

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, G. Keohane.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. K. Fitzgerald, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdMhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Moynihan family on the death of Donal Moynihan.
- The Kavanagh family on the death of Kathleen Kavanagh.
- The Whelan family on the death of Tony Whelan.
- The Power family on the death of Tom Power.
- The Kiely family on the death of Finbarr Kiely.
- The Spillane family on the death of Bernard Spillane.
- The Boyle family on the death of Sheila Boyle.

- The Phelan family on the death of Vicky Phelan.
- The Holland family on the death of Jerry Holland.
- The Scully family on the death of Sheila Scully.
- The Dillion family on the death of Betty Dillon.
- The McGee Family on the death of John McGee
- The Mullarkey/Stewart Family on the death of Joe Mullarkey

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

- Ballincollig Tidy Towns on winning their 10th Gold Medal in a row in the National Tidy Towns Competition and being within 3 points of overall winners.
- St Vincent's Parent's Association on the successful campaign to save the school.
- North Presentation Secondary School on-going co-educational for the first time.
- Aaron O'Donoghue on becoming National Senior Champion in boxing.
- Douglas under 17s on becoming dual county champions.
- Garda Siochana Chief Superintendent Tom Myers on celebrating the 100th anniversary of An Garda Siochana.
- Cork GAA/Munster Rugby on hosting Munster v South Africa.
- Diarmuid O'Meara/St. Finbarr's Senior Hurling on winning Senior Hurling County Final for the first time in 29 years.
- Ballyphehane GAA on winning Junior B City Final and reaching a County Final.
- Cllr. Fiona Ryan on her new arrival Sammy.
- Cllr. Fiona Kerins on the birth of Fionn.
- Marie Flynn of Ballincollig GAA Club on 40 years of service and This is Your Life.
- Blarney Junior B Footballers on beating O'Neills to win the County Final.
- St. Michael's Football on winning the County Final.
- Cork Youth Darts on winning the Cork Challenge Cup 2022, Laois Challenge Cup 2022 and Limerick Challenge Cup 2022.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

- An tArdMhéara acknowledged Comhairleoir D. Canty's successful trip to the twinned city of Rennes at the start of November.
- Council agreed to accept the invitation to visit the twinned city of Cologne.
- Council agreed for the An tArdMhéara to attend Corkmans dinner in London on Friday 18th November.
- An tArdMhéara reminded Members of the following Civic Receptions:
 - Holly Bough 125th Anniversary on the 23rd of November.
 - St Luke's Home 150th Anniversary on the 6th December.
 - Library 130th Anniversary on the 9th of December.
- An tArdMhéara acknowledged receipt of the Terence MacSwiney collected works for all Members.
- An tArdMhéara welcomed Dr Aodh Quinlivan and 1st Year Students from BSc Government and Politics University College Cork.
- An tArdMhéara reminded members about the Annual Budget Meeting on Tuesday the 15th of November that will be live streamed.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

- The Chief Executive gave an update on the Collins 100 Committee and advised the internal team have met. They are currently deciding on the location and advised funding campaign will be launched on the 3rd December with expected completion by August 2023.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 10th October 2022.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, a vote was called for to discuss the following motion received on October 27th, 2022.

'To ask this Council to hold a special meeting of Council to discuss the city's traffic management systems and recent changes to same. It is very obvious to all road users that the recent changes and narrowing of traffic lanes are having an adverse effect in traffic flow during peak times. The said narrowing of traffic lanes are in my view dangerous to all road users including pedestrians while at the same time creating unnecessary pinch points that add to the current traffic chaos throughout our city.

I would further ask that a subcommittee of the relevant agencies i.e., Cork City Council, Taxi Federation, Bus Eireann, An Garda, private bus operators, and others as deemed required plus one Councillor from each ward be set up with a remit to review our current traffic management systems and bring forward and introduce the changes required to alleviate the current traffic chaos in all areas under the jurisdiction of Cork City Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 22/455)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/12/22

A vote was held where there appeared as follows:-

For: Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. Moloney and E. Ryng (11)

Against: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, T. Shannon, D. Forde, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, and G. Kelleher (17)

As those voting against of the proposed suspension of standing orders were greater than those voting for, An tArdMhéara declared the vote failed.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran a further request was made to suspend Standing Orders to discuss an event for turning on Christmas Lights in Cork City. The CE advised of Health and Safety requirements, event planning and legislation involved in holding big events in the city, would be untenable for 2022. Comhairleoir J. Maher withdrew the request to suspend standing orders.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HAP PROPERTIES**

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

To ask the CE the number of HAP properties purchased since the circular issued by the Minister in June to prevent homelessness, the number currently in discussion to purchase and the other actions being taken by council to prevent homelessness and how many notices to quit have Cork City Council received from tenants in receipt of HAP.

REPLY

While no circular has issued from the Department of Housing Local and Government and Heritage (DHLGH) instructing Local Authorities to acquire HAP properties, a letter from the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage was circulated asking Local Authorities to explore all possible avenues in an effort to prevent the possibility of homelessness occurring. To that end Cork City Council with support from the DHLGH has engaged with landlords who have expressed an interest in exiting the rental market but are willing to sell to the City Council while retaining tenants in situ.

An assessment procedure applies to each such application in order to determine suitability for acquisition. 19 acquisitions are currently in progress as part of the Housing Capital Acquisition programme and a further 26 properties are being actively considered and assessed. The number of Notices to Quit are not tracked by Cork City Council, any such figure could not of itself be used as an accurate barometer as tenants may go through multiple different avenues if they get such a notice i.e., go directly to Threshold, the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB), Allocations or Accommodation Placement Service.

In relation to other actions being taken to prevent homelessness, the Accommodation Placement Services (APS) works with households who may require emergency accommodation following the receipt of a Notice to Quit. The APS seek to engage with households at an early stage to work with them to prevent them becoming homeless. As a first step, anyone who receives a notice to quit is advised to present to Threshold (Tenancy Protection Service) to ensure that the notice is valid and that they are being given the correct notice period. Once Threshold has confirmed that the notice is valid, APS engage with the household to look at options for housing. The APS will also engage with landlords to see if a tenancy can be saved. The City Council's Place Finder Service provides financial support in terms of paying the first month's rent and deposit with the enhanced HAP rate to households who have been deemed at risk of homeless.

In addition to the provision of funding to Threshold for their Tenancy Protection Service, Cork City Council also fund their Access Housing Unit. The purpose of the Access Housing Unit is to support and empower people who are out of home or at risk of homelessness to access and maintain private rented accommodation. This service comprises of 3 full-time staff: an Assistant Manager, a Project Worker and a Tenancy Sustainment Worker. All households who secure an exit from homeless services are referred to this service as part of their exit plan. This service provides them with supports to try to reduce the risk of them becoming homeless again in the future. Additional tenancy sustainment services are funded through Section 10 and are provided by DePaul, Cork Simon, Sophia Housing and Focus Ireland. These services aim to support tenants to secure and maintain tenancies to prevent them having to enter or re-enter emergency accommodation.

The Housing First project has been operating in Cork City since 2019. This project is managed by Cork City Council in partnership with the HSE and is managed on behalf of Cork City Council by Cork Simon and Focus Ireland. There are currently 37 Housing First tenancies in place. This project provides wrap-around supports to clients who have a history of rough sleeping or long-term homelessness in conjunction with complex needs. This project has provided accommodation to some of the most vulnerable people in the City and has successfully prevented many of them from returning to rough sleeping.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.2 **CORONERS COURT**

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

How much does Cork City Council allocate to the Coroners Court?
Obviously with the waiting times of 2-3 years, are there plans to increase this allocation to get more personnel to deal with the backlog and bring closer to the families?

