarity on what concrete steps the EU will take to reduce bureaucratic and regulatory burdens that are widely seen as constraining enterprise, innovation, and economic expansion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/068)

27.2 **REINSTATEMENT OF THE YOUGHAL/CORK RAIL LINE VIA MIDLETON**

‘I ask that we as duly elected members of Cork City Council write to the following Government officials: An Taoiseach Mr. Micheál Martin, the Minister for Transport Mr. Darragh O’Brien, the Minister of Public Expenditure Mr. Jack Chambers and the Minister of State Mr. Jerry Buttimer, Department of Rural & Community Development asking that they would publicly support the reinstatement of the Youghal/Cork rail line via Midleton. In the all island rail review there was no mention of the Youghal/Cork rail line via Midleton, a rail line that is very much needed and a rail line that would benefit the whole East Cork area including the townlands of Castlemartyr and Killeagh. It would also be of immense benefit for Cork City by providing easy reliable connectivity to the city and dramatically lowering the amount of vehicles on the N25, all of which converge at a pinch point at Dunkettle. At a time when we talk about using alternative transport needs the rail connectivity that the reinstatement of this rail line would yield is enormous not only by way of providing alternative transport but also by way of boosting tourist footfall in the seaside town of Youghal, which should be viewed as a lifeline for the town. The reinstatement of the Youghal train station would also permit the realisation of a much needed Park & Rail system which would add to the attraction and also be of immense benefit to those who live in the Ardmore / Dungarvan areas of Waterford should they wish to travel to Cork City or beyond by rail.

I thank you for your support of this motion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 26/124)

27.3 **CORK CITY MISSING PERSONS SEARCH AND RECOVERY**

‘That this Council will seek approval from all relevant national authorities and Government Departments including the IAA and the National Co-Ordination Group for Emergency Planning to designate Cork City Missing Persons Search and Recovery (CCMPSAR) as a

blue light organisation without delay so that they are exempt from any airspace restrictions currently now and in the future imposed on drone operations and surveillance in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/128)

27.4 **INHERITANCE TAX**

‘That Cork City Council write to the Taoiseach’s office calling for an end to discrimination in Inheritance Tax for childless citizens, single people and their families.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/142)

27.5 **PROVISION OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANTS (SNAS)**

‘That Cork City Council:

- Recognises the invaluable work of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), who provide essential care and support to pupils in Cork City's schools, enabling pupils with additional needs to access education;
- Notes the recent attempt by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) - acting under the restrictive and outdated "care model" criteria of Circular 0030/2014 - to remove SNA posts from schools who desperately need them;
- Commends all those who campaigned for these unjust cuts to be halted, by forcing the government to u-turn on the plan by the NCSE to remove SNA posts from schools next year;
- Acknowledges that serious issues remain with regards the allocation of SNA postings for the 2027/28 school year and that the threat of cuts still hangs over schools in the city and across the State;
- Sets out its view that the government must commit to a root-and-branch review and replacement of the outdated Circular 0030/2014 by developing a new, fit-for-purpose framework that recognises the evolving and essential role of the SNA in supporting the holistic needs of children;
- Calls on the government to take immediate steps to significantly increase the number of SNA posts and special class places, to address the chronic and unmet demand - ensuring no child is left without an appropriate school place;
- Further calls on the government to guarantee that no future changes to SNA provision will be made without meaningful, constructive and transparent engagement with schools, parents and SNAs themselves, ensuring their voices and expertise are central to decision-making; and
- Shall write to the Minister for Education communicating the contents of this motion to her.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/147)

27.6 **SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA**

‘That Cork City Council expresses solidarity with Cuba and its people, and will write to the United States Ambassador in Dublin, Mr. Edward S. Walsh, expressing the Council’s opposition to and condemnation of the ongoing US blockade of the island.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/148)

27.7 **T2 GEOZONE IN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Irish Aviation Authority in relation to the T2 geozone in the city, expressing concern about the impacts the proposed geozone will have on local commercial, community, and voluntary activity by prohibiting open category UAS operations in the city; and that this message will be forwarded to the Minister for Transport.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. D. Boylan 26/157)

27.8 **BOYCOTT ST. PATRICK’S DAY VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

‘In the context of the genocide in Gaza, the kidnapping of Nicolas Maduro, the attacks on Iran and the information coming from the Epstein files, it is completely unacceptable that Taoiseach Micheál Martin is still planning on visiting the White House on St. Patrick’s Day to smile and shake Donald Trump’s hand and give him a gift of shamrock on behalf of the Irish people.

