

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Ms. J. Gazely, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Goulding Family on the death of Mark Goulding.
- The Maguire Family on the death of Ruth Maguire.
- The Bullock Family on the death of Lauren Bullock.
- The Barnard Family on the death of Morgan Barnard.
- The Currie Family on the death of Connor Currie.
- The O'Leary Family on the death of Kitty O'Leary.
- The Ryan Family on the death of Declan Ryan.
- The Lyons Family on the death of Kieran Lyons.
- The Aherne Family on the death of Shawn Aherne.
- The Cramer Family on the death of Seamus Cramer.
- The McGee Family on the death of Eily McGee.

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

- Bishop Paul Colton celebrating 20 years since he was ordained by Bishop of Cork Cloyne & Ross.

- Staff of Cork City Council on their involvement in the organisation of St. Patrick's Weekend events.
- Staff of the Lord Mayor's Spring Charity Ball 2019.
- The 158 Patrick's photographed on St. Patrick's Bridge.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No Items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CORK MULTIFUNCTIONAL EVENT CENTRE**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Chief Executive dated 25th March 2019 on the Cork Multifunctional Event Centre.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th March 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HOME LOAN SCHEME**

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

How much money has Cork City Council been allocated from the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.

How many mortgage applications from first time buyers have been granted by Cork City from the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme.

How many mortgage applications from first time buyers have Cork City received but have been put on hold because of a lack of funding of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Fund

How many more mortgage applications are in the process of being completed.

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

- 1 The Council has not been notified yet with regard to the 2019 allocation of funding from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government in connection with the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.
- 2 Cork City Council has approved/provisionally approved 36 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan applications.

- 32 Provisional Approvals have been granted
 - 2 Rebuilding Ireland Loan Offers have been made.
 - 2 Rebuilding Ireland Loans have been issued.
- 3 Cork City Council has not placed any Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan application on hold.
- 4 At present, Cork City Council is processing 43 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan applications of which:
- 5 applications are with the Housing Agency
 - 5 applications are with Cork City Council Credit Committee
 - 3 applications are with Cork City Council Appeals Committee
 - 10 applicants have been requested to submit additional information
 - 20 applications are currently being processed by the Housing Loans and Grants section of the Council.

B. Geaney,
 Director of Services,
 Housing & Community Services.

6.2 **NEW RESPOND BUILDING ON DUBLIN STREET, BLACKPOOL**

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

Can the CE confirm when residents are going to be accommodated in the New Respond Building on Dublin Street, Blackpool as the building appears to be complete for some time.

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

The Council understands that all allocations and assessments have been completed on all applicants nominated by Cork City Council to Respond, the AHB with responsibility in this case. We understand that a commissioning certificate for the lift is due in the coming week, and pending receipt of same, Respond anticipates that the facility will be certified for use and then be occupied within the next month.

B. Geaney,
 Director of Services,
 Housing & Community Services.

6.3 **ESTATES TO TAKE CHARGE AS PART OF HOUSING LOAN**

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

Can the CE outline the estates that the City Council will take in charge as part of the €1 Million Housing loan, a timeline for same and what are the benefits to the residents of the estates involved?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The Council has allocated a budget of €1,350,000 to be expended on an infrastructural and public realm programme of works on a series of social & affordable housing estates not yet formally 'taken in charge' by Cork City Council, a term normally used for private residential developments. There are a total of 34 existing Council social & affordable housing estates covered under the proposed programme of works and these estates are listed in the attached schedule in no particular order. The Project involves intensive engagement with a range of stakeholders, which is currently underway, including major utility providers. Once the initial scoping process is completed, a programme of works will be implemented. This process is currently underway. It is anticipated that in certain cases substantial engineering works will be carried out to the infrastructure and public realm. The communities concerned will benefit by way of improved more sustainable services and infrastructure combined with safer and more functionally maintained public spaces and neighbourhoods.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

