

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2016, AT 3.00PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor L. Galvin, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Browne, Butler, Collins (J), Collins (M), Costelloe, Crowley, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Gilligan, Gleeson, Hourigan, Hurley, Keary, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, Lynch, McCreesh, McMahon, Mitchell, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O’Dea, O’Donnell, O’Donoghue, O’Hanlon, Pond, Prendiville, Ryan, Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehy, Teefy, Teskey.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor O’Brien.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Social Development (Mr. P. Dowling), Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Economic Development (Mr. P. Daly), Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Customer Services (Ms. J. Cotter Coughlan), A/Director, Service Operations and Change Management (Mr. V. Murray), Director, Limerick 2020 European Capital of Culture Bid Team (Mr. M. Fitzpatrick), Deputy Director, Limerick 2020 Bid Team (Ms. S. Deegan), Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development (Mr. P. Fitzgerald), Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Environmental Services, (Mr. S. Duclot), Meetings Administrator (Mr. C. O’Connor), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.
- (d) Adjourned Meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

Arising from the Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016, some Members expressed their disappointment that the briefing which they had requested with officials in relation to the proposed development at Irish Cement had not taken place. It was noted that the proposed development included both a planning application to the Council and a licence application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In response to issues raised by the Members, the Senior Planner clarified the following:

- Two e-mails had been sent by the Meetings Administrator to the Elected Members prior to the Council Meeting explaining the EPA licence process with guidance documents produced by the EPA and, in particular, information on how the public could make a submission. It was noted that clarification had also been given on the planning process at the Meeting of the Metropolitan District which had been held prior to the Full Council Meeting.
- Two separate legislative provisions applied to the proposed development - namely the Planning and Development Act and the EPA Act.
- Explanation was given in relation to the two processes and how the public could make submissions either to the Planning Authority or to the EPA.
- There was no provision within the Planning legislation for the Planning Authority to facilitate a meeting to allow/provide public consultation on a specific planning application. The legislation indicated that the public should be informed of a proposed development, with the erection of site notices at the site and the publication of a newspaper notice in an approved newspaper. Submissions from the general public could then be received by the Planning Authority for a period of five weeks.
- In relation to the review of an Industrial Emission Licence, this was under the responsibility of the EPA, the Council (the Executive) and the public could make a submission to the EPA.

In response to a query from the Members, it was pointed out that a submission in relation to review of the licence could be made by the Elected Members as a Body and that they could be facilitated in the development of that submission.

## **2. Disposal of Land**

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, concerning disposal of land at Rathmale, Mungret, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);  
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land comprising 150 square metres situate at Rathmale, Mungret, Co. Limerick, to Melvyn Shire and Nicola Shire, Rathmale, Mungret, Co. Limerick, for the sum of €500, subject to the right-of-way being maintained in favour of the other property owners using the access road at present, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, concerning disposal of land between Castletroy Park and No. 7 Beechgrove, Newtown Park, Castletroy, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);  
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 54 square metres of land between Castletroy Park and No. 7 Beechgrove, Newtown Park, Castletroy, Co. Limerick, to Sonia and Noel Nestor, 7 Beechgrove, Newtown Park, Castletroy, Co. Limerick, for the sum of €500, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.”

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, concerning disposal of land at Mungret College, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);  
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 15.98 acres of land located at Mungret College, Co. Limerick, to The Trustees of Mungret St. Pauls GAA Club, for the sum of €191,760 (€12,000 per acre) – the continued licence and use by the Club of Council lands at Rathmale, Mungret, to continue for a further 10 years and to cease thereafter (Mungret St. Pauls GAA Club and Mungret Regional Soccer Club being the current joint licensees of these lands), particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.”

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, concerning disposal of land at Mungret College, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);  
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 2 areas of land measuring 4.05 acres and 4.1244 acres respectively at Mungret College, Co. Limerick, to the Minister for Education and Skills, for the sum of €367,848 (€45,000 per acre), particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.”

### **3. Support Services Directorate**

#### **(a) Filling of Casual Vacancy on Council**

Circulated, report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016, in relation to the filling of the casual vacancy on the Council consequent on the election of former Councillor Maria Byrne to Seanad Éireann.

#### **(b) Filling of Vacancies on Strategic Policy Committees and Other Bodies.**

Members congratulated former Councillor Maria Byrne on her election to Seanad Éireann and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Hourigan, it was agreed to defer the filling of the casual vacancy, and the resultant vacancies on Strategic Policy Committees and Other Bodies, to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, at 9.30 am in the Council Chamber, Merchant’s Quay.

#### **(c) Chief Executive’s Report**

Circulated, Chief Executive’s Reports for the months of March and April 2016.

In the course of a discussion on this item, the Chief Executive and the relevant Directors of Service responded to queries raised by the Members in relation to the following:

- Housing.
- Developments around the City.
- Taking-in-Charge of Estates.
- Rathbane Golf Club.
- New Central Library.