REPLY

The matter of the calling and holding of the Coroner's Court is a matter for the City Coroner and is a function of his/her role and responsibilities. Cork City Council does not allocate a specific amount to the operations of the Coroner's Court however the Council does make the Council Chamber available whenever possible and available for the holding of the Coroner's Court and when not available pays the cost of alternative venues on behalf of the Coroner. Issues of waiting times are best addressed directly to the City Coroner.

With regards to the current resource allocation I can advise that the city coroner is paid an annual salary/stipend of €44,000 p.a.. The Coroner is also entitled to claim a fee for each notified death deemed to be of natural causes, post mortems called and Inquests presided over. These fees are agreed between the Coroner's Society of Ireland and the Department of Justice. They are claimed on a monthly basis and are collectively known

as the **Coroner's fee per item**. The current fees payable under this funding stream are as follows:

1. Deaths reported that did not proceed to post mortem - €129.68 per case
2. Deaths reported that proceeded to post mortem - €188.54 per case
3. Plenary Inquests heard - €522.97 per case

In 2021 the amount paid to the City Coroner under these headings was €287,000.

In addition to the above Cork City Council paid over €700,000 in 2021 in associated costs to include morgue costs, pathology, histology and undertaking services. The City Coroner funds the cost of one member of staff from his resources and Cork City Council fully funds 2 additional dedicated staff, one in situ in the Coroner's office and the second is based in City Hall. The Council also provides additional supports and assistance from other staff members at as appropriate by way of administration, ICT and procurement.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.3 **FLOODWORKS IN TOGHER**

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

Can Council explain how the extremely disruptive floodworks in Togher – that closed off the area for the best part of two years – apparently failed during its first test during flooding on October 16th?

REPLY

The Togher Flood Relief Scheme is currently under construction with funding support from the Office of Public Works. Significant progress has been made in the delivery of the approved flood defence and public realm measures and it is expected that the works will be substantially complete and ready for hand over by the Works Contractor before the end of the year.

The works to be delivered under the scheme include the replacement of an original undersized culvert over 700 lin.m along Tramore Stream, as well as the installation of a trash-screen at the head of the culvert and associated surface water drainage works.

Following the extremely heavy rainfall on the 16th October (and during subsequent rainfall events), the new trash screen which had been installed operated as intended and there were no issues with the flow through the culvert. The surface water drainage works associated with the project were not fully complete/ commissioned at that time and there was a localised surface water flooding issue on Togher Road outside of the Applegreen Service station. The issue was resolved without delay on the morning of 17th of October by the Works Contractor. No properties were damaged as a result of this surface water and subsequent heavy rainfall events have not resulted in any further issues in this location.

It is noted that, on the same date, separate to the flood relief scheme, an issue occurred with the combined drainage system along Lehenaghmore Hill. As the responsible body, Irish Water attended the site and acted to address the issues.

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

6.4 **HOUSING UNITS IN KELLEHERS BUILDINGS**

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

Can the CE please advise how many housing Units are currently Vacant in **Kellehers Buildings** and what is the current status in terms of returning them to use?

REPLY

There are currently four units at Kelleher's Buildings which are under repair and will not be available for occupation until early 2023. One unit has been earmarked for significant energy upgrade works under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme (EERP). The remaining three units are being tendered under the contract voids return programme.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.5 **CURRENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

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

To ask the CEO to fast track my request by way of a motion to Council to hold a Special Meeting of Council to discuss the current traffic chaos throughout the City during peak travel times and late into the evenings in many areas. The said motion is also calling for a Sub Committee to be set up to review and address our current traffic management systems which are at present adding to the chaos instead of alleviating it.

REPLY

The following motion was received on October 27th, 2022:

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(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 22/455)

In accordance with Standing Orders, the motion has been referred to the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee to which an appropriate report will be submitted for consideration.

The question of the Chief Executive fast-tracking the motion is not appropriate, and the convening of a Special Meeting of Council is not a matter for the Chief Executive. The mechanisms and procedures for same are prescribed in Standing Orders.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations

6.6 **FLOOD RELIEF WORKS IN GLANMIRE**

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

Can the CE provide an update on commencement date and schedule of works for flood relief works in Glanmire along with new costs for the project and the number of companies who have rendered for the original work and the number that rendered for the new works and the number of new companies that came in.

REPLY

The Glashaboy River Flood Relief Scheme is designed to protect property in the Glanmire and Sallybrook areas against flooding from the Glashaboy River and its tributaries. The scheme is designed to protect against flood events with a 1% probability of occurring in any given year (more commonly known as the one in one-hundred year flood). Approximately 103 properties (78 residential and 25 commercial) will benefit from the scheme.

The scheme extends across circa 4 km of the Glashaboy River and its tributaries including half a kilometre of the Butlerstown Stream, 1.8. km of the Glenmore Stream and short lower reaches of other tributaries.

The scheme has been confirmed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and funding from the OPW has been secured for the works. Unfortunately, Cork City Council was not in a position to appoint a Contractor for the works on foot of the initial procurement process which attracted a total of four tender submissions. However, the City Council will be issuing new Tender Documents in the coming weeks and is working with key project partners to minimise the overall delay in the completion of these works. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in Q1 2023, and details

of the successful tender will be advised in due course. Members will be kept apprised of ongoing progress in the delivery of the scheme.

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

6.7 **EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION PROVISION 2018-2022**

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

Can I ask the CE to provide tabulated data for emergency accommodation provision for the years 2018 to 2022 inclusive.

REPLY

Cork City Council, through the Accommodation Placement Office, has overall responsibility for the delivery of a central placement service and the provision, in partnership with Section 10 funded Service Providers and Approved Housing Bodies, of emergency, transitional and long- term accommodation. In addition to the Supported Temporary Accommodation provided by service providers such as Cork Simon, DePaul, and Good Shepherd Services we also source private emergency accommodation in B&Bs and hotels as we require it.

It should be noted that the Council took over the direct placement of households into emergency accommodation in January 2019 from the Department of Social Protection (Drinan Street) and the APS Office with its specialist staff opened in March 2020.

The table below gives an indication of the changes in the numbers of households availing of emergency accommodation between 2018 to 2022.

Year	Families	Individuals
Aug-22	42	339
Aug-21	38	291
Aug-20	31	299
Aug-19	63	305
Aug-18	98	307

In September 2022, we had 150 individuals placed in private emergency accommodation and 187 individuals in supported emergency accommodation. There were 45 families with 84 children in emergency accommodation. Families are firstly placed in Edel House or the Family Hub. It is only if there is no availability there that families are placed in B&Bs until space becomes available. If a household is placed in private emergency accommodation, they are appointed an Outreach Worker to ensure they receive the necessary support.

While the recent challenges in the housing market and, in particular, the private rental market have had a noticeable impact on the number presenting seeking assistance, the APS Office continuously work to ensure an adequate supply of accommodation is available to meet demands.

Detailed information on the numbers in emergency accommodation, presentations and households exiting services are provided in the Chief Executive’s Management Report monthly. The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage also publish monthly returns on their website giving details of the homeless statistics for the Southwest Region.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.8 **DERELICT PROPERTIES**

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

Can the CE outline the number of derelict properties the City Council owns or has an interest in and plans with timeline for same?

