

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT	ArdMhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, T. Gould, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. R. Buckley, Acting Chief Executive. Ms. C. Kelly, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Operations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance.

An tArdMhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O’Mahony family on the death of Sinead O’Mahony.
- The Flahive family on the death of Sergeant Ben Flahive.
- The Coleman family on the death of Ita Coleman.
- The Hayes family on the death of Coleman Hayes.
- The O’Brien family on the death of Pat O’Brien.
- The Gleeson family on the death of Donie Gleeson.
- The Lyons family on the death of Tim Lyons.
- The O’Connor family on the death of Aisling O’Connor.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Mary McCarthy.
- The O’Leary family on the death of Joe O’Leary.

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

- Cork Chamber of Commerce on their 200th Anniversary.
- Vibes and Scribes on winning Best National Book Store.
- Nano Nagle Visitor Centre on winning Best Visitor Store.
- S.A.R.A on the Dragon of Shandon.
- Cork Community Art Link on the Dragon of Shandon.
- Scoil Mhuire on winning Sciath na Scoil 2019.
- Scoil Eoin on winning Sciath na Scoil 2019.
- Scoil Barra on winning Sciath na Scoil 2019.
- Gael Scoil Uí Ríordáin on winning Sciath na Scoil 2019.
- Beaumont Girls National School on winning Sciath na Scoil 2019.
- Nemo Rangers Junior Ladies on winning the County Championship and League.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CORPORATE PLAN 2019 - 2024**

An tArdMhéara advised An Chomhairle that the deadline for submission of Cork City Council's Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 has been extended by the Corporate Policy Group to the first week of February 2020. An Chomhairle approved the extension.

3.2 **CORK LONDON ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of an tArdMhéara at the Cork London Association Dinner Dance to be held, Friday 22nd November 2019.

3.3 **WORKINGS OF COMMITTEES**

An tArdMhéara advised An Chomhairle that the new committee structure is up and running and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis over the coming months.

3.4 **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019 - 2023 STEERING COMMITTEE**

An tArdMhéara advised An Chomhairle that a Centenary Commemoration 2019 - 2023 Steering Committee has been established. He informed members that the draft Cork City Plan for Decade of Centenaries 2019 - 2023 was presented to, and endorsed by the Committee on 29th October 2019. An tArdMhéara thanked members of the Committee for their participation.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **GLOW 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Chief Executive, dated 11th November 2019, on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The event is GLOW 2019.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 14th October 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PUBLIC/DOG WASTE BINS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive:

- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2015;
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- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2017;
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2018; and
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there are in Cork City at present (to include details of how many of those public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers are located in the area which has recently become part of the City as a result of the boundary extension).

(Cllr. S. O’Callaghan)

REPLY

Complete data in relation to litter bins is only available from 2017 onwards and the table below sets out the details of the number, location and type of bins within Cork City Council’s functional area.

2017	Cleansing	Parks	Ballincollig	Blarney	Douglas	Glanmire
Bins	213	163	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Dog Litter Bins	0	11				
Bins with bag dispensers	0	0				

2018	Cleansing	Parks	Ballincollig	Blarney	Douglas	Glanmire
Bins	213	163	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Dog Litter Bins	0	11				
Bins with bag dispensers	0	0				

2019	Cleansing	Parks	Ballincollig	Blarney	Douglas	Glanmire
Bins	218*	163	45	12	14	25
Dog Litter Bins	0	11	19	0	0	0
Bins with bag dispensers	0	0	0	0	0	1

*5 Additional Litter bins were installed in 2 pilot dog walking routes in July 2019. While the public were encouraged to use these bins to dispose of dog faeces all of Cork City Council's litter bins can be used by the public to dispose of dog faeces.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.2 **PART 8 LEHERAGHMORE/LEHENAGHBEG ROAD**

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

Can the CE give an update on the Part 8 for the Leheraghmore/Lehenaghbeg Road Project?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Preliminary designs for the upgrade of roads and footpaths at Lehenaghmore are being finalised at present with inputs from Cork City Council road design engineers and the National Transport Authority. It is anticipated that final Proposals will be ready for publication in Q2 2020 under the Part 8 planning process. Subject to Council approval and funding, the detailed design, land acquisition and project tendering will be progressed thereafter.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.3 **HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH COLLECTION METHODS**

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

Given the growing problem with illegal dumping around the city and surrounding areas, can the CE please provide an update on the progress on the strategy recently implemented by Cork City Council of Door to Door engagement of various residential areas seeking validation of rubbish collection methods of households. Is this strategy showing positive results where implemented and if so what are the plans, if any, to increase the intensity of this strategy moving forward?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

Following on from the introduction of the new waste presentation bye-laws Cork City Council's environment section identified a number of locations, which were highlighted through illegal dumping and customer complaints, in which door to door refuse service checks were carried out.