Councillor Keary stated that the Defence Forces played a major role in the 1916 Commemoration and that this should be acknowledged. On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by the Mayor, it was agreed to forward a letter of thanks to the Defence Forces for their contribution, support and participation in the various ceremonies.

The Chief Executive’s Reports were noted by the Members.

**(d) Annual Report 2015**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, together with draft Annual Report 2015.

The Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, stated that the draft Annual Report had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and that it set out details of the various activities of the Council for 2015. He stated that certain functions were required to be included by law and that other functions were included to give an overview of the wide range of activities carried out by the Council. He added that the final version of the Annual Report would be brought before the July Meeting of the Council for adoption.

The draft Annual Report 2015 was noted by the Members.

**(e) Ballyhoura Development Limited**

Circulated, correspondence dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, and further correspondence dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, from the Chief Executive Officer, Ballyhoura Development Limited.

The nomination of 1 Member of the Council to the Board of Ballyhoura Development Limited was being sought as Councillor O'Donnell, one of the Council's representatives on the Board, was due to retire. Councillor O'Donnell was eligible for re-election.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), Councillor O'Donnell was re-appointed to the Board of Ballyhoura Development Limited for a further 3-year term.

**(f) PAUL Partnership**

Circulated, correspondence dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, from the Company Secretary, PAUL Partnership.

The nomination of 1 Member of the Council to the Board of PAUL Partnership was being sought as Councillor Daly, one of the Council's representatives on the Board, was due to retire. Councillor Daly was eligible for re-election.

On the proposal of Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Secas, Councillor Daly was re-appointed to the Board of PAUL Partnership.

**(g) West Limerick Resources**

Circulated, correspondence dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, from the Manager, West Limerick Resources.

The nomination of 2 Members of the Council to the Board of West Limerick Resources was being sought as Councillors Sheahan (J) and Foley, two of the Council's representatives on the Board, were due to retire. Both were eligible for re-election.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Secas, Councillors Sheahan (J) and Foley were re-appointed to the Board of West Limerick Resources for a 3-year term.

**(h) Annual Financial Statement 2015 – Limerick City and County Council**

Circulated, Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, for Limerick City and County Council, together with report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The A/Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate and ICT gave a presentation on the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2015. He stated that the following documents were included in the AFS:

- The Statement of Accounting Policies.
- Income and Expenditure Account Statement.
- Balance Sheet.
- Funds Flow Statement.
- Notes to the Accounts.
- Appendices 1 to 9.

Members were being requested to consider the AFS under Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014).

In his presentation, the A/Head of Finance highlighted the following:

- Sources of Income 2015.
- Revenue Expenditure by Category / Division.
- HAP Transactional Shared Service Hub.

He then outlined the commitments provided for in the AFS 2015 as follows:

- €1.5m for Rural Development Programme – Members committed to providing €2.219m to this programme during Budget.
- €1.2m transfer provided to fund for 3-year ICT Strategy – significant investment required in the ICT infrastructure.
- €0.5m transferred to provide funding for Corporate Building Capital Works.
- €3m legacy insurance commitments now fully provided for.

He then gave an analysis of over-expenditure by Service and outlined the following:

- Comparison of actual versus budget for 2015 and identifying services where actual expenditure was greater than budget.
- This additional expenditure could be summarised into the following categories:

**(a) Expenditure in excess of Budget with matching income**

For example: Service B04 Local Roads – additional expenditure matched by additional income received.

**(b) Expenditure in excess of Budget with no matching income**

For example: Service E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Service – additional expenditure of €173k on Refuse Waiver Scheme.

**(c) Mixture of (a) and (b) above**

For example: Service B03 Regional Road Maintenance and Improvement – Additional expenditure of €1.5m due to additional insurance costs of €900k and the balance matched by increased income.

He then provided information to the Members in relation to the Capital Account and Balance Sheet and said that the AFS as presented was very positive in terms of the following and reflected the efforts and support of Council Members and the commitment of staff:

- Surplus for the year on the Revenue Account.
- Significant debit balances and commitments on Capital Account addressed.
- Insurance legacy provided for.
- €1.5m provided for Rural Development Programme.
- In compliance with General Government Balance (GGB).
- Focused debt collection across all major income headings – significant reduction in arrears.
- Commencement of a number of strategic capital projects.

In conclusion, the A/Head of Finance said that the merger of Limerick City and County Council had shown:

- Economies of scale (Local Authority with €235m revenue account).
- Efficiencies (e.g. back-office costs).
- Opportunities (e.g. HAP Shared Service Centre).

Arising from queries raised by the Members, the A/Head of Finance clarified the following:

- The increase in the level of HAP landlord payments compared to 2014 explained the significant variance in Revenue expenditure.
- Legacy claims - still outstanding claims but these had now been provided for in the accounts.