REPLY

Cork City Council acquired, compulsorily or by agreement, a total of 32 sites that were derelict. Of this, dereliction was removed from 6 sites. An additional site was disposed of in 2022 with a plan to remove dereliction. The status of the remaining 25 derelict sites that Cork City Council has an interest in is set out below.

Number of sites	Status	Timeframe
6	Housing projects funding approved / works ongoing.	Work to be completed on 4 sites by the end of 2022. Work to be completed on the remaining 2 sites by 2023.
3	Strategic site assembly /Regeneration- Development Briefs to be prepared along with community and public consultation	Medium term delivery and site assembly, eg URDF project for Grand Parade Quarter. Development Briefs to be completed by 2023.
2	Housing projects with AHB.	Awaiting approval.
4	A number of compulsory acquisitions under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.	Plan for widescale redevelopment to be brought forward in 2023.
3	Sites vested with CCC with a licence Agreement to remove dereliction.	Q4 2022 - 1 site Dereliction removed.

		Q1 2023 - 2sites in the planning process.
2	Acquired by CCC - disposals to be put forward.	Q4 2022 - 2 sites for disposal.
1	Acquired by CCC for infrastructure needs	Required for transport infrastructure.
1	Plans advancing with local community for community and enterprise uses.	Submission for funding in Q1, 2023.
2	Building condition surveys ongoing, followed by community consultation and needs assessment to be completed to determine use of the property.	Q1 2023 - anticipated completion of survey and commencement of consultation
1	Properties vest in CCC but on basis of licence. This is to clear titles on behalf of beneficial owners and allow for them to redevelop.	Ongoing - being monitored on a monthly basis

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning and Economic Development.

6.9 **ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive that in light of the decision not to change electoral boundaries for the City Council election of 2024, if a mechanism exists for membership of this Council to be increased so that it better reflects the member/population ratio that exists throughout the country, with special consideration to be given to the North East, North West and South East electoral areas?

REPLY

The boundaries for the Local Electoral Areas for Cork City Council were last altered for the local elections of 2019 following a review and report of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee in 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001 and reflecting the increased administrative area of the Council resulting from the review of Local Government arrangements for Cork and the extension of the City Boundary that resulted therefrom.

Following the enactment of the Electoral Reform Act, 2022 the statutory mechanism for the review of local authority electoral areas will now rest with the Electoral Commission to be established by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and

Heritage. There is no mechanism available to the City Council to review and alter its Electoral Areas.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.10 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN CITY**

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

To ask the CE on an update on the current management arrangements for public lighting in the city, and in particular what climate action measure are being taken and what contractors are being engaged with?

REPLY

The Public Lighting Framework adopted 2021 by the City Council identifies three strategic pillars with regards to the provision of public lighting:

- Asset management
- Service provision
- Energy reduction.

In relation to Energy Reduction, Cork City Council have identified the need to change public lighting lanterns to LEDs to help reduce the energy consumption related to the provision of this service. As part of our tendered public lighting annual maintenance contract works a small percentage of lights are converted to LED annually. Additional funding, to accelerate the changeover of 1,000 additional old SON/SOX lanterns to LED, was put in place mid-2022 and this accelerated programme will be implemented over a 12-month period.

As a result of this incremental approach, at the end of October 2022, approximately 40% of the public lighting network has been fitted with LED lanterns. In 2022 alone Cork City Council has upgraded 2,500 lanterns (approx. 10%) from old SON/SOX lanterns to LED. In addition, a dimming profile, where lanterns are dimmed to 75% output from midnight onwards, is also in operation on some street lights. A combination of the above interventions has resulted in a reduction of the energy used powering public lighting in the City, dropping from 95.87watts to 84.59 watts in 2022 alone.

The Public Lighting Department of the Operations Directorate is preparing further proposals in terms of a Public Lighting Strategy to tackle legacy electrical issues, old public lighting column issues and the replacement of the remaining old SON/SOX lanterns and converting them to LED. The delivery of this strategy will be subject to securing the required funding for this replacement project.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

6.11 **NEW SOLAR COMPACTING BINS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the operation of the new solar compacting bins in the city, including messaging when the bins are full, how this is operationalised by staff, and data collected on which streets generate the most binned litter?

REPLY

In September 2022, 52 solar compacting bins were installed across Oliver Plunkett Street, South Mall, Grand Parade, Patrick Street, Maylor Street and Merchants Quay. Since the implementation of these bins we have noted the following:

- There has been a reduction in collections required at each bin location. Previously we had been emptying several bins up to five times daily. This has now been reduced to once or twice per day.
- There is an increase in the bin capacity due to the solar compacting technology meaning that a bin of similar size can accommodate more waste.
- New messaging alerts provided to staff to highlight which bins require attention thus allowing us to improve our service levels using data
- We have reduced our greenhouse gasses in the cleansing section by reduced daily kilometres travelled

The cleansing staff receive periodic reports throughout the day highlighting the bins that need to be emptied. Cleansing Staff then only address the bins highlighted in the report as needing emptying, this is to ensure that the bins are used as efficiently as possible and we maximise the use of the valuable data that they produce.

In relation to streets with solar compacting bins the busiest streets are –

1. Grand Parade
2. Oliver Plunkett Street

The top 3 busiest solar compacting bins from the records to date are:

1. Corner of Oliver Plunkett Street and Grande Parade
2. The two bins on the Daunt Square and Grande Parade junction

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate.

6.12 **PAYMENT OF COMMERCIAL RATES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what legislation, statute, guideline or circular legally prevents Cork City Council from introducing additional bands to its discount scheme for early payment of commercial rates.

REPLY

There is no legislation, statute, guideline or circular legally preventing Cork City Council from introducing additional bands to its discount scheme for early payment of commercial rates.

John Hallahan
Chief Financial Officer

6.13 **RETAINED FIRE SERVICE IN BALLINCOLLIG**

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

To ask the CE, of the money allocated in the 2022 budget for a Retained Fire Service based in Ballincollig, how much was spent and on what, and how much can be carried forward to 2023?

REPLY:

There is not a specific non-pay budget for Ballincollig Retained Fire Service. The non-pay budget for Cork City Fire Brigade is used to provide equipment, training, P.P.E. and maintain appliances for the entire Brigade.

A provision for the retained service was made in the 2022 budget. Cork City Fire Brigade use the payroll budget to ensure that there is adequate fire cover for the City. Any carrying forward of unspent funds is matter for the Finance Department at year end.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 3rd November 2022 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of the leasehold interest in a plot of ground (43.5m² approximately) situated to the rear of No. 18, Hartlands Road, The Lough, Cork to Dolores O' Riordan, Patricia O' Riordan, Christy O' Riordan, Connie O' Riordan and Helena

O' Riordan c/o George F. Daly & Co. Solicitors, No. 2, Father Matthew Street, Cork for the sum of €500.00 plus costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of land (78.4m² approximately) situated to the rear of No 8, Beaumont Cottages, Ballintemple, Cork, to Aisling Hanrahan & Ebhain O' Mahony, c/o Charles C. Daly & Co. Solicitors, 2, Westbourne Place, Cobh, Co. Cork, for the sum of €500.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

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

3. Disposal of property known as "St. Peters", No. 87A, North Main Street, Cork to Livingwell Management Limited, c/o J.W. O'Donovan Solicitors, No. 53, South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a period of five years subject to a rent of €500.00 per annum (inclusive of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

4. Disposal of the property known as "The National Sculpture Factory", Albert Road, Cork, together with a grant of right of way to The National Sculpture Factory Cork Limited, c/o T. J. Hegarty & Son, Solicitor, 58, South Mall, Cork by way of renewal of lease for a period of 25 years.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5. Disposal of the freehold interest in properties known as Nos. 118 & 119, Barrack Street, Cork to Mairead Keohane c/o Hickey Dorney Solicitors, The Square, Harbourside House, Passage West, Co Cork for the sum of €275,000 (plus Vat if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Bogue, a vote was called for on the approval of the disposal where there appeared as follows:-

For: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney(21)

Against: Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, C. Finn, E. Ryng (6)

Abstain: (0)

As those voting in favour of the disposal were greater than those voting against, an tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the disposal approved.