Area	properties inspected	currently under investigation
Killala gardens	(100 properties)	7
Glenamoy Lawn	(120 properties)	10
Sunday school lane	(19 properties)	9
Orchard Court	(34 properties)	10

Letters were sent to the residents at these locations and staff from both the Environment Department and Housing Department conducted door-to-door inspections at properties which did not respond to the initial correspondence.

As engagement with the residents of these areas took place over a phased period each area is at a different stage of the process.

Overall the response from the resident has been positive. A small number of residents in the areas are still under investigation in relation to compliance with the waste presentation bye-laws and a number of investigations have resulted in fixed payment notices (€75.00) being issued.

The feedback from residents, elected members and housing officers in the areas is that these investigations have resulted in a reduction in the amount of illegally dumped waste in the areas and given the success of these door to door service checks it is envisaged that further checks will be carried out across the city.

In addition to the above there are also ongoing inspections being carried out on an individual basis where issues relating to illegal dumping are highlighted.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.4

PROPOSED WORKS AT TINKER'S CROSS, MAYFIELD

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

Can the CE please give us an update on when the proposed works will commence in Tinkers Cross, Mayfield? This was planned back in 2013 with no works to date?

(Cllr. John Maher)

REPLY

Cork City Council has prepared the detailed designs for an upgrade of the junction. It has also prepared the tender documents for the proposed works. Funding for the junction upgrade has not been secured to date. However, the junction is located on a strategically important route as identified in the Draft Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy and it is hoped upgrade Proposals will attract grant funding in the near future to enable improvement works to be progressed.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.5

VERNON MOUNT HOUSE

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

In August 2016 the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs sent senior Heritage and Architectural Policy Advisors, Martin Colreavy and Dr Freddie Dwyer to inspect the ruins of Vernon Mount House. Mr Colreavy and Dr Dwyer subsequently recommended that steps be taken to preserve the house for its historic and unique architectural value.

In September 2017 Cork County Councillor Marcia Dalton submitted a motion to Cork County Council proposing that Vernon Mount House be compulsorily purchased and that steps be taken to recover the sum of €170,000 from the owner in respect of roof refurbishments carried out by the Council to the house in 2012.

Cork County Council deferred consideration of the Proposals pending receipt of a report on an inspection being carried out by Conservation Engineer, David Kelly.

In October 2017 Mr Kelly delivered his report to Cork County Council.

In March 2018 Mr Kelly's report was presented to the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee, which unanimously recommended that the stabilisation works on Vernon Mount House be implemented.

Having regard to the above, to ask the Chief Executive for an update on the recommended stabilisation works, including details about when said stabilisation works are likely to commence.

(Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan)

REPLY

The strategy in relation to Vernon Mount is currently under review. A meeting is scheduled with the local voluntary group to identify solutions to advance the project. Further updates will be available in due course as the project progresses.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

6.6 **ESTATES IN GLANMIRE NOT TAKEN OVER**

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

Can the CE list the estates in Glanmire which have not been taken over by Cork County Council or Cork City Council in the last ten years?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

Please refer to Table 1 below listing Estates located in the North East Engineering Area of Cork City Council which includes Glanmire which have not been taken in charge (TIC) by either Cork County Council when under their remit between 01 January 2009 to 31 May 2019 or subsequently by Cork City Council since 31 May 2019 to date.

Table 1 Estates with a Taking in Charge Application located in the North East Engineering Area of Cork City Council

Estate Name	TIC Application Date	Local Authority on date of TIC application
Ard na Coille	31/07/2017	Cork County Council
Ard na Greine	16/11/2008	Cork County Council
Ard na Ri	19/08/2009	Cork County Council
Ashwood	10/06/2013	Cork County Council
Castlejane Woods	23/11/2015	Cork County Council
Cuil na Greine, Church Hill	17/04/2013	Cork County Council
Fernwood	12/01/2016	Cork County Council
Lios Rua	23/03/2012	Cork County Council
Springmount Woods	16/07/2018	Cork County Council
Woodville	09/11/2015	Cork County Council

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.7 **WIDENING OF COACH HILL**

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

What is the update in relation to the acquisition of the section of roadway to facilitate the widening of Coach Hill between Belmont (old) and Thornbury View?

(Cllr. Deirdre Forde)

REPLY

The Coach Hill Project is one of a number of proposed improvement schemes that transferred to Cork City Council as part of the City boundary expansion process. A draft preliminary design has been prepared for the scheme and this is currently under review. It is anticipated that, subject to funding being available, Cork City Council would be able to progress the appointment of a consultant to advance the Part 8 planning process over the coming twelve months. Subject to Council approval and funding, the scheme could be progressed through detailed design, tender and construction phases thereafter. The City Council will review the land take requirements to determine if necessary lands can be secured in the interim.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.8 **GLASABOY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update as to why the Glasaboy Flood Relief Scheme in Glanmire has not received Ministerial Consent for the project to start Q3 2019?