- Decrease in loan financing as loans were not drawn down last year. In addition, loans were redeemed by the Department relating to Water Services.
- Central Management costs increased as a result of increase in insurance costs, ICT provision, corporate building programme.
- Revenue from land sales was receipted into the capital account.
- Management and operation of Rathbane Golf Course at final stage of procurement process.
- General Government Balance (GGB) was still there and this required the Council to balance the accounts each year.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Leddin;

And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, for Limerick City and County Council, be and is hereby adopted.”

**(i) Additional Expenditure 2015**

Circulated, report from the A/Head of Finance dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, setting out details of additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, including capital transfers.

The A/Head of Finance explained that Members were being requested to authorise additional expenditure over budget for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, including Capital transfers.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;

And Resolved:

“That, authorisation is hereby given, in accordance with Section 104 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to the additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the annual budget for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, including transfers to reserves, as set out in the report from the A/Head of Finance dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.”

**(j) Audit Committee**

**(i) Audit Committee Charter**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, together with copy of Charter for Limerick City and County Council’s Audit Committee.

The report stated that Section 8 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014, set out that the Audit Committee *'shall operate in accordance with a written Charter that shall be adopted by the Local Authority, with or without amendment, and that the Charter shall be reviewed annually by the Audit Committee and the Local Authority.'* It was noted that the Audit Committee Charter had been adopted at Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, and was reviewed by the Audit Committee at meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016, to reflect the appointment of Councillor Joe Pond to the Audit Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Daly;  
 Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;  
 And Resolved:

"That, the Charter for Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee, as circulated, be and is hereby adopted."

**(ii) Audit Committee Draft Work Programme 2016**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, together with Draft Work Programme 2016 for Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee.

The report stated that Section 9 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014, stipulated that the Audit Committee *'shall prepare an Annual Work Programme that shall be adopted, with or without amendment, by the Local Authority'* and noted that the Draft Work Programme 2016, as circulated, had been agreed by the Audit Committee at meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Daly;  
 Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;  
 And Resolved:

"That, the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2016, as circulated, be and is hereby adopted."

**(iii) Audit Committee Annual Report**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, together with copy of the Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee Annual Report, December 2014 to December 2015.

The report stated that in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014, the Audit Committee was required to prepare a report detailing its considerations and findings for the year just expired in relation to all matters within its authority, duties and functions and send same to the Local Authority for

consideration. As the inaugural meeting of the Audit Committee was held in December 2014, the Annual Report circulated for consideration related to the year December 2014 to December 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Daly;  
 Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;  
 And Resolved:

"That, the Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee Annual Report, December 2014 to December 2015, be and is hereby adopted."

**(k) Motion from Irish Congress of Trade Unions**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

The report stated that at the March Meeting of the Council, Mr. David Joyce, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, gave a presentation in relation to the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work. At the Meeting, it was agreed that a draft Motion in support of the Congress Charter would be considered at a Party Leaders' Meeting and then tabled for discussion at the following Full Council Meeting. The ICTU was seeking Council approval to the adoption of the Motion as set out below:

*"The Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work seeks a societal consensus as to what constitutes fair conditions of employment. The charter identifies five key principles which, as a minimum, should be respected by every employer: a living wage, fair hours of work, the right to representation and collective bargaining, to be treated with dignity when at work and fair public procurement. This Council supports and advocates the implementation of the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work."*

On the proposal of Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Daly, the Motion was adopted by the Council.

**(l) Civic Reception**

On the proposal of Councillor Gleeson, seconded by Councillor Daly, and in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, it was agreed to host a Civic Reception on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, at 6pm in the Council Offices, Dooradoyle, to honour the Religious Orders in Limerick which came under the auspices of the Diocese of Cashel and Emly.

#### **4. Limerick 2020**

##### **(a) Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030**

Circulated, report of the Deputy Director, Limerick 2020 Bid Team, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, together with draft *Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030*.

The report stated that a working draft of the Cultural Strategy had been published on-line on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. Following this, a public consultation process was undertaken in order to ensure that the draft Strategy was inclusive of all views. The public consultation process was detailed in the Appendix to the Strategy.

The report recommended the adoption of the Strategy as circulated.

The Members welcomed the Strategy which they stated would be a roadmap for cultural development in Limerick. It was noted that it had been prepared in consultation with the cultural community, Limerick City and County Council, citizens, businesses and voluntary and community organisations across the City and County to ensure sustainable longterm, cross-sectoral commitment. They added that it would set out the Council's ambitions for the advancement of cultural development in Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (J);  
Seconded by Cmhr. Ó Ceallaigh;  
And Resolved:

“That, the Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030, as circulated, be and is hereby adopted.”