7.2 **PROPOSED CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENT TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES ON THE L6746 BELLEVUE ROAD, GRANGE, IN THE VICINITY OF SCOIL NIOCLÁIS PRIMARY SCHOOL – APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Operations, David Joyce, dated 20th October 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed changes and improvement to pedestrian crossing facilities on the L6746 Bellevue Road, Grange, in the vicinity of Scoil Niocláis Primary School, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

8. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 12th SEPTEMBER 2022**

CORK HEALTHY CITIES STEERING GROUP

- On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed that Comhairleoir D. Cahill would join the Cork Healthy Cities Steering Group.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle agreed that Comhairleoir C. Finn would join the Cork Healthy Cities Steering Group.

9. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 10th OCTOBER 2022**

MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council will amend standing order 5B Corporate Policy Group to add:

5. The agenda and other documents relating to meetings of the Corporate Policy Group shall be made available to all members of Council simultaneously.

6. Any member of Council who is not a member of the Corporate Policy Group may attend meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, subject to maintaining the confidence of proceedings.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. M. Finn 22/427)

(Reference Motions 22/289 & 22/305)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn an amendment to the motion (6) was submitted as follows:

“Any member of Council who is not a member of the Corporate Policy Group may attend and speak as an observer, without a vote at meetings of the Corporate Policy Group subject to maintaining the confidentiality of proceedings.”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon a further amendment to the motion (6), was submitted as follows:

“That all members can attend the Corporate Policy Group but cannot speak if not a member. If a non-member has a motion before the Corporate Policy Group, they can speak on the motion”

The Meetings Administrator confirmed the process to change Standing Orders by Amendment. As the amendments are materially different and standing orders define the order, a vote on the first amendment submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn would be called. If this vote carries, by a majority (16 votes), the motion is carried with the amendment and no further amendments would then be capable of being taken.

A vote was called for on the amendment of the Motion (6) where there appeared as follows:-

For: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, O. Moran, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, D. Boyle, P. Dineen, C. Finn, T. Moloney, E. Ryng (13)

Against: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill M.R. Desmond, T. Shannon, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher (13)

Abstain: An tArdMhéara D. Forde (1)

As those voting against the amendment to the Standing Orders Amendment Motion (6) were not a majority (16) an tArdMhéara declared the amendment defeated.

STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

An Chomhairle approved the second amendment, proposed by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Cllr T. Shannon and further approved the motion revised to read as follows:

‘That Cork City Council will amend standing order 5B Corporate Policy Group to add:

5. The agenda and other documents relating to meetings of the Corporate Policy Group shall be made available to all members of Council simultaneously.

6. “That all members can attend the Corporate Policy Group but cannot speak if not a member. If a non-member has a motion before the Corporate Policy Group, they can speak on the motion”

10. **WOMEN’S CAUCUS UPDATE**

An Chomhairle noted the update report from Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, chair of Cork City Council’s Women’s Caucus.

11. **RESIGNATIONS FROM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

11.1 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle noted the resignation of Comhairleoir S. Martin from the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

11.2 **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle noted the resignation of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy from the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

11.3 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

An Chomhairle noted the resignation of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan as Chair of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

12. **NOMINATIONS TO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

12.1 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher nominated Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to replace Comhairleoir S. Martin on the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

12.2 **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh nominated Comhairleoir S. Martin to replace Comhairleoir F. Dennehy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

12.3 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher nominated F. Dennehy to replace Comhairleoir J. Sheehan as Chair of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

13. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th NOVEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7th November 2022.

13.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th September 2022.

13.2 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

13.2.1 **GROWING ENERGY COSTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd November 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council encourage greater demand management as a response to growing energy costs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/424)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council stated that it has initiated a programme of demand management measures in response to growing energy costs. The report stated that Cork City Council is considering other demand management measures to reduce energy consumption. In addition, the investment required to continue to reduce energy consumption in the medium term is being assessed.

The Chief Executive advised that Cork City Council have signed up to the EU Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission.

13.2.2 **STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd November 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will amend standing order 5B Corporate Policy Group to add:

5. The agenda and other documents relating to meetings of the Corporate Policy Group shall be made available to all members of Council simultaneously.

6. Any member of Council who is not a member of the Corporate Policy Group may attend meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, subject to maintaining the confidence of proceedings.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. M. Finn 22/427)
(Reference Motions 22/289 & 22/305)

As this matter had already been discussed in the meeting, An Chomhairle approved the amendment, proposed by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Cllr T. Shannon and further approved the motion revised to read as follows:

‘That Cork City Council will amend standing order 5B Corporate Policy Group to add:

5. The agenda and other documents relating to meetings of the Corporate Policy Group shall be made available to all members of Council simultaneously.

6. “That all members can attend the Corporate Policy Group but cannot speak if not a member. If a non-member has a motion before the Corporate Policy Group, they can speak on the motion”

14. **PARTY WHIPS – 24th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 24th October 2022.

15. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th October 2022.

15.1 **REPORT**

15.1.1 **PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on Parking Permits.

15.2 **MOTIONS**

15.2.1 **REVIEW OF PATRICK STREET CAR BAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council provide a review of the existing Patrick Street car ban with a view to implement and tighten enforcement for non-blue badge holding motorists and towards an urgent review towards accessibility for blue badge holders, particularly in the context of Academy Street disability parking not being able to exit onto Patrick Street between the times of the ban.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 22/264)

The report stated that between the hours of 3:00pm and 6:30pm St. Patricks’ Street is a Bus Lane, and the national Bus Lane legislation applies to St. Patrick Street during this period. Section 32 of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2012, states “A person shall not enter a bus lane with a vehicle other than a large public service vehicle or a pedal cycle during the period of operation of the bus lane indicated on an information plate.” This legislation does not accommodate disabled drivers using the Bus Lanes on St. Patrick Street during the above times. Enforcement of the ban is the remit of An Garda Síochána. As part of the preplanning consultation process, prior to the introduction of the Bus Lane, it was agreed that additional disabled parking spaces would be provided in Emmet Place to counteract the loss of the Academy Street spaces in the afternoon (the Academy Street Spaces remain active outside of the hours of operation of the bus lane i.e., 21 ½ hours per day). I can confirm that the

additional disabled parking spaces on Emmet Place have been provided and are available for use 24 hours a day. The enhancement of footpath facilities along Drawbridge Street also provides alternative access for those with mobility issues onto St Patrick Street from Emmet Place and Academy Street. It is also worth noting that over the last few years, as general parking spaces have been removed to accommodate pedestrianisation etc., Cork City Council has, to date, retained/replaced all existing disabled parking spaces.