(Cllr. Ger Keohane)

REPLY

As part of the consent process through the Arterial Drainage Acts (ADA), the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Glashaboy Flood Relief Scheme must be assessed by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

In August 2018, the Office of Public Works submitted the Proposals for the Glashaboy scheme to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform for formal Confirmation. DPER is currently undertaking the process of environmental assessment of the proposed scheme, in line with legislative requirements under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, which was only recently transposed into Law with respect to the ADA. (The delay in transposition into Law was been the reason for the delay in the Confirmation process progressing). This assessment must be completed before the Minister can grant consent.

The appointment of a Contractor for this scheme will be progressed following formal Ministerial Confirmation.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations

6.9 **ROAD RESURFACING AT HALLDENE ESTATE AND CROAGHTA PARK**

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

Can Halldene Estate and Croaghta Park be assessed for road resurfacing and added to the list for 2020?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

Halldene Estate and Croaghta Park will be assessed for possible inclusion in the 2020 road resurfacing programme.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.10 **LLFRS SOCIAL MEDIA**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what relationship (if any) exists between the operators of the LLFRS social media accounts and Cork City Council, the amount of City Council resources that have been allocated towards the operation of these accounts, and will she comment on the matter?

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

Members will be aware that the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme (LLFRS) is an OPW project being undertaken to protect Cork City from flood and to ensure, in this way, the secure progression of the city into the future. Cork City Council officials have been members of the LLFRS Steering Committee for some time in order to ensure that the scheme delivers high quality public realm, infrastructure improvements and social gain for the city’s development.

Members will also be aware of criticisms levelled against the OPW and its project partners for their lack of comprehensive communication about the details and evolution of the scheme in the past, which has led to a plethora of inaccuracies and misrepresentations about the scheme across a range of media, including social media.

In that context, and in line with calls, particularly from Elected Members, to communicate better to the general public, the OPW and Cork City Council undertook a comprehensive communications strategy earlier this year. To date, the facts presented and the clarifications provided through this communications exercise have been greatly welcomed by the Cork Business Association, Cork Chamber of Commerce, various Developers, the general public, other organisations, members of the Oireachtas, and Elected Members to mention a few. Communication of the factual position through social

media is one element of this strategy, and was essential given the fact that much of the untrue position was broadcast via social media channels.

The City Council and the OPW are committed to continuing this improved level of communication to ensure the facts of the scheme are properly reflected, not only in the best interest of the city of Cork, but to set the record straight when untruths and factual inaccuracies appear in the public domain.

At the conclusion of the communications exercise, anticipated to be when the scheme is submitted to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in the coming months, the costs will be finalised, and borne jointly by the OPW and Cork City Council. To date the cost of the LLFRS social media presence and activity is roughly in the region of €5k, cost of which will be shared among both agencies proportionately.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.11 **VEHICULAR COLLISIONS ON THE N40**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the number of vehicular collisions that have taken place in the year to date, on the N40 between the Dunkettle and Kinsale Road roundabouts?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

The Road Safety Authority compile and publish road collision data for the road network in Ireland. Currently only data up to 2017 is available to Cork City Council.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.12 **COACH HILL ROAD WORKS SCHEME**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the progress of Coach Hill Road Works Scheme, Rochestown? When will plans be presented to the public and funding be put in place?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Coach Hill Project is one of a number of proposed improvement schemes that transferred to Cork City Council as part of the City boundary expansion process. A draft preliminary design has been prepared for the scheme and this is currently under review. It

is anticipated that, subject to funding being available, Cork City Council would be able to progress the appointment of a consultant to advance the Part 8 planning process over the coming twelve months. Subject to Council approval and funding, the scheme could be progressed through detailed design, tender and construction phases thereafter.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.13 **REDUCED SPEED AT ST. FINBARR'S PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if Cork City Council is in the process of reducing the speed from 50km to 30km in St Finbarr's Park and to give an update of any possible traffic calming measures?

(Cllr. Lorna Bogue)

REPLY

St. Finbarr's Park is on the list of areas to be assessed and if deemed appropriate can be brought forward as a possible location for inclusion in the next phase of 30kph speed limit byelaws.

Requests for traffic calming are recorded by Traffic Ops and St. Finbarr's Park is already on the list of requests. Annually Roads Maintenance/Infrastructure bring forward to the Members of the Area Committees all requests for traffic calming and locations are selected by the Members subject to funds being available. St Finbarr's Park can be considered in that context in 2020.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.14 **VITA CORTEX SITE**

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

What is the present status of the Vita Cortex site and has there been any discussions with the owners of the above site?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The Vita Cortex site was placed on the Derelict Sites Register in November 2017. Cork City Council is contact with the owners of the site and understand that they are currently working out details that must be addressed before the site can be sold or redeveloped.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

7. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: COIS COILLE, TIVOLI, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 24th October, 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one two bedroomed unit at 1 Gate Lodge, Cois Coille, Tivoli, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, 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 €249,400 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one two bedroomed unit at 1 Gate Lodge, Cois Coille, Tivoli, Cork”

8. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: 8, ANGLESEA STREET, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 24th October, 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of four one bedroomed units at Coppergate, 8 Anglesea Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, 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 €600,000 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of four one bedroomed units at Coppergate, 8 Anglesea Street, Cork”.

9. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: 13, ST. VINCENT’S PLACE, BLARNEY STREET, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 24th October, 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one two bedroomed unit at 13, St. Vincent’s Place, Blarney Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, 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 €225,500 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one two bedroomed property at 13 St. Vincent’s Place, Blarney Street, Cork”.

10. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: 88A SUNDAYS WELL ROAD & 7A, CONVENT AVENUE, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 24th October, 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of two units of accommodation at 88a Sundays Well Road and 7a Convent Avenue, Sundays Well, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, 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 €450,000 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of two units of accommodation at 88a Sundays Well Road and 7a Convent Avenue, Sundays Well, Cork”.

11. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: 191, AN CAISLEAN VIEW, BALLINCOLLIG, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 24th October, 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 3 bedroomed unit of accommodation at 191 An Caislean View, Ballincollig, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, 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 €264,000 be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bedroomed unit of accommodation at 191 An Caislean View, Ballincollig, Cork”.

12. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 4th NOVEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 4th November 2019.

12.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statements to 30th September 2019.

13. **SPECIAL PARTY WHIPS – 14th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its Special meeting held 14th October 2019.

14. **PARTY WHIPS & PARTY LEADERS – 21st OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips & Party Leaders, from its meeting held 21st October 2019.

14.1 **MOTION REFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 10th JUNE 2019**

14.1.1 **ALTER CORK CITY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘The Standing Orders of Cork City Council are altered as follows:

In 3B.1. (1), after "relating to the business of the Council", insert ", or to a Local Area Committee meeting that he/she is a member of and relating to the business of that Committee".

In 3B.1. (3).vii, after "the Council/An tArdmhéara", insert "or, in the case of a question for reply to a Local Area Committee meeting, An Cathaoirleach of the Local Area Committee".

Delete 4A.2.

In 5C.1.(15), replace all words with "The right of the public and representatives of the media to attend Local Area Committee meetings is subject the provisions of 4A.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 19/213)

The Meetings Administrator advised An Chomhairle on the meaning of the motion referencing Standing Orders. A detailed discussion took place after which, An Chomhairle approved the motion.

14.2 **WORKINGS OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the amended document “Workings of Local Area Committees.”

15. **PARTY WHIPS – 29th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 29th October 2019.

16. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 21st October 2019.

Comhairleoir D. Boyle raised an objection that the report on his motion in relation to Properties on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (19/300) was referred to An Chomhairle for information, rather than for approval, therefore preventing any debate on it.

Comhairleoir D. Boyle requested, and An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee, from where it can be referred to An Chomhairle for approval.

16.1 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO.6 (TRAMORE ROAD/KINSALE ROAD SITE) TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Chief Executive's Report dated 29th October, 2019 on the proposed Variation No.6 (Tramore Road/Kinsale Road).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle further agreed to formally make variation No. 6 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015 - 2021 by adopting the following Resolution:-

'Having considered the proposed variation and the Chief Executives report dated 29th October 2019 and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council as local authority and any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or Ministers of the Government, it is hereby RESOLVED to make Variation no 6 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 under Section 13(6) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).'

16.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO.7 – TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report dated 31st October, 2019 on the proposed Variation to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 to facilitate the provision of social housing, and that the proposed variation will be released for public consultation.

16.3 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA GRANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the grant recommendations in the Director of Services report dated 14th October, 2019.

16.4 **DERELICT SITES POLICY REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report dated 29th October, 2019.

17. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 21st October 2019.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 8p.m.

17.1 **MONTHLY REPORT ON HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing for August, 2019.

17.2 **UPDATE ON HOMESWAP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Housing in relation to an update on the HomeSwap Scheme.