CORK CITY COUNCIL ESTATES TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE		
NO.	ESTATE	NO. OF UNITS
1	Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel	287
2	Assumption Villas, Blackpool	7
3	Ballincurrig Court, Douglas	39
4	Ballinsheen Mews, Mahon	13
5	Buckley's Meadows, Blackrock	43
6	Casey's Land (Green Park), Blackrock	100
7	Chapel Field, Gurrabraher	46
8	Cherry Lawn, Blackrock	56
9	Coppingers Acre, Bantry Park Road	74
10	Corrin Close, Glen Avenue	16
11	Cushing, Farranree	54
12	Deermount, Deerpark, Greenmount	29
13	Elderwood, Boreenmanna Road	154
14	Fairfield Court, Fairfield	13
15	Ferney Grove/Castle Close, Mahon	15
16	Glenview Park, The Glen	54
17	Hollyhill Heights	28
18	Ilen Court/Gardens, Deanrock	8
19	Kilbrack Gove, Skehard Road	37
20	Knocknaheeny Block D	123
21	Market Gardens, Togher	72
22	Milestream, Shanakiel	32
23	Mount St. Joseph's Avenue and Drive, Gurrabraher	42
24	Mount St. Joseph's Heights,	30

	Gurranabraher	
25	Mount St. Josphe's Close (Phase 2), Gurranabraher	12
26	Rossalee Close, Mayfield	12
27	St. John's Well, Fair Hill	7
28	Seminary Court, Blackpool	31
29	Sprigg's Road, Gurranabraher	43
30	Sunvalley Drive (Glenavannig)	51
31	Susie's Field, The Glen	107
32	Stoneridge, Shanakiel	30
33	The Close, Mahon Drive, Mahon	8
34	Tory Top Road (Hyde Park)	51
	TOTAL	1724

6.4 **ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE CEREMONY**

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

Can the CE please advise Council of the total cost of the opening events around the St. Patricks Bridge ceremony on March 16th 2019, with a breakdown between cost of security firm, security barriers, entertainment back at City Hall après event and also cost, if any, of the buses.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Breakdown of costs for 178 invited guests are as follows:

Safety Barriers at St. Patrick's Bridge	€743
Marshals at St. Patrick's Bridge	€944
Bus Hire (Bus Éireann)	€100
Reception	€3,009

Above costs are inclusive of VAT and subject to invoice. Miscellaneous costs including printing of invitations, setup, marshals at City Hall, ribbon, etc for ceremony, €1,541. The related temporary closure of St. Patrick's Bridge facilitated both the ceremony to mark the completion of refurbishment work on St. Patrick's Bridge and the "158 Cork Paddys" event on St. Patrick's weekend.

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

6.5 **RESURFACING BRAMPTON COURT, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

When the road resurfacing at Brampton Court, Bishopstown will be recommenced and completed?

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

REPLY

Road patch repairs were completed in 2018 as required. There are no plans at present to carry out further works in Brampton Court. The area will be reassessed again to check for signs of deterioration, and will be prioritised accordingly for further works if necessary.

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

6.6 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT HIGHFIELD AVENUE AND HIGHFIELD WEST, COLLEGE ROAD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 8th April 2019:-

Because of the huge amount of traffic using these roads and the resultant congestion, a one way system urgently needs to be installed in Highfield Avenue and Highfield West, College Road. The traffic congestion on both of these roads is extremely hazardous and measures need to be taken to deal with this problem, especially for health and safety reasons as emergency vehicles would find it difficult to access the area quickly. Would it be possible to carry out this work ASAP?

Would it be possible to have an overall traffic management plan prepared and one way systems installed as appropriate for this entire area, bearing in mind the almost parallel roads Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and College Road and also cross sections.?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

6.7 **COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEW COMMUNITIES DURING TRANSITION**

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

Can the C.E. inform the Council of what communications have taken place during the transition and will take place into the future with the new communities that will be coming into the city after June.

Particularly the communities in the large satellite towns like Ballincollig and Glanmire.

Have meetings already taken place or are there proposed meetings in the calendar going forward?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

We have been working with Cork County Council for the past number of months to develop a comprehensive Communications Plan and public information campaign in

relation to the upcoming Boundary Extension. This plan involves a number of targeted actions which will ensure that all stakeholders in the Transition Area are fully briefed regarding the transfer process.

The first action in the communications plan involves the distribution of 35,000 information leaflets to residents and businesses in the transition area during the first and second weeks of April. This will be followed up in the second half of April with targeted individual letters to specific customers e.g. housing tenants, housing applicants, service users etc. which will provide detailed information to them regarding the impact the boundary extension will have on them personally.

A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) are also being drawn up by both Local Authorities. These will be available on both Authorities websites as of and from early April. These will provide an invaluable resource for residents, communities and businesses in the transfer area and will provide significant detail on specific questions and queries. It is anticipated that these documents will be added to and refined as additional questions and queries are received from the public.

