

18th March, 2015.

To: **The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick, on **Monday, 23rd March, 2015, at 3.00 p.m.** The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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Eugene Griffin,
Meetings Administrator.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2015.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2015.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd February, 2015.

(Copies Enclosed)

2. Fixing of Date

To consider re-fixing date of Annual Meeting to Friday, 26th June, 2015.

3. Disposal of Land

To consider proposal for the disposal of land at:

- (a) Kantoher.
- (b) Rathkeale (to Long and Fitzel Veterinary Practice)
- (c) Rathkeale (to Design Pro Limited)
- (d) Deer Park, Adare, Co. Limerick.
- (e) Main Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.
- (f) 27 St. Munchin's Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick.
- (g) 2, Wallers Well, Roxboro, Limerick.
- (h) 4, Wallers Well, Roxboro, Limerick.
- (i) 8, Wallers Well, Roxboro, Limerick.
- (j) 9, Wallers Well, Roxboro, Limerick.
- (k) 12, Dalgaish Park, Moyross, Limerick.

(Statutory Notices circulated on 11th and 12th March, 2015 – Copies Enclosed, together with Reports in relation to (a), (b) and (c))

4. Corporate Services

(a) Chief Executive's Report

To consider Chief Executive's Reports for the months of January and February.

(Copies Enclosed)

(b) Statutory Audit Reports 2013

To consider the Audit Committee's report dated 18th March, 2015, on the Statutory Audit Reports 2013 for Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council.

Documentation Enclosed as follows:

- Audit Committee's Report.
- Limerick City Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December, 2013.
- Limerick City Council Statutory Audit Report 2013.
- Limerick County Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December, 2013.
- Limerick County Council Statutory Audit Report 2013.

(c) Strategic Policy Committees

(i) Sectoral Nominations

To approve Sectoral Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(ii) Standing Orders

To consider the adoption of Standing Orders for Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report and Draft Standing Orders Enclosed)

(d) Standing Orders – Full Council

To consider amendment to Standing Orders of the Full Council.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Corporate Plan 2015-2019

To consider the adoption of the Limerick City and County Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019.

(Report and copy of Draft Plan Enclosed)

(f) Twinning

To consider approving twinning visit to Hohenlohekreis, Germany.

(Report Enclosed)

5. Community, Leisure and Emergency Services

(a) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2014

To note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2014.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Grants under the Arts Act, 2003

To consider approving recommended Grants under the Arts Act, 2003.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Economic Development and Planning

Limerick City and County Council Business and Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property in Limerick City Centre, Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, Newcastle West and Rathkeale

To (i) approve the extension of the existing Limerick City & County Council Business and Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property from 01/01/15 until 31/12/2016, (ii) approve proposed mapping amendment to Scheme (see Appendix 3.1(a) of attached application form) in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and (iii) consider extension of scheme to further areas on a case-by-case basis, subject to the finances available, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

(Report, Application Form and Guidelines Enclosed)

7. Environment and Water

Gortadroma Landfill

- (i) To consider proposal for the disposal of lands, by way of lease, at Gortadroma Landfill for a Gasification Plant.

(Statutory Notice circulated on 12th March, 2015 – Copy Enclosed, together with Report)

- (ii) To consider report on Site Visit to Gasification Facility in Morcenx, France.

(Report Enclosed)

8. Finance, Motor Tax and ICT

Schedule of Uncollected Rates

To consider and note report on Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st December, 2014, in accordance with Section 26 of the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations, 2014.

(Report Enclosed)

9. Travel and Transportation

(a) 2015 Non-National Road Grant Allocations

To note correspondence dated 3rd February, 2015, from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport notifying 2015 Non-National Road Grant Allocations and correspondence dated 12th February, 2015, regarding Community Involvement Schemes.

(Report and Copy of Circulars Enclosed)

(b) 2015 National Road Grant Allocations

To note correspondence dated 18th December, 2014, from the National Roads Authority notifying 2015 National Road Grant Allocations.

(Report and copy of Circular Enclosed)

10. Conferences

• Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (a) 26th Colmcille Winter School "The Future of Local Government in Ireland under the New System" held in Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal from 26th to 28th February, 2015.
- (b) Conference "EU Support Programmes for Irish Regions" held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 27th February to 1st March, 2015.