17.3 **MOTIONS**

17.3.1 **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SOCIAL HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee: -

‘All social housing projects supported by capital funding from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government including Part V and Regeneration Housing, deliver an agreed 7% of integrated mainstream social housing units that are wheelchair accessible to an agreed best practice design standard

1. Local Authorities to review their approved social housing lists and identify the number of people/households who require wheelchair accessible housing
2. Every local authority to maintain a register of all wheelchair accessible social housing in their area and occupancy status.
3. In consideration of identified housing needs and emerging needs due to the ageing population the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government directs that all Local Authorities should require every social housing pipeline project to demonstrate at Capital Appraisal Stage the inclusion of a minimum 7% of fully wheelchair accessible housing which would increase based on the approved housing list and the demand in the area’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 19/199)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that Planning Authorities are required, under Section 94 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, to include a housing strategy in their Development Plans which must outline the authorities’ plans for the

existing and future housing needs of the population of their areas. The strategy must include provisions to ensure that a mixture of house types and sizes is developed to reasonably match the requirements of the different categories of households including the special requirements of people with disabilities. Housing strategies must also have regard to relevant policies or objectives of the Government. In that context, and building on the Programme for Partnership Government commitment to meet the housing needs of people with a disability, the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability (NHSPWD) was affirmed in Rebuilding Ireland and extended to 2020 to deliver on this commitment.

In accordance with the vision and strategic aims of the NHSPWD to achieve a coordinated and integrated approach to meeting the housing needs of people with a disability at local level, Housing & Disability Steering Groups (HDSGs) have been established and the Cork Group is co-chaired by the Housing Directors from Cork City Council and Cork County Council. Its membership includes the HSE and disability representatives. A strategic plan is currently being prepared to develop specific local strategies to meet the identified and emerging housing needs of people with special needs in their areas with a view to developing annual targets for the delivery of housing to people with a disability on their housing waiting lists. This plan, along with the annual Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA), will allow the City Council to plan more strategically for the specific housing needs of people with special requirements and will support the delivery of accommodation using all appropriate housing mechanisms.

As part of the preparation of a draft Disability Strategy, the elected members and members of the public will be consulted and afforded the opportunity to make submissions for consideration for inclusion in the shaping of the plan.

Cork City Council has formed a Working Group within the Housing Directorate. The purpose of this group is to provide a delivery pipeline with quarterly reviews to co-ordinate and, where possible, accelerate the delivery of suitable properties including new builds to meet needs of applicants. In order to assess the current demand and future needs nationally and in order to shape policy and funding decisions, the Housing Agency has recognised that the data capture mechanisms currently in place need to be modified.

I am informed that the application for social housing support is due to be modified in the coming months, to include a specific designation for wheelchair accessible/wheelchair liveable accommodation requirements. To facilitate this, the Housing Agency has been working with the Local Government Management Association to modify the iHouse system, the database used by the vast majority of housing authorities, on a national level to ensure that key information is captured systematically.

In summary, the Housing Directorate of the Council will comply with all requirements stipulated by the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government with respect to all capital applications and related appraisals with regard to all new social housing provision in the City. All new housing provision is required to comply with the Building Regulations which stipulate a minimum level of accessibility.

Specifically, the Council has undertaken a range of adaptation works over the years to housing units to make them adaptable to the user in each case and certain new schemes like downsizing/older person's homes have been designed and constructed to be

wheelchair accessible. A particular issue with adaptation/accessibility measures is that they are generally required to be specific to the occupant and their needs; these are often stipulated by an Occupational Therapist and are bespoke in each case. This gives rise to a wide range and related costs of adaptation works. The Council has made exceptional progress on the delivery of adaptation works for its tenants, where required, with the support of the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government in the past three years and this great work is ongoing.

The Housing Directorate is currently taking measures to update its data capture software to report more specifically on accessibility data in the housing stock and to synchronise with the Minister's requirements. This work is taking place as part of a wider planned maintenance data capture exercise on the Council's extensive housing stock.

17.3.2 **RENT PAYMENT CARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council Housing Department consider introducing an easy pay policy to former County Council housing tenants that are now City housing tenants, these tenants have used a pay card on a weekly basis to pay their rent at their local Post Office for many years due to the fact they do not have bank accounts, plus it will support our Post Offices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/209)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that the former County Council housing tenants were circulated prior to 31 May 2019 with a list of options for payment of their weekly rent together with a dedicated phone service to assist the tenants in deciding which payment method might suit them best. The BillPay method of paying rent was not a method of payment offered as this has not been an option available to new City Council tenants for a number of years. The vast majority of tenants have signed up to the alternative payment methods including Household Budget which is a method available to tenants who visit the Post Office to collect their Social Welfare payments. Unfortunately, the City Council no longer has a facility to offer BillPay as a payment method.

17.3.3 **REVIEW OF NORTH WEST REGENERATION PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council reviews the NW Regeneration Project in terms of policy, determining the emerging needs of the residents, in particular older residents moving

homes at an older age. Consider the existing phases with a view to reviewing with the Department the timeframe of each phase and remove red lines that are hindering the needs of residents in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/159)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that the ‘Cork City Northwest Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation Report’ (‘Masterplan’) was adopted by Cork City Council on the 14th November 2011. Funding for delivery is being provided by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (‘DHPLG’) in accordance with the Masterplan. The implementation of the housing delivery is by way of a rolling programme of decant, demolition and construction, whilst having to maintain continuity of service provision such as drainage, the water supply and other infrastructure, which limits flexibility on the timeframe for delivery of each phase. Notwithstanding this, the implementation strategy is under review to determine the best route to delivery given the constraints outlined above and other constraints and submissions will be made to the DHPLG on the basis of the results of this review.