The City Council will also undertake a wider public information campaign aimed at all citizens and businesses in the expanded City, both new and old. This will focus on the new city going forward and the very significant opportunities that are presented by both the expanded boundary and the ambitious targets set out in the National Development Plan, Ireland 2040.

Obviously all information detailed above will also be issued directly to elected Members to ensure that they are kept informed at all times.

Over the past number of months individual Directorates in Cork City Council have been, in conjunction with their counterparts in the County, been meeting with community groups, representative organisations, tidy towns organisations etc. in the transfer area. These meetings have proved very beneficial and have begun the process of relationship building between the new communities/businesses and the City Council.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Transition Directorate

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th MARCH 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 19th March 2019.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 28th February 2019.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle to write to Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to outline the issues that arise out of the lack of central government funding for Cork City. There is a serious lack of funding for Cork City, which is being promoted as a second tier European City. If Cork City is to become a second tier European

City, significantly more central government funding needs to be forthcoming for roads, housing and general public infrastructure.

7.2 **AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the audited Annual Financial Statement 2017.

7.3 **CONSIDERATION BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2017 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS REPORT ON THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (SECTION 121 REPORT)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Local Government Auditor's Statutory Report on the Audited Annual Financial Statement 2017 and the Audit Committee's Report under section 121.

7.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Report 2018.

7.5 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Charter.

7.6 **AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2019.

7.7 **AOB**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed that the Lord Mayor should forward formal letter of agreement to Cork City participating in the Implementation Framework for Phase VII (2019 – 2024) of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network on goals, requirements and strategic approaches.

8. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 11th MARCH 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 11th March 2019.

8.1 **DRAFT BYE LAWS FOR THE SEGREGATION, STORAGE AND PRESENTATION OF HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL WASTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following changes to draft byelaws for the segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste:-

1) **Heading 1: Interpretation and Definitions**

In the definition of designated bag collection area the word “directly”, after the word

purchased, was deleted so that the definition now reads:

“**designated bag collection area**” is an area designated by Cork City Council in accordance with Article 20 of the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 where waste or recycling can be presented and collected in branded prepaid bags purchased from authorised waste collectors. Cork City Council may designate areas where only waste or where only recycling or where both recycling and waste may be presented and collected.”

2) Heading 5: Use of Waste Containers on designated waste collection day

In Paragraph (b) the word “directly”, after the word purchased, was deleted so that the paragraph reads:

“(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply where kerbside waste is collected in branded prepaid bags, purchased from an authorised waste contractor, in an area designated by the Council as a designated bag collection area.”

3) Heading 6: Collection Times and Container Removal

In paragraph (a) the time of 9.00pm has been changed to 6.00pm so that the paragraph now reads:

“Outside Cork City Centre, a holder shall not present kerbside waste for collection before **6.00pm** on the day immediately preceding the designated waste collection day”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

In the matter of the proposed Cork City Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2019 and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the Director of Services Report dated the 22nd day of February 2019 and having considered the written submission with respect thereto, it is hereby resolved to **make** the Cork City Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2019 in accordance with the draft attached hereto”

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 8 p.m.

8.2 CORK CITY COUNCIL’S POSTERING POLICY

An Chomhairle considered the following additions to be inserted into the current Protocols regarding recent postering applications:-

- 1) Applications from registered charities promoting events (which charge entry fee) will be considered on a case by case basis and permission for a limited number of postering may be granted.

- 2) Posters/Notices having the potential to cause reputational damage to individuals, organisations or to the City are prohibited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Cunningham, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the amendment to the current protocols to include the word ‘private’ before ‘individuals’ in (2) to read as follows:-

- 1) Applications from registered charities promoting events (which charge an entry fee) will be considered on a case by case basis and permission for a limited number of posters may be granted.
- 2) Posters/Notices having the potential to cause reputational damage to private individuals, organisations or to the City are prohibited.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th MARCH 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional committee from its meeting held 19th March 2019.

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending February 2019.

9.2 **PART 8 REPORT ON UPGRADE TO ST. MARY’S HEALTH CAMPUS JUNCTION, BAKER’S ROAD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on Part 8 Report on the upgrade to St. Mary’s Health Campus Junction, Baker’s Road.

9.3 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INTERVENTIONS – MAGAZINE ROAD SECTION 38**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 regarding report on Section 38 Pedestrian Safety Interventions – Magazine Road.

9.4 **MICK BARRY ROAD SECTION 38**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 regarding report on Section 38 Mick Barry Road.