This Council call on all parties and politicians to send a strong message by boycotting the visit to the White House on St. Patrick’s Day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/179)

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Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

5^ú Márta 2026

APPENDIX 1

MOTIONS

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

1. **LIGHTING IN PAUD'S CROSS, BLARNEY**

‘Can Cork City Council erect new public lighting at Paud’s Cross in Tower Road, Blarney, in the interest of public safety? There has been a number of accidents over the last number of years, and public lighting would be a great asset to increase road safety for both pedestrians and road users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/116)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

2. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR THE GLEN AREA**

‘Can Cork City Council implement traffic-calming measures in the Glen area around St. Brendan's School, Thomas Kent Park, and St. Brendan’s Church in an effort to increase road safety and decrease the speed of motorists on this road?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/117)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

3. **RIVER CLEAN-UP AND MANAGEMENT**

‘Can Cork City Council outline exactly what works are carried out on a regular basis with river management, such as clearing of tree/debris/rubbish and inspection and clearing of culverts to ensure they are not blocked in the following rivers in the Cork City functional area: The Glashaboy River in Glanmire, the River Bride in Blackpool, the Glen River, the Martin River in Blarney. These rivers need immediate and ongoing attention to avoid flooding in this rainy season.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Flynn 26/118)

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

4. **DUNKETTLE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would include the Dunkettle Road, from Woodville Estate, Dunkettle down to Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil, in the 2026 Roads Resurfacing programme as this road is significantly potholed at present.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/119)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

5. EMERGENCY ROAD FUNDING

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to provide additional emergency and capital funding to support the drainage, maintenance, and resurfacing of roads across the city in response to the recent period of unrelenting rainfall.

The Council notes that prolonged wet weather has significantly deteriorated road surfaces, exacerbated existing defects, and created new hazards for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. Additional targeted funding is now required to allow the Council to carry out the necessary drainage improvements and road restoration works in a timely and effective manner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 26/120)

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

6. BLARNEY NURSING HOME

‘That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures at Blarney Nursing Home, Killowen, Blarney.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 26/121)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

7. FORTHCOMING MATCHES VERSUS ISRAEL IN THE NATIONS LEAGUE

‘That Cork City Council’s sports section will call on the FAI to not fulfil the forthcoming matches versus Israel in the Nations League because of the continued war crimes perpetrated by the Israeli state and such a message should be forwarded to the President of UEFA, An Taoiseach and the Minister for Sport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/122)

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

8. AMEND THE “PURPLE BOOK”

‘That this Council will seek to amend the “Purple Book” so that temporary resurfacing on carriageways and paths are flush with existing road and footpath surfacing as a matter of requirement during works and that whole roads in estates, where applicable works take place, would be resurfaced by the applicant, where defects exist.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/123)

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

9. **CAR PARK AT SAM ALLEN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council extend the car parking facilities at either side of the existing car park at Sam Allen Park, Churchfield and remove the palisade fencing to create a new open plan car park for users of local businesses, Parochial Hall, Cork County Basketball Board and the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/125)

North West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

10. **CHOICE BASED LETTING SYSTEM (CBL) PROTOCOL**

‘That Cork City Council change the Choice Based Letting System (CBL) protocol to allow the prospective individual to view the inside of the property before they accept the property to (a) reduce the refusal rates and (b) avoid individuals being taken off the list for a year as a penalty. It is extremely unrealistic to expect an individual to accept a property which will be their home without being inside to look around and see it for themselves and not depend on photos.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/126)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 21/04/2026

11. **SALE OF GRAVE SITES**

‘That Cork City Council recognises that

- The existing policy on the sale of graves exists for valid reasons
- People have genuine reasons for purchasing graves prior to their own passing

And agrees to

- Review the existing policy with an aim to develop a scheme that will allow for the reservation of grave sites by individuals for their own use prior to their passing while ensuring grave sites are not resold for profit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/127)

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

12. **REPAINTING OF YELLOW BOX ON DEANWOOD AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council undertake an urgent inspection of the yellow box junction marking at the entrance to Deanwood Avenue, Togher, and arrange for its repainting as part of the current road lining programme.’

Given that the existing yellow box marking has significantly faded, vehicles are frequently stopping within the junction, creating difficulty and safety concerns for residents attempting to exit the estate. The reinstatement of clear and visible road markings would improve traffic flow, enhance road safety, and support compliance with junction-blocking regulations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/129)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

13. **REINSTATEMENT OF BIRD FEED DISPENSER AT THE LOUGH**

'That Cork City Council take the necessary steps to reinstate and bring back into operation the bird feed dispenser at The Lough.