##### **(b) Limerick 2020 Bid for European Capital of Culture**

Circulated, report of the Director, Limerick 2020 Bid Team, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, in relation to the 2020 Bid for European Capital of Culture.

The report stated that formal approval was being sought to the second round submission of the Limerick 2020 bid for the designation *European Capital of Culture*. The second submission took on board the comments of the European Jury from the first round. A concept of Embracing Multiplicity had been developed to create belonging as a result of consultation and research.

The report went on to say that the bid would be submitted on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as part of the formal requirements of the bid process. The bid included a cultural and artistic programme along with the Council's capacity to deliver the project. The indicative budget for Limerick as the European Capital of Culture was €37m over 5 years. Formal approval from the Council was being sought to proceed with the submission of the Limerick 2020 bid for European Capital of Culture.

The Director and Deputy Director, Limerick 2020 Bid Team, responded to queries from Members as follows:

- The European Capital of Culture jury would visit Limerick on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, as they prepared to make their final decision.
- A number of events and festivities have been organised for 12<sup>th</sup> July to shine a spotlight on Limerick that day.
- The decision would be made on 15<sup>th</sup> July after 18 months of work by the Bid Team.

In summing up, the Deputy Chief Executive stressed the importance of the role of the people of Limerick in playing their part in the City's 2020 bid.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (J);  
 Seconded by Cmhr. Ó Ceallaigh;  
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the second round submission of the Limerick 2020 Bid for the designation *European Capital of Culture*."

## **5. Economic Development Directorate**

### **(a) Development Contribution Scheme 2016**

Circulated, report of the Director of Economic Development dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, setting out details of proposed allocations from the Development Fund for 2016.

The report stated that in line with Circular letter FIN 03/2009 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the '*Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance*' (GGB)," it was a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contribution total income of €1.75m net (excluding water services infrastructure) had been budgeted for 2016 and the expenditure proposals were set out accordingly.

The monies outlined in the report were to be collected under the various Development Contribution Schemes adopted by Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council and were specific to the area in which they were to be collected. Consequently, €1.4m was proposed to be assigned in the 'old' County area and €0.35m in the 'old' City area.

Eighty-two projects with a value of €27.8m had been put forward for consideration for funding. The Council was in a position to allocate funding to 30 projects/initiatives. The criteria for assessment of projects included: meeting the City/County split, and

apportioning the funds across the Transport, Recreation/Amenity, and Community/Ancillary areas as set out in the various Contribution Schemes.

The €1.75m figure was an estimate based on what the Council believed would be collected from development contributions during 2016.

A sum of €200,000 was to be made available to assist with the taking-in-charge of a number of named housing estates throughout the City and County. That money would be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawdown of bonds in order to bring such unfinished estates up to the minimum standards.

The report went on to outline a number of areas where funding had been allocated and gave a full breakdown of the proposed allocations.

In noting the allocations, the Members raised queries in relation to the following:

- Cois na Féile, Abbeyfeale/footpath.
- Proposed works at the Market Square, Newcastle West.
- Ballyneety Golf Course.
- Opera Site.
- Works proposed at Steamboat Quay, Limerick.

It was confirmed that the €1.75 million was projected income but that the Council was confident that this amount would be collected.

## **(b) Limerick 2030 Strategic Sites**

Circulated, report of the Director, Economic Development, dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, regarding advancing the development of key sites in the Limerick 2030 Plan.

The report stated that at the Council Meeting in March, the Council enabled the newly formed LCO Company to drive forward with the *Hanging Gardens* project.

The company at its last meeting confirmed the appointment of the design team for the project. The planning application for the development of the site would be before the Metropolitan District for decision at its June Meeting. In the meantime, preliminary work on the conservation aspects of the project were underway and the timeline for full construction was on target for September 2016.

The report stated that the advancement of the *Hanging Gardens* project, along with the other specified strategic sites outlined in Limerick 2030, was essential to the economic transformation of Limerick. In that regard, there remained an urgent need to move to identify viable uses and advance movement on the remaining strategic locations: Cleeves Site, Colbert Station Phase II, Opera Site and the Georgian area.

It was recommended that the LCO Enterprise Development Company be requested to prepare design frameworks for each of the above-mentioned sites and other sites identified in Limerick 2030.

The report further stated that the purpose of the design frameworks was to identify the optimum use, mix and key urban design principles that should apply to their development and to examine and prepare the business case for their development.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor Browne;  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to advancing development of key sites in the Limerick 2030 Plan, as set out in the report circulated.”

## **6. Social Development Directorate**

### **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

Circulated, report of the Deputy Chief Executive dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, seeking the approval of the Council to the Sectoral nominations to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The report stated that the Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) had been established by resolution of the Council in accordance with the provisions set out in relevant legislation. In general, the role of the LCDC was to co-ordinate and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes. The report stated that the LCDC sought to ensure that the said programmes were effective, co-ordinated, consistent and that any duplication and /or displacement of services or programmes was avoided.