9.5 **RESURFACE STEPS AT CASTLEVIEW TERRACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can the steps leading to Castleview Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road be resurfaced to ensure that they are level and safe to walk on.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/040)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the steps will be inspected and repairs will be carried out to improve the safety of the steps for the local residents.

9.6 **GREEN AREAS TO PARKING AROUND TOGHER FAMILY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would incorporate green areas to parking around the Togher Family Centre when they are doing the Traffic Management Plan for the whole of the Deanrock area when the new development is complete.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/047)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is currently no budget available for converting green areas to parking areas. There are no plans at present to provide further parking at this location apart from the parking being provided as part of the Deanrock development.

9.7 **HEALTH AND SAFETY ON BLACKROCK RAILWAY WALKWAY AND CYCLE PATH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask that Cork City Councils Roads & Transport Dept. will address the issue of health and safety on the Blackrock Railway Walkway and Cycle path that links up to the Estuary walk near Blackrock Castle. It has come to light that individuals who use the amenity do not adhere to walking on the left hand side so that others such as cyclists and joggers can pass on the right hand side. This can and has led to aggressive verbal incidents which could be avoided if everyone had a clear understanding as to which side of the pathway/cycleway in which to walk, cycle and jog. There is currently only one small sign at the start of the walk that gives direction on the priority and I ask that more signage be put in place so that it is clear to all that walking should be on the left hand side and cycling and jogging be on the right hand side.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 19/050)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this matter will be addressed as part of the upcoming Passage to City Centre Greenway Widening and Enhancement Project which will be going to Part 8 planning in the second quarter of the year. The project aims to

widen the greenway from three metres to five metres which will facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians & cyclists. It also includes proposals for new access ramps, public lighting etc.

9.8 **SAFETY OF FOOTPATHS IN TURNERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Following a recent safety forum meeting for the Turners Cross area residents expressed concerns that footpaths in their area are a source of danger to the elderly residents.

The footpaths in question are:-

- (1) Outside Turners Cross soccer pitch at the main gateway entrance immediately north of the turn styles.
- (2) At the junction of O'Connell Ave. and Father Mathew Road. This repair was requested 6 months ago and it still remains in a dangerous condition.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. F. Kerins 19/051)

The report of the Director of Services stated that these locations will be inspected for repair or possible inclusion in the next footpath replacement programme.

9.9 **FILTER LANE FROM NORTH RING ROAD ONTO BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council install a filter lane to allow traffic to turn right from North Ring Road onto Ballyhooley Road in Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/053)

The report of the Director of Services stated that The Road Design Section is currently preparing a brief for the appointment of a consultant to assess and design the next phase of the Ballyhooley Road Upgrade. The scheme will stretch from the R635 North Ring Road to the link road to Dublin Hill in Ballincolly. Upgrade works to the junction of the North Ring Road and Ballyhooley Road are included in the proposed scheme.

9.10 **SURVEY OF UNUSED ESB AND TELEGRAPH POLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a full survey to identify the unused ESB and telegraph poles, Signage and tree stumps in Cork City and to then organise for them to be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/056)

The report of the Director of Services stated that It is to be noted that ESB and telegraph poles are the responsibility of ESB Networks and Eir (as the designated operator of the original Posts & Telegraphs system) being the Distribution System Operator and fixed line

communications network operators respectively. As the designated owners of the assets, ESB Networks and Eir have exclusive control and responsibility for the associated maintenance and CCC does not have any role or knowledge of the state of these assets. The Transportation Division is at present giving consideration to a survey proposal which would include signage and unused assets of this type will be identified. The matter of tree stumps and any remediation or removal will be referred to the Parks Department.

9.11 **RESURFACE OAK PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Oak Park be resurfaced completely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/059)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Roads are currently being assessed using the Pavement Surface Condition Index rating system. Oak Park will be included in the assessment for possible inclusion in the 2019 Road Resurfacing Programme.

9.12 **FOOTPATHS ON WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council fix the broken and cracked footpaths on the roundabout on Well Road at the entrance to Woodview.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/064)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the location will be inspected for repair or possible inclusion in the next footpath replacement programme.

9.13 **SIGNAGE IN AND OUT OF EGLANTINE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council review the signage in and about Eglantine National School in an effort to create a safer environment for children to cross the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/065)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a recent assessment was undertaken at Eglantine National School and any identified works were completed in January 2019.