The dispenser previously provided a controlled and appropriate way for visitors, particularly families and children, to feed birds responsibly. Its absence has led to increased use of unsuitable food such as bread, which can negatively impact bird health and water quality.

Reactivating the dispenser would promote responsible wildlife interaction, support biodiversity, and enhance the visitor experience at one of Cork's most valued recreational amenities.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/130)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

14. **ROAD LINING AT MCCURTAINS VILLAS**

'I ask that McCurtains Villas be added to the programme of works for road lining in the near future.

As we know parking on the public road has become very problematic in residential areas. This is also the case in McCurtains Villas. In this instance the lack of road lining is permitting the parking of motor vehicles in any space available which is causing obstruction to other road users and residents accessing and egressing their driveways.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 26/132)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

15. **HGV'S/LARGE VEHICLES ENTERING MCCURTAINS VILLAS**

'With the issue that many drivers use Sat Nav for navigation the issue of large vehicles entering small estates is on the rise.

This is the case at McCurtains Villas, Bandon Road with large buses trying to access a local hotel on College Road.

I ask that a road sign indicating that the road ahead is unsuitable for Heavy Goods/Large vehicles be installed on the Bandon Road side of McCurtains Villas.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/133)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

16. **SURVEY OF THE R615 ALONG BARNAVARA HILL**

‘That Cork City Council undertake a safety and infrastructure survey of the R615 from New Inn along Barnavara Hill to the entrance of The Avenue at Castlejane Woods, with particular reference to footpath provision, public lighting and visibility.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/134)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

17. **RESURFACING OF MINEVILLE LANE / KNOCKNAHORGAN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council assess and prioritise the resurfacing of Mineville Lane / Knocknahorgan Road from the Brook Junction at the R639 through to the upper section of Knocknahorgan Road, in light of the deterioration in surface condition and increased residential usage in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/135)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

18. **YELLOW BOX MARKINGS AT OUR LADY CROWNED CHURCH, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council review the feasibility of installing yellow box road markings outside Our Lady Crowned Church on the North Ring Road, Mayfield, to ensure clear access to the church entrance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/136)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

19. **SPEEDING CONCERNS AT RATHCOONEY**

‘That Cork City Council assess ongoing speeding concerns between the two cemeteries in Rathcooney.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. McDonnell 26/137)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

20. **VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTER**

‘That the Council examines the feasibility of establishing a Vulnerable Persons Register for Cork City, on an opt-in basis and in compliance with GDPR (Data Protection), to support emergency planning and coordinated responses during extreme weather events or other emergencies, in collaboration with relevant statutory and community agencies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 26/138)

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

21. **YOUTH CENTRE PREFABS IN MAHON**

‘That the roof on the youth centre prefabs in Mahon be looked at and a collaboration done to fix it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/139)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/03/2026

22. **RESURFACING AND RELINING AT MAHON CDP**

‘That the area directly in front of Mahon CDP outside the gates of Mahon Community Centre be resurfaced and relined.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/140)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/03/2026

23. **LIGHT SEQUENCING ON THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That the sequencing of the lights on the South Douglas Road at Tesco/ Southlink access/ and Douglas Community School junction be revised. One light goes green, three to four cars get through, then next light is red.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 26/141)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/03/2026

24. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT JOSEPHINE MCCOY MEWS**

‘That Cork City Council paint double yellow lines at the entrance to Josephine McCoy Mews, South Douglas Road to allow vehicles to exit the estate safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 26/143)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

25. **INNISHMORE ENTRANCE TO THE REGIONAL PARK**

‘That Cork City Council install appropriate bollards/barriers at the car park serving the Regional Park, Ballincollig (Innishmore entrance) to prevent illegal parking by vehicles on the new footpath serving the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/144)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

26. **INSTALLATION OF ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

‘That Cork City Council set out a projected timeline for the installation of road safety improvement works at the junctions of R608 Magazine Road and R849 Glasheen Road with L98492 Coolgarten Park, now that the Section 38 process has been concluded and funding for the installation of same has been approved by the Department of Transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/145)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

27. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN CASTLEPARK, BALLINCOLLIG**

‘That Cork City Council install double yellow lines at the corner of the green area opposite no.'s 135/136 Castlepark, Ballincollig to assist in preventing the recurring blocking of the road - serving no.'s 133-152 - by vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 26/146)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