When established in 2014, the membership was limited to seventeen (17) members but, since its establishment, provision had been made by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to extend the membership to nineteen (19) members.

The report went on to outline the breakdown of the membership and to make recommendations on the appointment of various members to the LCDC. The Public Participation Network (PPN) had nomination rights for 5 seats on the LCDC and a nomination for their fifth and final seat was awaited.

The appointment of members to the LCDC was a Reserved Function of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan;  
 Seconded by Councillor Scanlan;  
 And Resolved:

“That, in addition to the Local Authority Members on the LCDC (namely, Councillors Ryan, Butler, Browne and Scanlan), and the Local Authority Staff (namely, the Chief Executive), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to Sectoral nominations to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) as follows:

Health Service Executive	Mr. Tony Quilty.
Department of Social Protection	Mr. Jim Lynch.
Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board	Mr. George O’Callaghan.
PAUL Partnership	Ms. Anne Kavanagh.
West Limerick Resources	Mr. Shay Riordan.
Ballyhoura Development Company	Mr. Pádraig Casey.
Public Participation Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Lynch, Moyross Residents’ Forum (Community and Voluntary Sector).</li> <li>• Susan O’Neill, St. Munchins Umbrella Group (Community and Voluntary Sector).</li> <li>• Trish Forde-Brennan, Grow It Yourself (Environment Sector).</li> <li>• Liz Price, Limerick Women’s Network (Social Inclusion Sector).</li> </ul>
Sectoral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Aidan Gleeson, IFA.</li> <li>• CEO, Limerick Youth Service (to be appointed).</li> <li>• Dr. James Ring, Chief Executive, Limerick Chamber.”</li> </ul>

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to write to the relevant Minister asking for the membership of the LCDC to be increased by one to facilitate the inclusion of a Member for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.

## **7. Conferences**

### **(i) Participation by Members at Conferences**

Details of the following Conferences had been circulated electronically to the Members: (a) Conference on The Value of Local Government held in Wexford from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2016; (b) Conference on the Seanad and the Councillor held in Wexford on 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April, 2016; (c) Open House Information Session on Lobbying Regulation held in

Dublin on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016; (d) Conference on 2014 Freedom of Information Act and W.R.C. (Workplace Relations Commission), held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016; (e) Conference on Banking and Money Reform held in Dublin on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016; (f) Conference on Changing Trends and Approaches to Drug and Alcohol Abuse held in Little Island, Cork, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2016; (g) Conference on the Registration and Inspection of Septic Tanks held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016; (h) Conference on Domestic Water Saving and Conservation Techniques to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016; (i) Conference on *A Programme for Government* to be held in Wexford from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2016; (j) Seán MacDiarmada Summer School 2016 to be held in Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016; (k) Conference on Auditing and Governance in Local Government to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016; (l) Conference on *The Councillor and Local Development and Enterprise 'All That You Need to Know'* to be held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016; (m) Conference on Housing Grants and Schemes to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that the following Members would attend:

**Dublin (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016):** Councillor O'Hanlon.

**Letterkenny, Co. Donegal (10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016):** Councillor Ryan.

## **(ii) Reports on Conference/Seminar/Meeting/Event**

Circulated, reports by Members who had participated at Conference/ Seminar/ Meeting/Event.

The reports were noted by the Members.

## **ADJOURNED NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville**

*I will move at the next Meeting that we welcome the reports that water charges and Irish Water may now be abolished, and write to the new Minister for the Environment, when appointed, calling on him to cancel outstanding bills and make a refund available to those who paid under protest.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Prendiville called on the incoming Minister to cancel all outstanding bills and to refund those who had paid. He added that the issue of water charges was not over and pointed out that over 1 million households were in arrears.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Keller.

Councillor Sheahan (J) proposed the following Motion and this was seconded by Councillor Hourigan:

“That, we in the Fine Gael Group move to welcome the appointment of Minister Simon Coveney who has responsibility for Irish Water and Local Government; in light of the review that has been initiated under the *Confidence and Supply Agreement* which underpins the minority government, we move to defer Item No. 8 until this review is completed.”

After a short discussion, it was agreed to defer this matter until the review referred to was completed.

## **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor R. O’Donoghue**

***I will move at the next Meeting that the Council urgently draft a scheme to encourage and promote the small and medium-sized businesses (to include a review of the rates valuations structures) in the towns and villages of County Limerick.***

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O’Donoghue stated that a review of the rates valuations structures in towns and villages was needed. He added that income and footfall should be taken into account for rates and not square footage.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan.

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council endeavours at all times to encourage and assist small and medium sized business.

To achieve this, the Council has introduced a Small and Medium Business Support Scheme which will pay a financial support to occupiers of commercial properties with a total annual commercial rate bill of up to and including €20,000 but not less than €500 in 2016, subject to a number of terms and conditions.