The area around Eglantine National School will be re-assessed to identify potential additional road safety signage that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the signage will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

9.14 **PARKING AT BEALE'S HILL, LOWER GLANMIRE HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council survey the area around Beale's Hill, Lower Glanmire Hill if additional parking can be provided for residents a number of whom have mobility issues.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/071)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area around Beale's Hill, Lower Glanmire Hill will be examined to see if additional parking can be provided for residents.

In relation to residents with mobility issues, applications can be made for disabled parking spaces. However there are three (3) conditions which must be adhered to in order to qualify for a disabled parking space, namely:

- A valid disabled parking permit;
- A vehicle registered to the address of the applicant;
- No availability of off road parking.

It should also be noted that a disabled parking space is not 'owned' or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

9.15 **MULTI STOREY CAR PARKING INCENTIVES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'In view of the on-going trading issues being experienced by our City Centre indigenous traders and other traders alike I ask that Cork City Council would abandon all current multi story car parking incentives and introduce a long term parking incentive that will allow for the first 2 hours parking to be free parking from the time of entry up to 3pm on each day. An incentive of this nature would be proactive and would I believe be a huge benefit to all concerned.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/380)

The report of the Director of Services stated that over the past decade the Council has undertaken a number of parking promotions covering the two local authority car parks. The two car parks account for a small portion of the overall car parking provision in the City. The promotions were originally introduced in support of efforts by businesses to increase activity in the quieter periods of the year/day. In more recent times they have become more focussed and they have been progressed as part of a broader suite of measures being undertaken by City Centre businesses and other stakeholders. This approach is considered to have delivered a better outcome as exemplified by the pre Christmas campaign under which the groups represented by CORE progressed a range of initiatives to enhance the City centre activity including late evening shopping, new social media platform, new Cork centred multi store gift cars, additional parking and park and ride services, car parking promotion, Glow festival etc.

Members will also be aware that, while the current approved income/expenditure budget provides for parking promotion it does not provide for permanent discounted measures along the lines proposed. As such, if it is to be considered, it will be necessary to set out and agree the alternative compensatory expenditure reductions necessary to fund a permanent reduction. It would also be appropriate to consider whether the resources in question would be better directed at other initiatives or other desirable interventions and whether these might produce more beneficial outcomes given the fact that the local authority car parks are already the cheapest in the City. Members will also be aware that the issue of parking incentives and the relationship with other initiatives being progressed by stakeholders in the City centre is one of a number of issues currently being discussed at Core.

9.16 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL IN CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That extensive footpath renewal be carried out in Connaught Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/294)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the location will be inspected for repair or possible inclusion in the next footpath replacement programme.

9.17 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BOHERBOY ROAD, SILVERSPRINGS LANE AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council place traffic lights at the following junctions: Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane and Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane as they are extremely dangerous junctions and local residents are finding it impossible to access right onto Silversprings Lane and also access left at peak traffic times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/061)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area in question will be examined to determine the nature of the problems identified and any necessary improvement works. Any recommended works will be put forward for inclusion in the next strategic route improvement scheme in the area. Implementation of recommended works will be dependent on the necessary allocation of funding by the NTA in support of more sustainable travel options.

9.18 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN SILVER HEIGHTS AND BOHERBOY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Invest in a new public lighting scheme in the Silver Heights and Boherboy areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/069)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Roads & Transportation Directorate is currently in the process of assessing the resources necessary to cater for the design and replacement or renewal of residential lighting schemes and the associated electrical services that have exceeded their design lifetime. The areas referred to will be examined as part of the assessment process and will be considered in the determination of the order of priority for undertaking required upgrade works.

9.19 **FOOTPATHS ON HAZEL ROAD, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection of the footpaths on Hazel Rd; Togher particularly around number fourteen with the intention of carrying out immediate repairs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/075)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the location will be inspected for repair or possible inclusion in the next footpath replacement programme.

9.20 **LEVELS OF TRAFFIC ON THE R635, NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated, 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In view of the constantly increasing levels of traffic on the R635 North Ring Road in Mayfield, including large volumes of heavy vehicular traffic, and given that the construction of a proper North Ring Road is still some way into the future, that urgent steps would be taken to protect those pedestrians using the narrow footpath between Tinker’s Cross and Ballyhooly Road and in particular the section of footpath between Boyne Crescent and Ballyhooly Road. In addition to the removal of overhanging brambles and loose stones, that remedial measures be undertaken to prevent soil and other debris from falling onto the footpath from the raised embankment on the southern side of the footpath and to replace the disintegrating concrete railings on the northern side.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/083)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Road Design Section is currently preparing a brief for the appointment of a consultant to assess and design the next phase of the Ballyhooly Road Upgrade. The scheme will stretch from the R635 North Ring Road to the link road to Dublin Hill in Ballincolly. Upgrade works to the North Ring Road from Boyne Crescent to Ballyhooly Road are included in the proposed scheme.