28. **GRANTS FOR STREET PARTIES**

‘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)

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

29. **‘BEFORE WE DIE CAMPAIGN’**

‘That Cork City Council’s Housing Department would engage with the ‘Before We Die Campaign’ with regard to housing policy in relation to people with disabilities to assess how Cork City Councils’ housing policy could best serve in the long term to enable people to live as full and independent lives as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 26/150)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 21/04/2026

30. **SEATING IN TORY TOP PARK**

‘That Cork City Council install seating near to and facing the refurbished Tory Top Bandstand in Tory Top Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 26/151)

South Central Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

31. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINE ON HILLSIDE ROAD/HILLSIDE DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council put down a double yellow line on Hillside Road/Hillside Drive, Glasheen from the junction of Hillside Road/Hillside Drive and Tara Lawn (from the corner outside 37 and 38) to the existing double yellow line near 48 Hillside Drive so as to prevent people from outside of the estate parking their vehicles in the area during the day (as these people are making the area unsafe for children walking to school, unsafe for other pedestrians and difficult for residents to drive their cars out of their driveways during work hours).’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 26/152)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

32. **ROAD SIGNAGE CLEANING PROGRAMME AND PILOT EQUIPMENT SHARING SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council:

- A. Establish a dedicated city-wide Road Signage Cleaning Programme to address dirty, obscured, or illegible road signs (including traffic, directional, and street name signs) affected by grime, algae, weathering, or graffiti;
- B. Explore and pilot an equipment-sharing scheme, whereby the Council provides specialised cleaning tools/equipment (e.g., power washers, safe access gear, cleaning solutions) to Tidy Towns groups and other voluntary/community organisations for use in local signage cleaning efforts, with appropriate training, safety protocols, and insurance arrangements in place.

This initiative would deliver two major benefits:

Improved road safety — by ensuring signs are clearly legible for drivers and pedestrians, reducing risks of confusion, delayed reactions, or accidents;

Enhanced community enjoyment — by boosting the visual appeal and pride in local areas, contributing to a cleaner, more welcoming environment that supports tourism, wellbeing, and civic pride.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/153)

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

33. **ALLOW SINGLE APPLICANTS TO BID ON TWO-BEDROOM PROPERTIES**

‘That Cork City Council amend its Choice Based Lettings (CBL) policy to allow single-person applicants to bid on two-bedroom properties, rather than restricting them to one-bedroom units.

One-bedroom homes do not facilitate essential needs such as:

- Occasional stays by relatives/friends to reduce isolation;
- Short-term or live-in carers, a vital service for enabling older or health-compromised single people to remain independently at home.

This change would also provide broader choice and faster allocations, given the greater availability of two-bedroom properties in Council and Approved Housing Body stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/154)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 21/04/2026

34. **DANGEROUS AND DILAPIDATED FOOTPATHS ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE RIDGEWAY, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council urgently survey the footpaths on the southern side of The Ridgeway, Model Farm Road — specifically the section between Laburnum Drive and Bishopstown Avenue — with a view to their immediate repair or replacement due to their dangerous and dilapidated condition.

This is a high-volume pedestrian route heavily used by:

- schoolchildren attending St. Catherine's National School and nearby secondary schools,
- patients, staff, and visitors accessing HSE clinics,
- those travelling to/from Cork University Hospital (CUH), and
- expectant mothers, new parents, and families attending Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH).

The poor condition of these footpaths poses a significant safety risk to a particularly vulnerable mix of users, including children and pregnant women, and requires priority action.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/155)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

35. **ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT OF PARKING ISSUES AT ST. JOSEPH'S LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council commission an urgent engineering assessment of St. Joseph's Lawn, off Hawkes Road, Bishopstown, to evaluate the suitability and options for introducing additional parking controls.