15.2.2 **INSTALL CAMERAS AT CRITICAL JUNCTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That CCC investigate the possibility of installing cameras at critical junctions/intersections. Whereby if a vehicle is stationary in the yellow box, it can be ticketed through the post. Traffic is difficult in the city and when these junctions are blocked, they can and do cause severe delays.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 22/272)

The report stated that it is noted that there can be issues with illegal entry into yellow boxes in the City Centre. The space provided by a functioning yellow box ensures that conflicting movements of traffic are not hindered when they receive a green light for movement. Any illegal entry into a yellow box presents challenges to the efficient operation of the transportation network. While there are some cities throughout the world that are utilising image-based technology for the purposes of traffic enforcement, there is no statutory legislation in place at this time to allow local authorities to issue fines generated from traffic camera for such offences. The Garda Síochána are primary enforcers of the illegal entry to yellow boxes. The attached observation will be forwarded to them for their attention.

15.2.3 **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the restrictive and cost prohibitive ask of obtaining solicitor's letters facing those applying for or renewing resident parking permits is immediately amended to provide for validation of residency by PCs, Cllrs or Gardaí.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/197)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022. The requirement to submit a solicitor's letter for a ‘non-standard’ residents permit application is no longer in place and has been replaced with a Declaration where applicable.

Note: the proposer on this motion was Cllr. M. Finn 22/283 and not Cllr D. Boyle as recorded in the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 17th October 2022

15.2.4 **STANDARDS WHEN DISHING FOOTPATHS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE will advise on the standards being applied when dishing footpaths for people in a wheelchair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 22/330)

The report stated that to facilitate wheelchair access the lip between the footpath and adjoining carriageway should be less than or equal to 6mm. This is the standard required in the CCC Minimum Engineering Requirements but is also in line with national and international guidance.

15.2.5 **BYE LAWS ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That consideration be given to the development of bye laws on the provision of electric vehicle charging points and their impact on on-street parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/336)

The report stated that Cork City Council is awaiting the publication of the Department’s “Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022 –2025” which is out for public consultation at present. Once this document is finalised and published, Cork City Council will review and evaluate same with a view to creating an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy document in the first half of 2023.

15.2.6 **IN PERSON FACILITY FOR PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council restore an in-person facility in City Hall for people to fill out/ apply for parking permits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/343)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022.

Resident Parking Permit applications may be submitted through one of the following methods: -

1. On-line <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/parkingservices/apply-online>

2. Postal Application to Parking Section, Room 335, City Hall, Cork. T12 T997 47

3. Drop the application into the Parking Section post box located in the foyer of Cork City Council, City Hall.

An electronic system to apply for a residents parking permit online was introduced in 2020. 90% applications are now made online. However, a postal system has been retained for those that cannot use the online system. Staff liaise with applicants if their applications are incomplete, and the applicant is informed of the documentation that must be submitted for the application to be progressed. At no time did the Parking Section fill out applications on behalf of applicants and the Parking Section does not have the resources to provide such a service.

15.2.7 **PARKING TICKET APPEALS PROCESS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council reviews it’s appeals process for parking tickets where people have a genuine reason for not having a disc displayed or parked in an area where parking is not allowed.

I’ve had many calls from people with illness and or disability that forgot to display ticket or ticket fell from display and needed bathroom break etc. and on appeal were still found to be guilty and received a fine despite having a ticket and doctors’ certificate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/344)

The report stated that Cork City Council operates a parking appeals system but in doing so it must have regard to the legal provisions governing the issuance of a Fixed Charge Penalty Notice. Nationally, parking is regulated across the state through the Roads Traffic Acts and Roads Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations. This legislation also applies to Cork City, and it controls matters such as parking on yellow lines, footpaths, cycle paths, bus stops, taxi ranks etc. In addition, Parking Byelaws are in force in the city to regulate parking times, parking charges, methods of payment, etc. A Fixed Charge Penalty Notice (parking fine) is issued for a breach of this legislation and byelaws. All parking appeals are properly considered and processed but unfortunately this does not mean that all appellants are happy with the outcome of their appeal.

15.2.8 **REVIEW PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

'That the newly revised and overly onerous proofs required regarding renewals of residents' parking permits are reviewed with a view to making the process easier for genuine, existing applicants.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 22/348)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022. The changes to the parking permit application process requires an applicant to submit only one additional piece of information depending on the nature of residency i.e., if the applicant is a homeowner the applicant is required to submit the page(s) of their home insurance policy that clearly states the name of the insured, the property being insured and that both the building & contents are insured. All monetary values or specific risks or claims history can be redacted by the applicant (If an applicant does not have home insurance, the applicant can submit alternative documentation to demonstrate home ownership in lieu of house insurance e.g., title deeds of the property); if the applicant is a tenant the applicant is required to submit proof the property/tenancy is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board. The objective of these changes is to make the Scheme more robust and less likely to be abused and thereby ensure that only valid applicants are in receipt of a residents parking permit.

15.2.9 **REVIEW POLICY ON PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

'I ask that this Council and the Roads & Transportation SPC review the recent policy change for the issuing of parking permits and to take into account a more simplified way to complete resident parking permit renewals. I would further ask that a public parking permit counter be reinstated to assist members of the public who have difficulty applying for renewals online. Following a review of policy in the issuing of residential parking permits and the implementation of same it has come to my attention that residents trying to renew their parking permits are experiencing difficulties in doing so. While I fully understand the reasons behind the new policy and in theory it seems quite reasonable however in practice when it comes to renewals it has become very problematic for residents, and this area in particular requires a review.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 22/352)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022.

The changes to the parking permit application process requires an applicant to submit only one additional piece of information depending on the nature of residency i.e., if the applicant is a homeowner the applicant is required to submit the page(s) of their home insurance policy that clearly states the name of the insured, the property being insured and that both the building & contents are insured. All monetary values or specific risks or claims history can be redacted by the applicant (If an applicant does not have home insurance, the applicant can submit alternative documentation to demonstrate home ownership in lieu of house insurance e.g., title deeds of the property); if the applicant is a tenant the applicant is required to submit proof the property/tenancy is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.

The objective of these changes is to make the Scheme more robust and less likely to be abused and thereby ensure that only valid applicants are in receipt of a residents parking permit.

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1. On-line <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/parkingservices/apply-online>
2. Postal Application to Parking Section, Room 335, City Hall, Cork. T12 T997
3. Drop the application into the Parking Section post box located in the foyer of Cork City Council, City Hall.

An electronic system to apply for a residents parking permit online was introduced in 2020. 90% applications are now made online. However, a postal system has been retained for those that cannot use the online system. Staff liaise with applicants if their applications are incomplete, and the applicant is informed of the documentation that must be submitted for the application to be progressed. At no time did the Parking Section fill out applications on behalf of applications and the Parking Section does not have the resources to provide such a service.

15.2.10 **PROVISION OF HOME INSURANCE FOR PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘To ask the Roads and Transportation SPC on why the provision of home insurance has become a feature of our parking by-laws permits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 22/362)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022. As outlined in the report, the Parking Permit Policy and Parking Permit Scheme were amended with effect from 1st May 2022 to endeavour to make the Policy and Scheme more robust and less likely 50 to be abused and thereby ensure that only valid applicants are in receipt of a residents parking permit. Applicants are now required:

- In the case of owner occupier, to submit the page(s) of their home insurance policy that clearly states the name of the insured, the property being insured and that both the building & contents are insured. All monetary values or specific risks or claims history can be redacted by the applicant. The objective is to link the applicant to a property as a homeowner. If an applicant does not have or cannot provide home insurance alternative documents can be accepted. The applicant can contact the Parking Services section by phone (021 4924343) or email (parkingpermits@corkcity.ie) to agree suitable alternative documentary evidence

- In the case of a tenant, to submit a copy of their current lease and proof that the property is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.