- (c) Seminar “The New Companies Act, 2014” held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 6th to 8th March, 2015.
- (d) Seminar “The Councillor and Irish Water (Water Service Bill, 2014)” held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 6th to 8th March, 2015.
- (e) Seminar “Domestic Water Charges - Preparation and Practicalities” to be held in Carlingford, Co Louth, from 20th to 22nd March, 2015.
- (f) NFLA Forum Spring 2015 “Nuclear Risks and Energy Opportunities - Which Direction should Ireland go?” to be held in Newry, Co. Down, on 27th March, 2015.
- (g) Seminar “Changing Trends and Approaches to Drug and Alcohol Abuse” to be held in Dublin from 10th to 12th April, 2015.
- (h) Conference “The Finance Act, 2014” to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 10th to 12th April, 2015.
- (i) Conference “Creating a Brand for your Area – Battlefield Tourism – A Lost field?” to be held in Dundalk, Co Louth, on 15th April, 2015.
- (j) Conference “Chambers of Commerce Building Business” to be held in Carlingford, Co.Louth, from 24th to 26th April, 2015.

(Details already circulated electronically)

- **Reports on Conference/Seminar/Meeting/Event**

To note reports by Members who have participated at Conference/
Seminar/ Meeting/Event.

(Copy Enclosed)

QUESTION

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

11. I will ask at the next meeting (a) the number of unfinished estates within this Authority, (b) the numbers that have, and do not have, bonds in place, (c) how many of these are backed by the Irish Banking Resolution Company Limited (now in liquidation), (d) how many have planning extensions, (e) what follow-up work has occurred on these developments consequent to granting of any extensions, and (f) in the case of those without bonds, what action is being taken to procure funding required to complete these developments.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

- 12.** I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council condemn the current system of accommodating asylum seekers in Ireland, known as Direct Provision, and calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, TD, to: (1) immediately close Mount Trenchard Direct Provision Centre in Foynes which has been widely described as the worst in the system and is not fit for purpose; and (2) commit to abolishing the Direct Provision system by the end of 2015.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L.M. Sheehy

- 13.** I will move at the next Meeting that this Council, recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, call on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill, 2015, commonly known as 'Jake's Law,' in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20 km/h specifically for housing estates; and that the Council further commit to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this Motion to all other Local Authorities in the state for their consideration. (To be referred to Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

Notice of Motion from Councillor M. Byrne

- 14.** I will move at the next Meeting that, in an effort to improve the lives and wellbeing of our deaf and hard of hearing citizens, this Council call on the Government to give official recognition status to Irish Sign Language (ISL).

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan, Mayor

- 15.** I will move at the next Meeting that this Council would support the call to have the Voluntary Health Insurance (VHI) give its full support to the proposal to have a Private Community Hospital built at the Dock Road, Limerick.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

- 16.** I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton, TD, to reimburse Limerick City and County Council €540,000 to cover the cost of the bin waver scheme as this is an income supplement and should be paid for by the Department of Social Protection.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Lynch

- 17.** I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Government to (i) immediately and adequately resource An Garda Síochána to deal with the issue of prostitution and (ii) enact the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Bill, 2014, which will serve to change the law to criminalise the purchase of sex and, as such, target the demand element of this industry.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

- 18.** I will move at the next meeting that a discussion take place and a road programme be put in place for the roads affected by forestry harvesting in the county. (To be referred to Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler

- 19.** I will move at the next Meeting that the Council present to the Members a briefing and opportunity to provide ideas to the Limerick Marketing Plan for 2015, given the expected year-after benefits of a City of Culture event. (To be referred to Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

- 20.** I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Ministers for Agriculture and Finance to reinstate the Early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant for our Farming Communities.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Browne

- 21.** I will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Management of Pallas Foods to engage with SIPTU in order to ensure the retention of the maximum number of jobs for the site and the wider Newcastle West area.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Quinlivan

- 22.** I will move at the next Meeting that this Council (1) supports the Mandate Trade Union and their members working in Dunnes Stores both here in Limerick and across the State in their struggle against zero hour contracts, (2) calls on the management of Dunnes Stores to respect and implement the Labour Court's recent recommendation in respect of the dispute i.e. to sit down with the Union to discuss all of the issues in dispute including: (i) the implementation of banded hour contracts which would give workers security of hours and earnings; (ii) individual and collective representational rights for Dunnes workers; (iii) a review of Dunnes excessive use of temporary contracts of employment; (iv) fair pay for all workers in Dunnes Stores.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

- 23.** I will move at the next Meeting that all meetings of the Council, including Strategic Policy Committee and Special Meetings, where feasible and practicable, are held on a Monday, and Tuesday as the alternative optional day, so as to remove the current situation where Members have to attend various meetings that are been convened every day of the week at different times.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Loftus

- 24.** I will move at the next Meeting that a Committee be established comprising Councillors, community representatives and other interested parties to investigate setting up Social Horse Projects in Limerick along the lines of the Clondalkin Horse Project. (To be referred to Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

- 25. Correspondence.**

(Copy of Correspondence Enclosed)