The area will be inspected with a view to improving the safety of pedestrians using the footpath and also to identify the extent of damaged fencing on the northern side of the road.

9.21 **INCLUDE RICHMOND HILL, HARDWICK STREET AND OLD YOUGHAL ROAD IN THE CCMS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Richmond Hill, Hardwick St and the western side of Old Youghal Road between Landsdowne Court and Fever Hospital Steps be included in the CCMS phases 3, 4 and 5 as they will be impacted by the re routing of local traffic under the plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/089)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Hardwick Street is included in the MacCurtain Street Public transport Improvement Scheme (implementation of CCMS 3, 4 and 5). As well as MacCurtain Street and Coburg Street areas the scheme covers North Mall across to Michael Collins Bridge, Merchant’s Quay, Lower Oliver Plunkett Street and Lapp’s Quay. The scheme does not extend to cover the residential areas north of Hardwick Street & St Patrick’s Hill and therefore no changes to traffic flows are provided for in those areas. A primary objective of the scheme is to improve pedestrian connectivity to the schools in the area and this should assist with local traffic at peak times.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th MARCH 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th March 2019.

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for February 2019.

10.2 **SOCIAL HOUSING DELIVERY TARGETS 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th March 2019 in relation to Social Housing Delivery Targets 2019.

10.3 **GALTAN CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th March, 2019 in relation to loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 13, Hansboro, Belgrave Avenue, Wellington Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €200,000 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme, for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 13 Hansboro, Belgrave Avenue, Wellington Road, Cork”.

10.4 **HOME SWAP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the report on the feasibility study of Home Swap Scheme.

10.5 **ONLINE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services, dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would give a detailed report on the workings / success / failures of the Cllrs Online Public Representatives System.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/025)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Online Public Representatives system is an online portal developed by Cork City Council, to provide a more effective and efficient means of submitting representations on behalf of constituents and members of the public. The system was initially piloted in the Housing & Community Directorate and has been live since April 2014. It is in the form of a secure webpage, **publicreps.corkcity.ie**, which allows registered users to access the system to make submissions which can be directed to the most appropriate section of the City Council to review the particular issue in question.

Once the request is submitted, users receive an immediate acknowledgement, which can be printed or copied to be given to the constituent if the user so wishes. It also provides a secure central repository, so previous submissions can be reviewed or reprinted at any time. Cork City Council staff access the system on an ongoing basis to review and download representations submitted, and all items are actioned according to the nature and urgency of the request.

From the launch in April 2014 to December 2018, sixty one public representatives have been granted access to the system and a total of 3,238 representations have been processed. The system is available to Councillors, Oireachtas Members and MEPs who wish to engage with Cork City Council on behalf of their constituents.

To date, the vast majority of submissions (82%) were representations to the Housing Allocations section, with a further 12% relating to Housing Maintenance matters. The full details of representations received are set out below:

Section	Volume of Submissions	% of Total
Housing Allocations	2667	82.37%
Housing Maintenance	390	12.04%
Homeless	102	3.15%
Housing Loans and Grants	24	0.74%
Traveller Accommodation Unit	16	0.49%
Parks & Recreation	15	0.46%

Street Cleaning & Litter Management	9	0.28%
Environmental Pollution	5	0.15%
RAS	4	0.12%
Rents	3	0.09%
Stormwater	3	0.09%

Cork City Council considers the initiative to be a success and would encourage any Members who have not yet engaged with it to contact us to arrange access and/or any support necessary to assist them in use of the system.

10.6 **FLATS AT BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th March 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Regarding Baker's Rd. flats, Cork City Council will:

- Report on work that has and will be done in terms of energy efficiency
- Ensure vacant units are clear of rubbish which have been attracting rodents and causing issues for a number of residents
- Re-engage with residents to determine what improvements are feasible for the area with funding that may be available through the City North West Regeneration SEEP.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 19/048)

The report of the Director of Services stated that currently works are being carried out on Phase I of the Energy Efficiency Apartment Deep Retrofit Programme. A second phase has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for funding consideration. Bakers Road does not form part of Phase I or Phase II. Apartment stock, not included to date, will be reviewed and given consideration for Phase III in the coming months. Whether or not Bakers Road is included in Phase III is yet to be determined. As it is our priority to deliver upgrades under the Apartment Deep Retrofit programme across the City Council apartment stock, no energy efficiency works, save where absolutely necessary to do so, will be undertaken in the interim.