15.2.11 **CRITERIA FOR ISSUING PARKING PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 6th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council review criteria for the issuing of parking permits, particularly the requirement to produce the details of house insurance policies is problematic for some residents.’

‘Go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí athbhreithniú ar chritéir d'eisiú Ceadúnas Parcála, ach go háirithe an riachtanas sonraí a chur ar fáil mar gheall ar Polasaithe Árachais Tí a chruthaíonn fadhbanna do roinnt cónaitheoirí.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 22/381)

The report stated that the Parking Permit report presented as part of this agenda addresses in full the changes made to the Parking Permit Scheme with effect from 1st May 2022. As outlined in the report, the Parking Permit Policy and Parking Permit Scheme were amended with effect from 1st May 2022 to endeavour to make the Policy and Scheme more robust and less likely to be abused and thereby ensure that only valid applicants are in receipt of a residents parking permit. Applicants are now required:

- In the case of owner occupier, to submit the page(s) of their home insurance policy that clearly states the name of the insured, the property being insured and that both the building & contents are insured. All monetary values or specific risks or claims history can be redacted by the applicant. The objective is to link the applicant to a property as a homeowner. If an applicant does not have or cannot provide home insurance alternative documents can be accepted. The applicant can contact the Parking Services section by phone (021 4924343) or email (parkingpermits@corkcity.ie) to agree suitable alternative documentary evidence.

- In the case of a tenant, to submit a copy of their current lease and proof that the property is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.

16. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th October 2022.

16.1 **AN POST**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation by Angus Lavery in relation to the safeguarding of post offices.

16.2 **RESIDENTIAL LAND TAX**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation by Ronan Mac Kernan on the forthcoming Residential Land Tax due to come into effect on January 1st 2024.

16.3 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEME**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation by Ronan Mac Kernan in relation to a review of the current Development Contribution Scheme.

16.4 **MOTIONS**

16.4.1 **BUS CONNECTS PROPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the joint report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development and of housing, dated 12th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council report on how the 'Bus Connects' proposals complement the City Development Plan, City North West Regeneration Masterplan and other relevant Council strategies.’

Go dtuairisceoidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar conas a chuireann na moltaí ‘Bus Connects’ le Plean Forbartha na Cathrach, Máistirphlean Athbheochana Iarthuaisceart na Cathrach agus straitéisí eile cuí na Comhairle.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/328)

The report stated that the BusConnects programme of works is a key component of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS). The objective of CMATS is to deliver an accessible, integrated transport network that enables the sustainable growth of the Cork Metropolitan Area. This includes measures to enhance active travel, public transport and vehicular traffic. The City Development Plan supports the rollout of CMATS. The policies in the plan are informed by CMATS, including BusConnects and are related to a range of other policies in addition to the transport policies of the plan, specifically:

- Compact Liveable Growth - The 15-Minute City

- Low Carbon City
- Walkable Neighbourhoods
- Planning for Sustainable Neighbourhoods
- A Diverse, Inclusive and Equal City
- Residential Density
- Climate and Environment
- Economy and Employment
- Strategic Consolidation and Regeneration Areas Objective – City Centre, Urban Towns, Regeneration Areas and Growth Areas

North-West Regeneration Area

Under the BusConnects bus network review a significant enhancement in public transport provision is proposed to include the following which will replace the existing 202/202A bus service. • A new Carrigaline to Hollyhill bus service which will run every 10 minutes and also serve the city centre and Douglas; • A new city orbital route running every 15 minutes in both directions serving Blackpool, City Centre, Togher, Cork University Hospital, University College Cork. • A Blarney to City Centre bus service serving Tower and Hollyhill running every 2 hours. Strategic and Economic Development SPC 17th October 2022 3 In terms of active and sustainable transport infrastructure, new bus lanes and cycle lanes are proposed for Harbour View Road which will require modifications to the existing cross section along the roadway. Approaching Cork city centre high quality cycle facilities are proposed along St Colmcille’s Road, Sunvalley Drive and North Monastery Road. In terms of public transport infrastructure, bus services will be directed along Cathedral Road and Baker’s Road with journey time reliability being provided through a combination of bus lanes and traffic management restrictions (i.e. no through traffic, local and public transport access only).

The City Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) Project was formally adopted by Cork City Council in April 2011. The CNWQR Project is delivered on a phased basis and includes for the provision of high quality residential streets appropriately balancing the needs of all users. The proposed CNWQR works to Harbour View Road do not include for the modifications to the existing cross section proposed by Bus Connects presently. Further refinement of the Bus Connects scheme will be required to reflect the CNWQR Project.

16.4.2 **NUMBER OF PROPERTIES ON THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 10th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council seek to put in place a policy to annually reduce the number of properties on its derelict sites register by 10%, inclusive of any new entries.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/337)

The report stated that there are currently 110 properties on the derelict sites register, the highest number on record. Whilst the number of properties on the derelict sites register is an important matrix, Cork City Council is currently actively reviewing and engaging

with a portfolio of 300 properties. These include the pipeline of properties for inspections or reinspection, notifications to property owners to enhance the appearance of their properties, engagement through the planning process or formally placing properties on the Derelict Sites Register.

The number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register is dynamic, with properties being added and removed from the register constantly. For illustrative purposes the number of derelict sites on the register as at 31 December, 2021, 2020 and 2019, along with the number of sites removed from the register each of these years is set out below.

- 2021: As at 31st December, 2021 there was 93 sites on the register and a total of 10 sites were removed from the register during 2021, which represents a removal rate of 11%.
- 2020: As at 31st December, 2020 there was 95 sites on the register and a total of 8 sites were removed from the register during 2021, which represents a removal rate of 8.4%.
- 2019: As at 31st December, 2019 there was 100 sites on the register and of 12 sites were removed from the register during 2021, which represents a removal rate of 12%.

16.4.3 **DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 10th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that the current derelict sites register doesn’t reflect dereliction in the city because of the low number of sites on the register relative to visual dereliction.

Therefore, Cork City Council will compile a report that will include the estimated number of sites potentially derelict, any relevant reasons why the sites register isn't more accurate and the estimated timeline for inclusion of all eligible sites on the register, the staffing levels required for the inclusion of all relevant sites on the register within 24 months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Rynng 22/347)

The report stated that presently there are 110 sites on the Derelict Sites Register, the highest number on record. At the start of 2018, 5 years ago, 75 sites were on the Derelict Sites Register. The placement of a site on the Derelict Sites Register is not always a straightforward process, there are challenges when establishing ownership, working with site owners, dealing with difficult family or business circumstances. Placement on the Derelict Sites Register is not the full metric involved when addressing issues surrounding dereliction. Cork City Council is actively working on a portfolio of 300 properties. These include the pipeline of properties for inspections or reinspection, notifications to property owners to enhance the appearance of their properties, engagement through the planning process or formally placing properties on the Derelict Sites Register.

16.4.4 **NIGHT TIME ECONOMY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 10th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will prepare a report on the implementation of the Report of the Night-Time Economy Taskforce in the city, including the role of the night-time economy in the city, and the status of a Night-Time Economy Advisor (or "Night Mayor") to promote night-time culture in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/367)

The report stated that as Lord Mayor, Cllr Joe Kavanagh represented Cork City on the Night Time Economy Task Force. Fearghal Reidy, Director of Services, represents the City Council on the Night Time Economy Implementation Group. Key recommendations of the Night Time Economy Task Force are integrated into the Cork City Centre Economic and Revitalisation Action Plan and the Cork City Development Plan for implementation and monitoring.