Limerick City and County Council has also extended the Business and Retail Incentive Scheme to all towns and villages across Limerick. This is an extension of the current scheme which was available in Limerick City, Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, Newcastle West and Rathkeale. The scheme is intended to address property vacancy rates, improve streetscapes and to support the business community.

The Valuation Office, the independent state agency, is responsible for valuing commercial properties. Limerick went through a rates revaluation process during 2014 with the new valuations taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015. These valuations will form the basis for commercial rates in Limerick for

current and subsequent years. As the revaluation has only recently been carried out, a further review of rates valuation structures will not take place in the immediate future.

**Suspension of Standing Orders:** It was noted that the time was approaching 5.30pm and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended in order to complete the Agenda.

## **QUESTIONS**

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore considered as having been dealt with.

### **10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for a written update on the current or proposed flood relief projects, timeframe per project, expenditure spent to date and estimated total cost per project once completed.*

**REPLY:**      **The Kings Island Flood Relief Scheme** is progressing at present with site investigation works currently being carried out. A Part 8 for an advance contract for Verdant Place will be presented to the Council for approval. Construction is expected to commence for Verdant Place in August 2016. The cost of the overall Kings Island Flood Relief Scheme is unknown at present as it is dependent on the results of the site investigation works and subsequent design option for the scheme. It is anticipated that the costs will be significant. Expenditure to date on the scheme is €195,000.

**Foynes Flood Alleviation Scheme:** The Office of Public Works has approved funding of €2,200,910 for the Foynes Flood Alleviation Scheme. Construction is expected to commence this summer with an eight-month construction period for the scheme. Expenditure to date is €175,000.

**Askeaton Flood Relief Scheme:** The Office of Public Works approved funding of €30,000 in 2015 for design work which is currently underway. Expenditure to date is approx. €15,000.

**Condell Road Flood Mitigation Measures:** An application for funding was submitted and €90,000 was approved for this scheme on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**Corbally Flood Mitigation Measures:** An application for €500,000 was submitted to the Office of Public Works for funding for this scheme in 2015 and we await a response from the Office of Public Works.

**Browns Quay Flood Mitigation Measures:** An application for €320,000 was submitted to the Office of Public Works for funding for this scheme in 2015. The Office of Public Works is considering the scheme on the basis of the option identified in the CFRAM Study.

**Ballyorgan Village Flood Mitigation Measures:** An application for €37,000 was submitted to the Office of Public Works for funding for this scheme in 2015. A response is awaited.

**Ballysteen Flood Mitigation Measures:** An application was submitted to the Office of Public Works for funding for this scheme in 2015. The Office of Public Works has indicated that the cost benefit is not sufficient on this scheme and will not be approving funding.

**Shanagolden Flood Mitigation Measures:** Approval of funding of €45,000 for a trash screen has been received for Shanagolden. These works are being carried out by the Area Office.

#### **11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for details on current contractual arrangement for the collection and / or disposal of stray horses, the costs per call-out, and when the contract is due for re-tendering.*

**REPLY:** Following tender process, Limerick City and County Council has engaged Four Seasons, t/a ACS, 40 Leitrim Street, Cork, for horse seizure, pound facilities and disposal of stray horses. The current contractual arrangements are in place for a 12 month period and commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. There is an option for the Council to extend the contract for 1 or 2 x 12 month periods.

The costs per call-out are effectively the prices submitted by the successful tenderer last year. Disclosure of this information could disadvantage both Limerick City and County Council and the service provider in any future tenders. In addition, the successful tenderer specifically requested this information not to be disclosed. This information is commercially sensitive and, in the circumstances, will not be disclosed.

#### **12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next Meeting when Limerick City and County Council is going to make the waste bye-laws for City and County for the purpose of regulating and controlling the early morning collection of waste.*

**REPLY:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016, notice was published in the *Iris Oifigiúil* that the Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016, would take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

Regulation 20(2)(g) of the Regulations made provision, inter alia, for the collection of waste by attaching conditions to waste collection permits. These conditions include the time at which waste collections are permitted. However, on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, it was decided to amend this Statutory Instrument and we await any amendments to the Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016.

The situation in relation to the permitted times for the collection of household waste will be clarified as soon as amended Regulations are issued.

### **13. Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville**

*I will ask at the next Meeting how many social houses are expected to be completed construction by Limerick City and County Council in 2016.*

**REPLY:** The number of social housing units scheduled to be completed in Limerick in 2016 is 24 units (Cliona Park Phase 2 – Moyross, Cliona Park Gap Site – Moyross, and Cois na Faile, Abbeyfeale (Clúid Housing)).