The Masterplan also continues to be under review, via research carried out by UCC, in terms of policy and the needs of all residents. A team of dedicated City Council Project Liaison Officers is in direct contact with all residents in order to keep them informed of progress and to help make the transition to new homes as smooth as possible for the residents.

17.3.4 **UPDATE ON VACANT HOUSING STOCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That an update be given on the current number of housing ‘voids’ on the Council books and a comparison drawn with the total number of voids at year end since 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/171)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that

2009	268
2010	274
2011	269
2012	297
2013	347
2014	375
2015	276
2016	191
2017	184
2018	204
Aug-19	249

It should be noted that the current housing stock is 10,124.

17.3.5 **COST RENTAL HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘Cork City Council will actively promote the provision of cost rental accommodation as a primary form of housing provision.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. Oliver Moran, Cllr. L. Bogue 19/358)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that Cost Rental is housing for rent where the rents charged only cover the cost of procuring, designing, delivering, managing and maintaining the homes and such housing solutions may be provided by Local Authorities, Approved Housing Bodies and the Land Development Agency. As a result, rents in such a tenure will not be driven by market demand as in the private sector and should offer a more stable and affordable form of rent for moderate income households.

The Council’s Housing Directorate has been liaising with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in this regard as part of its ongoing activity and housing programme under the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. The DHPLG envisages that Cost Rental will be a national programme to be delivered at scale in areas of high demand and in an urban setting like Cork City. Provision of Cost Rental housing should focus on areas where housing cost affordability is a challenge for moderate income households. Cost Rental housing could be part of mixed-use, mixed-tenure developments providing high quality residential choices for a range of household needs and encouraging sustainable and diverse communities.

The Housing Directorate understands that the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government has convened a working group involving the Land Development Agency, the Housing Agency and other bodies, to develop the Cost Rental national policy framework, to provide for a sustainable financing structure and to allow commencement of delivery of homes at scale. In May 2019, the DHPLG signed an agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to officially engage them to undertake a research project into Cost Rental on the Department’s behalf. It is envisaged that detailed operational and eligibility criteria for Cost Rental will be informed by this evidence building and policy work.

The Housing Directorate also understands that one of the sites that will be formally transferred to the Land Development Agency, upon its formal setup on a statutory basis, is in Cork at St. Kevin’s. This site is apparently earmarked as being potentially viable for the provision of Cost Rental homes as part of a wider scheme.

The Housing Directorate has been exploring opportunities for Cost Rental as part of its wider programme of housing delivery and supports across the City. It will engage proactively with the DHPLG and its Working Group and also consider the EIB’s research project findings. It will actively consider inclusion of Cost Rental tenure solutions in project opportunities as they proceed, bearing in mind that these require a substantial and different funding regime.

The Housing Directorate will fully support Council policy in this regard and keep the Members informed on matters as they progress. Cork City Council has been to the forefront in housing delivery solutions nationally as part of the Rebuilding Ireland Programme; there is no reason to believe that it should not also excel with Cost Rental housing as this new model evolves nationally. Two Cost Rental Schemes are being planned in Dublin at present. Cost Rental, as a complementary arrangement to existing housing solutions, will take time to develop, funding to get started and continued political and popular support to grow and be sustained.

17.3.6 **COST RENTAL HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That the Housing Directorate compile a viability report for a pilot "cost rental" public housing scheme with an emphasis on apartments in Cork City, outlining what potential barriers they foresee in its implementation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/226)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that the Housing Directorate considers that Cost Rental housing could be part of mixed-use, mixed-tenure developments providing high quality residential choices for a range of household needs and encouraging sustainable and diverse communities. The Directorate has been liaising with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in this regard as part of its ongoing activity and housing programme under the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. The HPLG envisages that Cost Rental will be a national programme to be delivered at scale in areas of high demand and in urban settings like Cork City.

The Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government has convened a working group involving the Land Development Agency, the Housing Agency and other bodies to develop the Cost Rental national policy framework, to provide for a sustainable financing structure, and to allow commencement of delivery of homes at scale. In May 2019, the DHPLG signed an agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to officially engage them to undertake a research project into Cost Rental on the Department’s behalf. It is envisaged that detailed operational and eligibility criteria for Cost Rental will be informed by this evidence building and policy work.

The Housing Directorate will explore opportunities for Cost Rental as part of its wider programme of housing delivery and supports across the City. It will engage proactively with the DHPLG and its Working Group and consider the EIB’s research project findings. It will actively consider inclusion of Cost Rental tenure solutions in project opportunities as they arise, bearing in mind that these require a substantial and different funding model.