In particular, the expansion of the evening offerings at the Crawford Art Gallery and the piloting of the local food festival, Cork on A Fork, were both recommendations made by the NTE Task Force. Their implementation in Cork City was supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (the Department).

Cork City Council has applied to be a pilot the Night Time Economy destination and we await a response from the Department in relation to this. This designation would include funding to appoint a Night Time Advisor.

In September, 2022 Cork City was awarded the Purple Flag, which recognises the quality of the night time offering in Cork City and noted the significant enhancements made in the city over recent years. Work is ongoing through the City Centre Partnership and the City Centre Forum to continue to improve the night time experience of Cork City. In particular, Cork City Council would like to acknowledge the work of the volunteers at the Night Pastors, who provide a safety net for those enjoying Cork City’s night time experience.

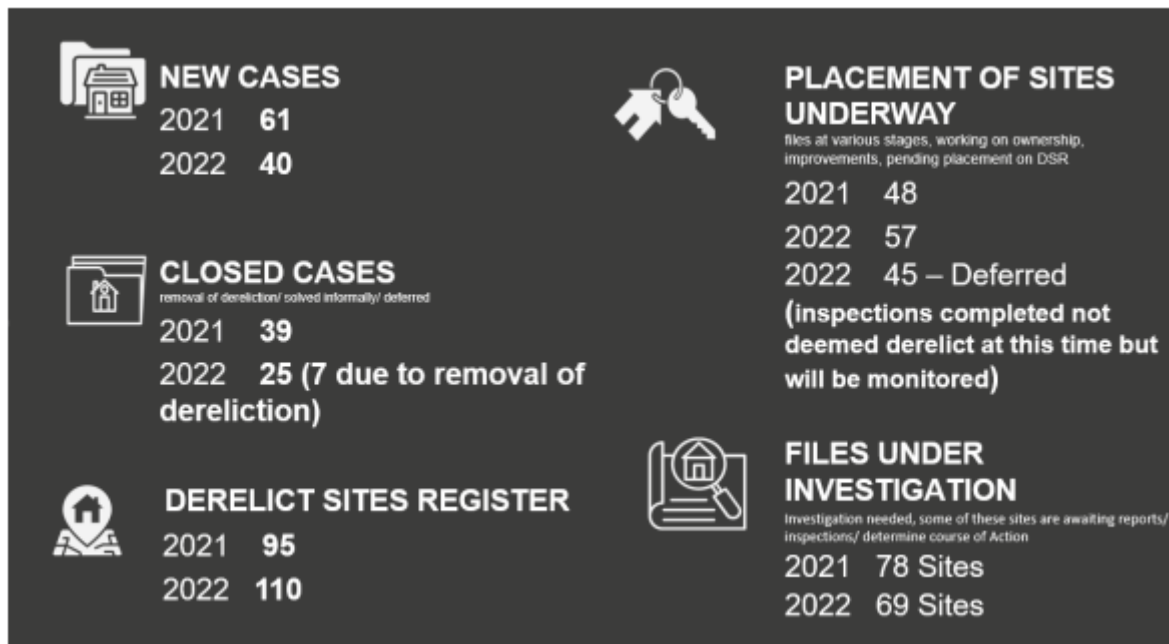
16.4.5 **STRATEGY TO REDUCE DERELICTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 10th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on the progress of its strategy to reduce dereliction, including the purchasing of derelict properties and the application of the vacant sites levy and derelict sites levy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/414)

The report stated that Cork City Council is currently working with a portfolio of almost 300 properties currently within the section at various stages, from inspections, reinspection's, engagement with owners, planning permissions etc. There are 110 sites on the derelict sites register.



16.4.6 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE NORTHSIDE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the joint report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development and of Head of Finance, dated 7th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council address the imbalance in funding allocations for the Northside and Southside of the City in terms of the following:

- Urban Regeneration & Development Fund
- Sustainable Transport Funding
- TII Grant Allocation for National Roads
- Active Travel 2022 Scheme

Council to ensure it examines the significant opportunities on the Northside of the City for such funding schemes which can unlock the potential identified in the Draft City Development Plan.’

‘Go rachaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí i ngleic leis an éagthroime maoinithe do Thuaisceart agus Deisceart na Cathrach i dtaobh;

- Ciste Athnuachan agus Forbairt Uirbeach
- Maoiniú d'Iompar Inbhuanaithe
- Cionnroint Deontas BIÉ do Bhóithre Náisiúnta
- Scéim Taisteal Gníomhach 2022

Go gcintíonn an Chomhairle go scrúdóidh sí na deiseanna suntasacha i dtuaisceart na Cathrach do na scéimeanna maoinithe sin a nochtfaidh an poitéinseal a d'aithin Dréachtphlean Forbairt na Cathrach.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/092)

The report stated that Cork City Council’s Capital Programme from 2017 – 2026 is c.€851,700,000. Between 2017 and 2021 a total of c.€293,900,000 was spent by Cork City Council. This is projected to increase to €557,800,000 in the period 2022 -2026. This funding will see investment in housing, amenities, culture and community services, and transport. It will represent increased investment in the urban towns and neighbourhoods across the city along with regeneration of key areas in Cork City Centre and the Cork Docklands. The expenditure underpins the objectives of Cork City Development Plan 2022 -2028. The City Development Plan provides a framework for the population of the city to increase from 210,853 people in 2016 to 263,602 people by 2028. According to the 2022 Census the population of Cork City is 222,333.

Spend By Area

Table 1 below sets out a breakdown of expenditure by area.

Table 1			
Total Forecast Capital Spend in Cork City by Area 2017 - 2026			
Area	2017 – 2021	2021 – 2026	Total Spend
	€	€	€
City Centre	38,970,637	103,730,353	142,700,990
Docklands	9,000,000	105,600,000	114,600,000
North East & North West LEAs	113,760,946	153,908,410	267,669,356
South East, South Central & South West LEAs	132,158,955	194,554,126	326,713,081
Total	293,890,539	557,782,888	851,683,427

Note: The figures for the North East, North West; the South East, South Central and South West LEAS excludes Capital Expenditure in the City Centre and the Cork Docklands.

Spend Per Capita A more accurate basis for assessment of distribution of capital investment is spend per capita. In 2016, the most recent year that the population figures at this level are available, there was a total of 24,400 people living in the City Centre and in the Cork Docklands. It is accepted that the city centre performs a function for all residents of Cork and is the Southern Region of Ireland and the Docklands is a significant medium term regeneration project that will benefit from Exchequer funding. Therefore, the table below provides an analysis of the capital spend per capita in the North East and North West Local Electoral Areas (LEAs), compared with the South East, South Central and South West LEAs, excluding Cork City Centre and the Cork Docklands.

The total spend in all LEAs, excluding Cork City Centre and Cork Docklands between 2017 and 2026 is forecast to be in the order of €594,000,000. This will represent a capital spend per capita of €3,192 across all remaining areas. The capital spend per capita in the southern LEAs will be €2,835 while the capital spend per capita in the northern LEAs will be €3,772.

Table 2			
Per Capita Spend 2017 - 2026			
Area	Total Spend 2017 – 2026 €	Population 2016	Spend Per Capita 2017 - 2026 €
North East & North West LEAs	267,669,356	70,954	3,772
South East, South Central & South West LEAs	326,713,081	115,262	2,835
Total	594,382,437	186,216	3,192

Note: This table excludes Capital Expenditure in the City Centre and the Cork Docklands. This analysis focusses on capital expenditure.