Residents are experiencing significant difficulties accessing their homes due to overspill parking by students (likely from nearby MTU Cork) and shoppers using local amenities. Of particular concern is the serious risk that emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire services) could be obstructed and unable to gain timely access in an emergency situation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 26/156)

South West Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

36. **RAISED-TABLE ZEBRA CROSSING AT CHURCH HILL**

‘That Cork City Council will install a raised-table zebra crossing at Church Hill in Glanmire outside the church at the point where the existing footpath changes sides on the road, so as to allow for priority of pedestrians and continuous pedestrian infrastructure in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/158)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

37. **SEAI HOME ENERGY UPGRADE GRANTS**

‘That Cork City Council will report on options for Cork City Council tenants to access SEAI home energy upgrade grants, including PV solar, individual energy upgrades, and fully funded energy upgrades, including applications by Cork City Council to the SEAI as a landlord.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/159)

Housing Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh – Tithíocht – 21/04/2026

38. **INVESTMENT IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council will report on a comprehensive suite of options and sources for investment in the residential area of Mayfield, north of the Old Youghal Road and south of the North Ring Road, between Tinker's Cross and Ballyvolane Cross; that these options will include active travel funding to improve the public realm, in-fill housing where passive surveillance is needed, deep retrofitting of the existing housing stock, and supporting the community to access funding such as the Community Climate Action Fund; and that this report will form the basis for an action plan for the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 26/160)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

39. **ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CLAIMS**

‘That Cork City Council develops an online system for people who wish to make claims against Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/161)

Finance & Estimates Committee – 07/04/2026

40. **PUBLIC BIN STRATEGY**

‘That Cork City Council deliver a public bin strategy and ensure that communities like Ballyvolane have adequate public bins - currently there is one bin in the entire community, yet other suburbs are serviced with ample bins. We need a consistent service across our city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/162)

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

41. **“BLACK PATH”, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council will come up with a plan for the “Black Path”, Mayfield. In this plan we must address the anti-social behaviour and the illegal dumping. We need immediate action in dealing with the above issues so that our residents can live in peace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 26/163)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

42. **REVIEW OF PARKING PERMIT REGULATIONS**

‘That this Council undertake a review of parking permit regulations in order that similar number of permits per household are available in all parts of the city, and the rigorous application be made that permits given to rental properties are properly registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. C. O’Connor 26/164)

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

43. **MOBILITY HUBS**

‘That mobility hubs being established in the city will also contain recharging facilities for e-bikes and e-scooters.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 26/165)

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

44. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MONASTERY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will install a pedestrian crossing or other appropriate intervention on Monastery Road to facilitate access to and egress from St. Francis College Rochestown as per the Walkability Audit submitted to the Council by the St. Francis College Green Schools Committee and that the Council will engage with the St. Francis College Green Schools Committee on this matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/166)

South East Local Area Committee – 24/03/2026

45. **EXPLANATION SIGNS FOR WORKS**

‘That Cork City Council will mandate any body carrying out works in public spaces to display a "What's going on here?" sign which explains in plain language the works being carried out, by whom and how long they are expected to take.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Connor 26/168)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 20/04/2026

46. **CORK CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY**

‘That Cork City Council agrees with the 10 "Must Have" points put forward by the voluntary Cork Library Action Group, namely:

1. **Ample physical space** to meet the needs of a world class, 21st century library befitting a modern European city. This must be no less than the 7,700m² envisioned in the URDF funding application. A building of stature. The new library must be a landmark location. A building of style and scale. A cathedral of learning with architecture in keeping with surrounding buildings.
2. **An accessible city centre location.** The library is the most used cultural building in Cork and must remain in a location that is widely accessible to all, both day and night. It should be connected to at least two streets and have a large public façade. The design should be neurodivergent friendly and include a sensory space.

3. **Different spaces to meet different needs.** The best modern libraries provide three distinct environments, spread across interconnected floors.
 - a. An entrance floor that acts as a new enclosed City Square and connects to the public realm at the front of the building. This space will allow people to meet, chat and connect.
 - b. A middle floor designed to feed and spark the imagination with dedicated spaces for children and young people that can host workshops/clubs (e.g. Lego clubs, art clubs, computer clubs etc)
 - c. A top floor with a focus on life and learning with space for workshops, classes, study rooms, project rooms and at least 175 study spaces.
4. A mix of **cultural spaces** to include a lecture and performance space, exhibition space, meeting rooms for bookclubs and other cultural groups.
5. An enhanced **Rory Gallagher Music Library** with sufficient space for collections, recitals, rehearsal and recording.
6. An enlarged **Centre for Cork Local Studies** that holds the collective memory of the people of our city.
7. **Sustainability at its heart.** This includes effective use of natural light, a reduced environmental impact and a green rooftop garden. It should also include floor to ceiling windows that take in views of the river.
8. More than a collection of books; it should be a **library of things**. A place where you can borrow a guitar, a sewing machine or a chessboard.
9. **Facilities for all.** This means accessible baby changing facilities, toilets, a small kitchen, a breastfeeding room and places for people to sit and relax in warmth. A space for all.
10. The **support of the people** therefore we call on Cork City Council to urgently undertake a public consultation on this important project.