83 houses and apartments commenced construction in 2016 to date for handover in 2017. In addition, enabling works for 50 houses and apartments are completed with the main contract on these units to commence shortly. The above figures exclude housing units delivered under the major refurbishment programme. In 2015, 107 units were funded under the major refurbishment programme and work is ongoing as part of the 2016 work programme to bring vacant units back into residential use.

In addition, the number of new build social housing units to be delivered via Part V is recognised as a social housing supply mechanism. However, estimation of the overall number is dependent on the level of activity in the private construction sector.

### **14. Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for full details of the membership of the Economic Forum, how and when they were elected onto this important Body and minutes of their meetings.*

**REPLY:** Councillors were previously notified of the membership of the Limerick Economic Forum, details as set out hereunder:

- Denis Brosnan, Chairman.
- Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Former Chairman, American Ireland Fund.
- John Moran, Chairman of Hunt Museum.
- Michael Collins, Chairman, Shannon-Foynes Port Company.
- Rose Hynes, Chairman, Shannon Airport.
- Conn Murray, Chief Executive, Limerick City and County Council.
- Barry O’Sullivan, President, MW American Chamber.
- Catherine Duffy, President, Limerick Chamber.
- Don Barry, President, University of Limerick.
- John Herlihy, VP, Google.
- Paul Rellis, VP, Microsoft.
- Tim O’Connor, Chairman of Marketing Company.
- Josephine Fehily, Former Chair of Revenue Commissioners.

The members were invited by the Chief Executive to participate on the Forum, which is an Advisory Body, working with him in relation to the development and implementation of the Limerick 2030 Strategy. It should be noted that this is not a decision-making Body. Its role is advisory and, accordingly, minutes of any meetings are not kept.

#### **15. Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh**

I will ask at the next Meeting how much money has been spent so far in 2016 on Horse control by this Council.

**REPLY:** The Council has spent €86,224,86 to date in 2016 on horse control.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan**

*I will move at the next Meeting that this Council calls on the incoming Minister to launch a media campaign to highlight the danger of drug taking.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gilligan called on the recently appointed Minister of State with responsibility for the National Drugs Strategy to launch a media campaign warning of the dangers of drug taking. He referred to high profile media campaigns on drink driving, speeding, smoking, water safety and farm safety and asked for a similar-type campaign to education people on the dangers of drug taking.

Councillor Butler, in seconding the Motion, said that any information to educate people in the dangers of taking drugs was to be welcomed.

The Motion was agreed.

**17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh (to be referred to Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting that this Council renames William Street, Little William Street and Upper William Street to Sráid Uí Dhálaigh, Sráid Uí Dhálaigh Bheag and Sráid Uí Dhálaigh Uacht, in honour of Ned Daly.*

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

**18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Keller**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Environmental Protection Agency inviting them to make a presentation to an upcoming Meeting on the regulation and environmental monitoring of cement production involving the burning of 'alternative fuels' such as tyres.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Keller, seconded by Councillor Prendiville, and agreed.

**19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan (to be referred to Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting that future planning grants for housing estate developments specifically exclude the provision of timber panel boundary fencing in the interests of both safety and of visual amenity.*

With the agreement of the Meeting, Councillor Scanlan amended his Motion to read as follows as he wished to omit the words 'housing estate'

*I will move at the next Meeting that future planning grants for developments specifically exclude the provision of timber panel boundary fencing in the interests of both safety and of visual amenity.*

It was agreed to refer the amended Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

**20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Loftus**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, TD, to appoint a Consultant to the Infectious Diseases Clinic at University Hospital Limerick and to ensure that those infected with the Hepatitis C virus can get adequate Infectious Disease assessment and treatment here in Limerick.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Loftus stated that while there were facilities at University Hospital Limerick to test for the disease, anyone needing further treatment had to be sent to either Dublin, Galway or Cork.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Costelloe and agreed.

**21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister with responsibility for the Office of Public Works to visit, or appoint a Department official to visit, the River Feale in Abbeyfeale to assess the damage done to Fr. Casey's GAA Club, land owners, property owners.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin referred to recent flooding in West Limerick and the resultant damage. He outlined that farmers were looking for permission to enter the river to undertake dredging in order to protect their lands. He was looking for the Council's support for a letter to be sent to the Minister with responsibility for the Office of Public Works to visit, or appoint a Department official to visit, the River Feale in Abbeyfeale.

Councillor Browne, in seconding the Motion, said it was proving very difficult to find an Authority with responsibility for the river.

The Motion was agreed.

**22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. McMahon**

*I will move at the next Meeting for a letter to be sent to the Minister for Health and the HSE asking them to provide ASIST training for those in Limerick who are waiting to join the Community Crisis Response Team, which is a vital initiative currently being run in Limerick County.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor McMahon outlined the work of the community crisis response team. This entailed providing direct interventions for people who were suicidal or in distress. She added that since the initiative was set up in January, the team had made fourteen direct interventions. The team now needed to get more people trained in ASIST, there were 15 people waiting to do that training. Councillor McMahon asked for the Council's support in writing to the Minister for Health and the HSE asking them to provide this training.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheehy and agreed.