The Housing Maintenance area has, and is, actively working with a tenant to resolve the rubbish issue. The tenant has committed to the removal of same, and we are monitoring the matter. We have also undertaken a number of pest control measures in order to address the rodent issue, particularly at the vacant unit.

The Bakers Road flats do not form part of the ‘Cork City Northwest Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation Report’ (‘Masterplan’) that was adopted by Cork City Council on the 14th November 2011. The current priority is delivery of the Masterplan.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following Correspondence:-

- Correspondence from Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Transition Directorate to Mr. Tom Barry, Oversight Committee regarding the Chief Executive’s Monthly Report for March 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Education and Skills dated 7th March 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment dated 13th March 2019.
- Email from Private Secretary to Minister Bruton dated 20th March 2019.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following Conference/Seminar Summaries:-

- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and F. Dennehy at the AILG Annual Training Conference 2019 at the Longford Arms Hotel, Co. Longford on the 21st and 22nd February 2019.
- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and F. Dennehy at the LAMA Spring Training Seminar 2019 at the Bush Hotel, Main St., Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on the 7th and 8th March 2019.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the Colmcille Winter School, Colmcille Heritage Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 22nd and 23rd February 2019.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for February 2019.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **2019 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the roadway adjacent to the Red Abbey be included in the 2019 road resurfacing programme given the historical significance of this area adjacent to South Parish Church and Nano Nagle Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/001)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.2 **DEVELOPMENT OF TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

‘1) That Cork City Council formulate a three to five year plan for the development of Tramore Valley Park, work to commence immediately to design and source funding for a cycle come pedestrian foot bridge connecting the park with the Grange/Frankfield areas, thus linking the new south central ward. 2) A study to identify the possible connectivity between the park and ride and the park. There are underground walkways, the cost to make these secure. 3) Develop walkways and cycle ways between Douglas and the park. 4) The feasibility of holding concerts there in the future. 5) Proper interaction between clubs schools and the public in park usage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/088)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON THE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council seek traffic calming measures on the Ballyhooley Road, outside Meelick Park and Meadow Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/093)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BALLINCOLLIE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council seek traffic calming measures on the lower part of Ballincollie Road outside Glen Rovers Hurling and Football Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/099)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **DISABLED DRIVERS**

‘That designated disabled drivers be permitted to exit from the disabled parking bays on Academy St. (4), and SS Peters and Pauls St. (2) onto St. Patrick’s Street between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm and that there should be no restriction on disabled persons being dropped off on St. Patrick’s Street between 3pm and 6:30 pm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/105)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.6 **DISHED/SLOPED FOOTPATHS**

‘That City Council would investigate putting dished/sloped footpaths at their entrance gates for people with mobility disabilities to facilitate wheelchairs and ambulance stretchers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **REBUILDING IRELAND MORTGAGE SCHEME**

‘That City Council would give a full report on the Rebuilding Ireland Mortgage Scheme including the process involved, the funding available and the take up in Cork City Council to date.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/114)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.8 **ISLAND ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, MELBOURN ROAD - CROSSING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

‘That this island is very dirty and should be cleaned and kerbs painted (black and yellow) in the interest of road safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P.J. Hourican 19/116)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **FOOTPATH REPAIR, DRAINAGE 1-16 MELBOURN ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That this length of path be repaired including for drainage flooding after heavy rain, leaving the surface slippery and dangerous to pedestrians using same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P.J. Hourican 19/117)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.10 **PROGRAMMES TO HIRE AND TRAIN APPRENTICES**

‘That Cork City would initiate a programme to hire and train apprenticeships to help tackle the urgent shortage of tradespeople in the building sector and that Cork City Council would call on the Minister to also roll out a coordinate programme to tackle the serious shortage of apprenticeships while also reducing youth unemployment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/120)