Future Plans & Partnerships Cork City Council will continue to work with a range of Government Departments and State Agencies to advance the objectives of the City Development Plan. This includes TII, NTA, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage etc. By way of example, Irish Rail are currently advancing plans to develop rail link to serve suburban rail from Midleton / Cobh to through the North East and North West Local Electoral Areas. Cork City Council will be preparing regeneration plans for areas throughout the City. These plans will outline investment needed in specific neighbourhoods and districts, which will enable them to be ready for the relevant funding streams as they become available.

17. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 18th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 18th October 2022.

17.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Housing Progress Report.

17.2 **INSPECTION OF PRIVATE RENTED DWELLINGS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th October 2022, on the inspection of private rented dwellings.

17.3 **RELIGIOUS ORDERS PROPERTY/LAND AVAILABILITY**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th October 2022, on Religious Orders land/property availability.

17.4 **MOTIONS**

17.4.1 **CITY CENTRE SITES FOR BUILDING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the Housing directorate identify five city centre sites for the building of social and affordable mid-rise apartment blocks focused on the provision of family units given the absence of interest by the private market in filling the obvious need so that people who work in the city can live in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 22/113)

The report stated that Cork City Council’s Housing Directorate continues to identify and assess several city centre brownfield sites for the provision of both social and affordable housing through the ‘Competitive Dialogue’ process to assist with its programme of housing delivery up to 2026 as set out in Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland.

Where planning permission has not been pre obtained, such projects will be presented to the elected members of Cork City Council for approval via Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

The Housing Directorate is also working with the Property Department in the Council to identify any suitable vacant City Council owned sites in the City Centre or derelict sites on the Derelict Sites Register or under review that could be acquired by compulsory acquisition if appropriate which could be used to develop housing.

17.4.2 **TENANCY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 13th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘I call on Cork City Council to appoint, as a matter of urgency, a number of tenancy enforcement officers to deal with breaches of the tenant handbook by a minority of tenants. This handbook is a legal contract signed between Cork City Council and their tenants and requires enforcement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/267)

The report stated that a proposal for the recruitment of two Tenancy Compliance Officers has been put forward for approval in the Budget 2023 process as there is no existing funding available for such staff. If the proposal is approved, sanction for the filling of the two vacancies will immediately be sought from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. If the approval is received, it would be hoped that a recruitment campaign could begin to have successful candidates in place before the end of Q2 2023.

18. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 11th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th October 2022.

19. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 7th NOVEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 7th November 2022.

19.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

19.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO END OF SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to the end of September 2022.

20. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th October 2022.

21. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 24th October 2022.

21.1 **MOTIONS**

21.1.1 **FOOTPATH & PUBLIC LIGHTING ON WATERFALL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, dated 20th October 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would seek funding to provide a footpath and public lighting on the Waterfall Road (at the rear of Marymount Hospice) as far as Ballymah GAA pitch and ideally extended to Heatherfield Estate.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Cahill, Cllr. G. Kelleher 22/402)

The report of the Director of Services advised that Cork City Council will undertake an assessment of the existing road facilities on Waterfall Road to determine if enhanced infrastructure such as footpaths, public lighting etc is required. The assessment will examine the section of road between Marymount Hospice and Ballymah GAA Pitch. The potential for grant funding will be explored with the National Transport Authority for any facilities deemed necessary.

22. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th October 2022.

23. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th October 2022.

24. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th October 2022.

25. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

26. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None to note.

27. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir T. Tynan – Cork/Kerry Regional Health Forum – 2019-2022.
- Comhairleoir L. Bogue – National Sculpture Factory – Q2 and Q3 2022.
- Comhairleoir G. Keohane – Mayfield Sports Complex – 2019-2022.
- Comhairleoir P. Dineen – Cork Local Drug Task Force and Cork International Film Festival + Board of CORE – Q1, Q2 and Q3 2022.

28. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

29. **TRAINING**

None received.

30. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Reports for September 2022.

31. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

An Chomhairle agreed that motion 31 - Traffic Changes in the City Centre would be referred Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee instead of South Central Local Area Committee.

An Chomhairle further agreed that motion 40 - Strategies to Deal with Congestion would be referred Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee instead of South West Local Area Committee.

32. **MOTIONS**

32.1 **SLIPROAD FROM DUNKETTLE TO THE M8**

The following motion was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle on 12 December 2022.

‘Dear Cork City Council would it be possible please to contact the NTA and ask them to reopen the slip road which was closed recently leading from Dunkettle on to the M8 motorway. Since the road closure traffic through Glanmire is gridlocked and causing major delays. The alternative route through Little Island is not working and the closure of the slip road is premature and should be closed on completion of the Dunkettle interchange.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 22/454)

32.2 **ST. VINCENT’S SECONDARY SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle advised that Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald withdrew the motion as decision to amalgamate the schools was overturned.

‘Cork City Council calls on the Trustees of St. Vincent’s Secondary School to consult and listen in a meaningful way with the students and parents who wish to remain in an all-girls secondary school and must pause the current proposal to amalgamate the school until the voices of the students, parents, teachers and staff are heard so that they can avail of equal educational opportunities that meets their needs, and to send a copy of the motion to the Minister for Education for her attention and response.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. D. Boylan, Cllr. F. Ryan 22/463)

32.3 **SHELTERED BUS STOP AT ST. LUKE’S**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the provision of an adequately sheltered bus stop for southbound public transport users at St Luke's Cross; and will write to the National Transport Authority on this matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/467)

32.4 **RESTRICTIONS ON THE HSE NATIONAL HOME BIRTH SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting the dissention of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin and an tArdMhéara:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Health and ask him not to implement the recommendations of the National Women & Infants Health Programme (NWIHP) to impose restrictions on the HSE National Home Birth service. The recommendations currently being proposed would arbitrarily remove the choice of having a home birth for women and families living outside a 30 minute travel time to their nearest maternity hospital. The midwifery led HSE Home Birth service has been operating safely at distances greater than the proposed 30 minute radius for over 20 years.’

(Proposers: Cllr. G. Kelleher, Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. E. Ryng 22/480)

32.5 **SUPPRESSION OF PROTESTS IN IRAN**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence, Simon Coveney, to continue to press Iran to end the violent suppression of protests. The protests have continued since the death of a young woman, Masha Amini, while in police custody.

Council believes the response of the Iranian authorities to the protests has been completely disproportionate and calls on Minister Coveney, on behalf of the Government and the Irish people, to lobby internationally for an independent inquiry to determine what caused the death of Masha and to ensure that those responsible are held to account.’

(Proposers: Cllr. F Kerins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. E. Ryng 22/486)

On the proposal of an tArdMhéara, seconded by Cllr M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence, Simon Coveney, to continue to press Iran to end the violent suppression of women and protests. The protests have continued since the death of a young woman, Masha Amini, while in police custody.

Council believes the response of the Iranian authorities to the protests has been completely disproportionate and calls on Minister Coveney, on behalf of the Government and the Irish people, to lobby internationally for an independent inquiry to determine what caused the death of Masha and to ensure that those responsible are held to account.’

32.6 **VACANT COUNCIL HOMES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Finance and requests that this Council keeps the LPT it pays for council homes for 2023 and uses it to turn around vacant council homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/490)

The Chief Executive, A. Doherty, advised that she will clarify the position of Cork City Council and Local Property Tax with the Chief Financial Officer, J. Hallahan and will revert back to Comhairleoir J. Maher before proceeding with this motion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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