All housing projects, as they require funding are subject to a viability report, not least Cost Rental projects as these will depend very much on the ongoing costs of housing provision and the ability to pay rents if solutions are to be sustainable and to gain public support. Of course, notwithstanding the national research being undertaken in this regard by the EIB as funding is key, any project viability report must be site-specific as there are

different variables in each project location and solution and barriers to be overcome as necessary by design or otherwise.

The Housing Directorate will explore opportunities for such Cost Rental solutions from now on either as individual projects or as a component of larger schemes and will take guidance from the DHPLG in its deliberations. It will report to the Members as required in such circumstances as always and will require their support for such projects. It will keep the Members informed regarding progress and viability on Cost Rental schemes and pass on any reports when they become available from the DHPLG / EIB research currently underway.

17.3.7 **OFFERS OF SOCIAL HOUSING TO PERSONS IN HOMELESS SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 17th October, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘Can the Housing Directorate report how many individuals and families in homeless services received an offer of social housing outside the HAP/RAS schemes between the 1st of January 2019 - 1st of May 2019.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/227)

The report of the Director of Housing stated that a total of 52 no tenancies were commenced for applicants in homeless services between January and September 2019. A further 6 offers did not proceed to tenancy in that period.

18. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 21st October 2019.

Comhairleoir D. Boyle raised an objection that the reports on the motions were referred to An Chomhairle for noting, rather than for approval, therefore preventing any debate on the motions.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed that the motions would be put on the agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 9th December 2019.

18.1 **REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

18.1.1 **CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT) BYE LAWS 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye Laws 2017, dated 16th October 2019.

18.1.2 **PARKING BYE-LAWS: DOUGLAS, BALLINCOLLIG**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Operations on Parking Bye-Laws: Douglas, Ballincollig, dated 16th October 2019.

18.1.3 **CORK CITY APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE-LAWS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2016, dated 16th October 2019.

19. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE - 14th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held 14th October 2019.

20. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held 29th October 2019.

21. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held 29th October 2019.

22. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held 29th October 2019.

23. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held 29th October 2019.

24. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 30th OCTOBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held 30th October 2019.

25. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 4th NOVEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Committee from its meeting held 4th November 2019.

25.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of September 2019.

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 31st October, 2019 in relation to the following disposals:-

(a) Disposal of freehold interest in the property situated at and known as “Mount Pleasant”, 4B Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to Noel Hennessy and Kathleen Hennessy, c/o Colm Burke & Co., Solicitors, Washington House, No. 33, Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €76.18 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

(b) Disposal of a plot of ground situated to the rear of No. 23, Gould Street, Cork to Independent Trustee Company Limited as Trustee of Investments Trust 000762, c/o Lillian O Sullivan & Co., Solicitors, No. 96, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €100.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

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

(c) Disposal by way of lease of property at No. 1, Glentrasna Drive, Glen Avenue, The Glen, Cork to Glentrasna Community Preschool Company Limited by Guarantee, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork subject to a rent of €156.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

(d) Disposal by way of lease of property at No. 26, Bridevalley Park, Fairhill, Cork to Cork City Partnership CLG, c/o O’Flynn Exhams Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork subject to a rent of €1,164.80 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

(e) Disposal of a plot of ground situated at Douglas Village Community Park, Church Street, Cork to ESB, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2 with ESB discharging legal fees up to €750.00 plus VAT and reasonable outlay.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

(f) Disposal of a plot of ground situated at Church Road, Douglas, Cork to ESB, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2 with ESB discharging legal fees up to €750.00 plus VAT and reasonable outlay.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

26.

CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 11th October 2019.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach dated 15th October 2019.
- Letter from Transport Infrastructure Ireland dated 29th October 2019
- Letter to the Office of the Taoiseach dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 16th October 2019.
- Letter to the Department of Health dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills dated 16th October 2019.
- Letter to the Minister for Education and Skills dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 16th October 2019.
- Letter from the Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 21st October 2019.
- Letter to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter from the Department for Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 22nd October 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 18th October 2019.
- Letter to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter from Carlow County Council dated 25th October 2019.
- Letter from Westmeath County Council dated 22nd October 2019.
- Email from the National Transport Authority dated 24th October 2019.
- Letter to the National Transport Authority dated 9th October 2019.
- Letter to Mr. T. Barry dated 5th November 2019.

27.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES

An Chomhairle noted Conference/Seminar Summaries as follows:-

- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the AILG Elected Member Induction Training held in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath on the 11th July 2019.
- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, C. Finn and D. Boyle at the IPI Autumn Planning Conference 2019, held in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Dublin on the 4th October 2019.
- Comhairleoirí S. Martin and D. Forde at the AILG Module 4 Training Seminar, The Planning Process, the Elected Member and Office of Planning Regulator held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth on the 12th October 2019.
- Comhairleoirí D. Boyle and C. Finn at the Irish Council for Social Housing Biennial Conference 2019 held in the Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford on the 10th and 11th October 2019.
- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and S. Martin at the LAMA, Autumn Training Seminar 2019 held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 17th, 18th and 19th October 2019.
- Comhairleoirí S. Martin and D. Boyle at the IPA Audit Committee Member Training held in Landsdown Road, Dublin on the 21st October 2019.