Cork City Council therefore agrees to write to the Minister with responsibility for libraries to seek his urgent engagement on making these calls a reality as part of a new world class city library, befitting the republic's second city.'

(Proposers: Cllr. N. O'Connor, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. B. McCarthy, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. J. Maher, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. C. O'Connor 26/169)

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

47. **UPLOADING OF COUNCIL MEETING VIDEO FILES**

'That Cork City Council agrees to amend Standing Orders to allow the uploading of Council meeting video files and retention of these for 12 months in a publicly accessible forum to increase transparency and accountability of Council meetings.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/170)

Party Whips – 23/03/2026

48. **PLAQUE ON WOLFE TONE STREET**

‘That Cork City Council install a plaque on Wolfe Tone Street formally Fair Lane to mark the link between Henry Ford and Cork City. Henry Ford’s grandfather Patrick Ahern was born on Fair Lane around 1800 and also put a plaque to Wolfe Tone as part of the revolutionary trail of Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 26/171)

Party Whips – 23/03/2026

49. **INSTALLATION OF HANDRAIL**

‘That Cork City Council would install a handrail on the pedestrian steps leading from Wellington Road to Sidney Park.

There are many elderly people using these steps on a daily basis and in the interest of public safety, the installation of this handrail on both sides of these steps would be a very welcome addition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/172)

North East Local Area Committee – 23/03/2026

50. **ESTATE SIGN AT HAZELWOOD LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would install an estate sign at Hazelwood Lawn in Glanmire.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/173)

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51. **FOOTPATH RENEWAL**

‘That Cork City Council would refurbish the significantly deteriorating footpaths on Gardiner’s Hill adjacent to St. Patrick’s Boys and Girls Schools.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 26/174)

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52. **DOG BINS IN DOUGLAS COMMUNITY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council will install dog bins, with bag dispensers, in Douglas Community Park and the Ballybrack Woods/Mangala.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/176)

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53. **RESURFACE BELGARD DOWNS**

‘That Cork City Council will resurface the full roadway throughout Belgard Downs, Rochestown Road, including at the back of the estate, as soon as possible, and will revise its programme of works accordingly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/177)

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54. **TRAFFIC-CALMING MEASURES AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE**

‘In support of the Green School Committee in St. Francis College, Rochestown, and the core aim of the Green Schools programme to promote walking and sustainable travel, that Cork City Council will respond to the walkability audit of routes to and from the school that the committee carried out and submitted to the Council, by progressing a pedestrian crossing and any associated traffic-calming measures to connect St. Francis College to the footpath at the opposite side of Monastery Road, and will include the approach roads to St. Francis College in the new 30km/h speed zones, including during the morning start and afternoon finish times, as part of the current speed limit review, recognising the significant road safety issue affecting the students and wider school community on this busy rural road with fast-moving traffic, particularly at peak school times, and to address the concern for parents and barrier to encouraging active travel to school caused by its absence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 26/178)

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55. **REVOKE US SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL’S FREEDOM OF CORK**

‘Former US Senator George Mitchell has been proved to have been lying when he said he cut all ties with the paedophile Jeffrey Epstein after he was convicted. He continued to have contact with him and may even have met him.’

This Council commends the decision of Queen’s University Belfast in removing the name of their former chancellor George Mitchell from the Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice and also removing a bust of him from campus. This Council also commends the decision of the US-Ireland Alliance in removing his name from their scholarship programme.

This motion calls on Cork City Council to follow their example and show we stand with survivors by revoking the Freedom of Cork given to Mitchell in 1998.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 26/180)

Party Whips – 23/03/2026

56. **DRAINAGE ISSUES IN KILLOWEN**

‘That Cork City Council notes that:

- Resurfacing works in Killowen have caused issues with drainage

And agrees to publish a comprehensive report detailing:

- The overall cost of the project with an itemised list of spend
- Where the funding was received from
- The funding allocated to, and spent on, drainage for the scheme
- The potential remedial works needed, the cost of and timeline for these.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/181)

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57. **PUBLIC LIGHTS IN KILLINEY WAY**

‘That Cork City Council would work with the ESB and any other stakeholders to ensure that public lighting outages are repaired in a timely manner. Communities have been literally left in the dark for months without any public lighting. That public lights in Killiney Way be repaired as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 26/182)

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58. **GLANMIRE LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

‘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)

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