**23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler (to be referred to Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council adopt the Little Things mental health campaign and engage with the local HSE Suicide Prevention Office to implement this in Civic Buildings public areas.*

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.

**24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L.M. Sheehy on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Working Group of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on Minister for Health, Simon Harris, TD, to outline how he proposes to speed up intervention and support service waiting times for people with mental health difficulties in Limerick City and County and what he plans to do about the urban / rural divide in relation to access to mental health services.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehy said, as Chairperson of the Suicide Prevention Working Group of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, that she was very proud to bring this Motion before the Full Council. She explained that the aim of the Committee was action, linking with different organisations and the public. She provided statistics in relation to suicide deaths for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 and stated that the aim of the Motion was to open up communication with the Minister.

Councillor Sheehy added that she was calling on the Minister to -

- Outline how he proposed to speed intervention and support service waiting times for people with mental health difficulties in Limerick City and County.
- Provide information on his plans for dealing with the urban/rural divide in relation to access for mental health services.

Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, in seconding the Motion, agreed that the urban/rural disparity in relation to mental health services needed to be addressed.

The Motion was supported by the Council.

As the Mayor had to leave the Meeting at this point, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mitchell, took the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

## **25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government calling for an immediate ban on evictions of those unable to afford their mortgages and for the State to acquire vulture fund housing stock under CPO if necessary.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Prendiville sought the Council's support in calling for an immediate ban on evictions where people could not afford their mortgages.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Keller.

Following a short discussion, Councillor O'Donnell proposed the following Amendment:

"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government calling for immediate action to be taken to assist homeowners who are unable to afford their mortgages and for the Department to purchase suitable housing stock that has become available on the market."

The Amendment was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

Councillor Prendiville stated that he could not support the Amendment which he saw as a dilution of his own Motion.

Following some further discussion, it was agreed to take a vote on the Amendment in the form of a show of hands. The majority of the Members were in favour of the Amendment and accordingly the Deputy Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

## **26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe**

*I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Department of Foreign Affairs asking them to publicly demand the release of Irish Citizen, Ibrahim Halawa.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Costelloe, seconded by Cmhr. Ó Ceallaigh, and agreed.

## **27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh**

*I will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the incoming Minister for Transport to buy back the Shannon Tunnel and to make it a toll free route.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor McCreesh called on the Minister for Transport to buy back the Shannon Tunnel and make it a toll free route. He added that, in theory, the Tunnel was a great idea, it was a great way to avoid the city but that people were still

coming through the city to avoid the toll. Councillor McCreesh stated that the 30-year contract on the public private partnership scheme should be reviewed.

The Motion was seconded by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh and agreed.

## **28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, TD, and Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan, to keep our current District Policing Models and Six Regions as they currently exist; and that this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for support.*

Councillor Ryan, in proposing the Motion, stressed the need to retain the existing District Policing Model and to also retain the Regions structure.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Gleeson and agreed.

## **29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Keary**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Standing Order No. 3 (Meetings of the Council) be amended to read as follows: Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by Statute or by Resolution of the Council, Ordinary Meetings of the Council shall be held monthly on the fourth Monday of the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June and July.*

Councillor Keary, in proposing the Motion, stated that he had been in contact with other Local Authorities who had reverted to monthly meetings and that it was working very well. He stated that the holding of bi-monthly meetings was a burden on the statutory process and that if an item was not approved, then it was necessary to wait for a further 2 months. He asked for Standing Order No. 3 to be amended so that Full Meetings of the Council would be held monthly with the exception of August where no Meeting would take place.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan who said that the holding of Monthly Meetings would avoid the necessity for Special Meetings.

The Meetings Administrator referred to the Local Government Reform Act and the possibility of devolving additional functions to be performed at District level and that this would be investigated.

The Deputy Chief Executive said it was timely to review Standing Orders in their entirety and, in particular, the layout of Agendas, how Motions were working and the role of the Corporate Policy Group.

Members also referred to the system of referring Motions to the various Strategic Policy Committees and said that an amendment had previously been made to the Standing Orders for Strategic Policy Committees so that Meetings would be held two weeks in

advance of bi-monthly Council Meetings so as to accommodate Motions that had been moved at Full Council level. It was noted that this was not happening and the system would need to be reviewed.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the Party Leaders would review Standing Orders and that a report would be presented at the July Meeting. Based on this, Councillor Keary agreed to defer his Motion to the July Meeting.

**30. Correspondence**

The Correspondence circulated with the Agenda was taken as read.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:**

The Register of Orders made by the Chief Executive up to the date of the meeting was available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

The Register of Decisions on applications under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) was also available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

Signed:

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**Mayor**

Date:

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