Corporate Policy Group

16.11 **POLLINATOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council would initiate an education and information scheme under the auspices of the Lord Mayor’s annual visits to primary schools on the importance of bees and other pollinating insects and the dangers posed to them by climate change and insecticides. Such a programme could educate on this issue by encouraging the study of pollinators through fun projects such as the building of ‘bee hotels’ and that the City Council could take a lead on this by not undertaking an insecticide spraying programme this year to give the bees the opportunity to recover from the effects of toxins such as glyphosate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/122)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.12 **ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS ON THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘I propose that this Council will call for stricter enforcement of speed limits on the Old Youghal Road, particularly the section of the road between St. Joseph’s Church and Mayfield Village/Tinkers Cross, which I have described as “an accident waiting to happen”. Since the road widens out beyond the church, many drivers have a tendency to put their foot on the accelerator and some were treating the road as a speedway. Not only is this a busy stretch of road, but it is also an access point to a number of schools, and hundreds of children use it daily. In addition, there is a large cohort of elderly citizens in the area. I have had regular reports of people complaining about cars and other vehicles failing to stop at the pedestrian crossings, which are adjacent to schools, shops and homes. I call on the City Council Roads Department to take appropriate measures to enforce the speed limit on the Old Youghal Road, and to ensure that those exceeding the speed limit or failing to obey traffic lights are penalised for this reckless behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/123)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.13 **DERELICT OPEN SPACE ON REDEMPTION ROAD/ NORTH MONASTERY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the derelict open space at the corner of Redemption Rd. and north Monastery Rd. with a view to bringing the site into use as a green space (possibly in conjunction with local schools as part of the Green Schools Initiative). This may have the effect of reducing illegal dumping on the site’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/124)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.14 **YELLOW HATCHED BOX AT BRAMPTON COURT, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That a yellow hatched box be placed at the end of Brampton Court, Bishopstown to allow residents and emergency services to turn vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 19/125)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.15 **HOUSE/COMMUNITY FACILITY IN DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That the new house/community facility in the Deanrock Estate development be named in memory of the late community activist and former Deanrock Residents Association Tom Sullivan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 19/126)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.16 **CUT GRASS AT KNOCKPOGUE PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that the grass is cut back on the green by the Marian Shrine on Knockpogue Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/127)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.17 **SITE AT FORMER JOHN BARLEYCORN**

‘That Cork City Council immediately acquire the site for sale at former John Barleycorn in order to develop a public amenity and with a view to consulting residents of Glanmire in relation to construction of a community facility on the site of the former historic Inn.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/128)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.18 **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM PROPERTY OWNERS**

‘That Cork City Council seek expressions of interest from property owners who can make empty housing units available to the City Council for short leases, say 6 months, to homeless persons or families. This arrangement could be extended for another 6 months short hold tenancies with those housed supported by the City Council and other agencies to ensure sustainable tenancies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/133)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.19 **FORMER GARDA STATION AT MACCURTAIN STREET**

‘Can the City Council report if there any plans for the long vacant former Garda Station at MacCurtain St., Cork? If not perhaps the Council could engage the Department of Justice to request that building be gifted or made available to the Council for public use, with a community dividend, in a key area of Cork City for tourism, business and other interests. One proposal could be that the building be an offshoot of the Cork Public Museum during the 'Decade Of Centenaries' period which would be significant on a street named after former Ard-Mhéara Tomás MacCurtáin.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/134)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF OPW’S LOWER LEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write again to the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief Kevin Moran to carry out a full independent review of the OPW’s Lower Lee (Cork City) Flood Relief Scheme (as soon as possible), excluding the Morrison Island Regeneration and Flood Defence Project part of the plan. The review should assess if the current OPW plan is the best solution to prevent Cork City from flooding into the future. The review should also report on options for a tidal barrier as well as examining alternative options proposed by campaign groups, members of the public and other bodies which they believe would best protect Cork City from flooding while also retaining the heritage of the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/115)

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that this motion had already been approved by An Chomhairle previously and correspondence regarding same was received from the Office of Public Works dated 24th August 2018. An Chomhairle agreed that Comhairleoir T. Gould would be re-circulated with a copy of same.

17.2 **ADOPTEE IDENTITY RIGHTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘On behalf of Aitheantas, I am calling on Cork City Council to write to Minister Zappone’s Department requesting/demanding that her Department acknowledges adoptee identity rights and immediately allows adoptees access to their own information on health, history and heritage in line with the equality and personal autonomy rights of other citizens and as voted for in two referenda.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/121)

17.3 **REBUILDING IRELAND HOME LOAN SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to clarify the status of request for €600m funding for Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/132)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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