- Comhairleoir C. Finn at the Energy Action Fuel Poverty Conference held in Croke Park, Dublin on the 21st October 2019.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB Committee Member Training and Information held in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath on the 24th October 2019.

28. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at Conferences/Seminars as follows:-

- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the Climate and Biodiversity Workshop to be held at the Wood Quay Event Centre, Dublin on the 4th December 2019.

29. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for September 2019.

31. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

On request from Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle agreed to refer motion 19/491, item 44 on Appendix 1, to the Joint Policing Committee instead of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

32. **MOTIONS**

32.1 **JUVENILE LIAISON OFFICER SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Justice to examine the efficacy of the Juvenile Liaison Officer system. Should it be found that the required results are not being met, that City Council calls on the Minister to introduce a more robust and effective method for the control of juvenile crime, including sanction on the parents of the offender.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 19/469)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle approved the motion amended to read as follows, and to refer the amended motion to the Joint Policing Committee.

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Justice to examine the efficacy of the Juvenile Liaison Officer system. Should it be found that the required results are not being met, that City Council calls on the Minister to introduce a more robust and effective method for the control of juvenile crime.’

32.2 **MORE GARDAÍ ON PATROL IN THE CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to An Garda Síochána requesting that more Gardaí are put on patrol in the City Centre. Business owners (who are paying considerable rates) within the City Centre have been in contact with me about the increase in antisocial behaviour. The City has literally become taken over with open drug dealing and drug taking, street drinking etc and this really needs to be tackled as a matter of urgency. Businesses are also left out of pocket due to having to pay private security companies as well as suffering the loss of theft from their stores. We need more Gardaí on the City Centre streets to address this problem. In the same letter to An Garda Síochána request that adequate numbers of new recruits be allocated to Cork City considering the previous ones being reallocated to elsewhere in the country. Would it be possible to be told if, when and how many new recruits will be allocated to Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 19/471)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Joint Policing Committee.

32.3 **NEW HOSPITAL TO BE SITUATED ON THE NORTHSIDE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health requesting that the new hospital planned for Cork would be situated on the Northside of Cork City or Blarney or St. Stephens Hospital, Sarsfield Court, Glanmire.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/475)

32.4 **LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXTRACTED USING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting Comhairleoir K. McCarthy’s abstention:-

‘Recalling:

- The public health and environmental reasons for the banning of "fracking" in Ireland legislated by Dáil Éireann through the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Act 2017
- The declaration of a climate and biodiversity emergency by Cork City Council in June 2019;

- The international scope of adhering to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, reaffirmed in the Climate Charter signed by all local authorities in Ireland, including Cork City Council, in October 2019;

That Cork City Council will write to the Port of Cork requesting that it ends all memorandums of understanding to jointly develop facilities in Cork Harbour to enable the importation of Liquefied Natural Gas extracted using hydraulic fracturing anywhere else in the world and that this letter be copied to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. L. Bogue, Cllr. D. Boyle 19/485)

Comhairleoir O. Moran requested that the typing error “hydrologic fracturing” be replaced with “hydraulic fracturing” for the minute.

32.5 **FUNDING FOR BESSBOROUGH CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion;-

‘That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Health, the HSE and Tusla requesting further information on any agreements between the State and State agencies in providing funding to the Bessborough centre or its operators. Should there have been any agreements related to funding from the State in place, Cork City Council requests further information on how these agreements relate to the sale of the centre and site. Furthermore, should the sale of the site and facility go ahead, Cork City Council will request the State to purchase the Bessborough Centre in order to keep the facility in Public Ownership and to prevent parts of the site, which are significant from the perspective of historical abuse, from being treated inappropriately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 19/498)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Bogue, seconded by Comhairleoir M. R. Desmond, An Chomhairle approved the motion amended to read as follows:-

That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Children, the HSE and Tusla requesting further information on any agreements between the State and State agencies in providing funding to the Bessborough centre or its operators. Should there have been any agreements related to funding from the State in place, Cork City Council requests further information on how these agreements relate to the sale of the centre and site. Furthermore, should the sale of the site and facility go ahead, Cork City Council will request the State to purchase the Bessborough Centre in order to keep the facility in Public Ownership in order to;

- a) to prevent parts of the site, which are significant from the perspective of historical abuse, from being treated inappropriately.
- b) to secure the unique and vital community services that are operating on the site including the only Parent and Infant Residential Unit in the Country, Community Creche, Second Chance Secondary School and Employment Support Services.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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