



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

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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, 26th March, 2018, at 3.00 p.m. The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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Christy O'Connor,
Meetings Administrator.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22nd January, 2018.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2018.

(Copies Enclosed)

2. Fixing of Date

To consider re-fixing date for the Annual Meeting of the Council

3. Disposal of Land

To consider proposal for the disposal of land at:

- (a) Ardaneer, Foynes, Co. Limerick.
- (b) Main Street, Knockaderry, Co. Limerick.
- (c) Castlefarm, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
- (d) 8, Pearse Avenue, Janesboro, Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 19th February, 6th and 12th
March, 2018, already circulated)

4. Support Services Directorate

(a) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

To note statutory requirements under GDPR.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Overdraft Accommodation

To approve revised bank overdraft accommodation in the sum of €28m for the 12 month period to 31st December 2018, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and in accordance with Section 106 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

(c) Review of Commercial Rates 2017 and Actions for 2018

To receive presentation on Commercial Rates 2017 and Proposals for 2018.

(d) Audit Committee

(i) Audit Committee Work Programme 2018

To consider the adoption of the Audit Committee Work Programme 2018 for Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee

(Report and Draft Work Programme Enclosed)

(ii) Audit Committee Annual Report 2017

To consider Audit Committee Annual Report 2017.

(Report Enclosed)

(iii) Audit Committee Self-Assessment

To consider Limerick City and County Audit Committee Self-Assessment Report, pursuant to Section 13 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations, 2014.

(Copy Enclosed)

(e) Chief Executive's Report

To consider Chief Executive's Reports for the months of January and February 2018.

(Reports Enclosed)

(f) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports and recommendations:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 26th February, 2018.**

Recommendation

“That, the Council utterly condemn the letting of substandard accommodation, both publicly and privately, and commit to ensuring that its own housing stock is up to standard, as well as ensuring that appropriate action is taken against landlords letting substandard accommodation.”

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (ii) **Chairperson’s Report – Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th February, 2018.**

Recommendation No. 1

“That, Limerick City and County Council remove the parking fee for park and charge slots around the city in line with nearly 90% of other Councils nationwide supporting environmentally-friendly transport.

The removal of the parking fee will be for a maximum period of four hours while the vehicle is being re-charged, will be for an initial trial period of 24 months to allow the Council consider future developments in the electric vehicle field and also the demands for car parking etc. in the city.

The issue of whether the Council should impose a disc parking fee while electric vehicles are being re-charged will be reconsidered on the expiry of the 24-month period.”

Recommendation No. 2

“That, Limerick City and County Council adopt the Draft Traffic Calming Policy as presented to the Strategic Policy Committee.”

Note: Draft Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas included for consideration under Item No. 7 on the Agenda.

(Chairperson’s Report Enclosed)

- (iii) **Chairperson’s Reports – Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held on 16th January and 12th February, 2018.**

(Chairperson’s Reports Enclosed)

- (iv) **Chairperson’s Report – Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th February, 2018.**

(Chairperson’s Report Enclosed)

- (v) **Chairperson's Report - Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 26th February, 2018.**

Recommendation No. 1

"That, as Kilmurry Cemetery is almost full, Limerick City and County Council would immediately begin the process of acquiring a suitable site in the area for a new Burial Ground."

Recommendation No. 2

"That, Limerick City and County Council initiate Environmental Awareness classes and lectures in all Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the City and County."

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (vi) **Chairperson's Report – Cultural Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 5th March, 2018.**

Recommendation

"That, the recommendations on strategic investment for delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy in 2018 be brought to full Council for approval."

Note: Cultural Strategy Strategic Investment 2018 included for consideration under Item No. 6 on the Agenda.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(g) Visit to London

To consider retrospective approval to Visit by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to London, under Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

(Report Enclosed)

5. Economic Development Directorate

(a) Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended) to incorporate Changes to Chapter 8 – Transport and Infrastructure Section

To consider proposed Variation No. 6 to the Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended) and the Chief Executive's Report dated 1st March, 2018, to incorporate changes to Chapter 8 – Transport and Infrastructure Section, and decide, by resolution, whether to make the variation with or without further modification, or refuse to make it, in accordance with Section 13 (5) and (6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

(Report already circulated)

(b) Development Fund Allocations 2018

To note the proposed allocations from the Development Fund 2018.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Regional and Cultural Services Directorate

Cultural Strategy 2018 – Strategic Investment

To consider approving recommendations of Cultural Strategic Policy Committee for Strategic Investment of €500,000 for delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy 2018.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Physical Development Directorate

Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas

To consider the adoption of the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas, in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended.

(Report and Draft Policy Enclosed)

8. Social Development Directorate

Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2017

To note the Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2017.

(Copy Enclosed)

9. Conferences

(i) Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (a) "Local Property Tax 2018 – Defining the Role of the Councillor" held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 12th to 14th January, 2018.
- (b) The 29th Colmille Winter School held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on 23rd/24th February, 2018.
- (c) "New Affordable Houses Schemes" held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 2nd to 4th March, 2018.
- (d) Nuclear Free Local Authorities All-Ireland Forum Spring Policy Seminar held in Omagh, Co. Tyrone, on 9th March, 2018.
- (e) "Citizens Assembly! Or an Assembly of Citizens?" held in Wexford from 9th to 11th March, 2018.
- (f) "The 8th Amendment – A Constitutional Minefield" to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 23rd to 25th March, 2018.
- (g) "European Energy Poverty Conference 2018 – A United Approach" to be held in Dublin on 29th March, 2018.
- (h) National Planning Framework: Project Ireland 2040, to be held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 6th to 8th April, 2018.
- (i) Cross-Border Tourism Conference 2018 to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, on 11th April, 2018.

(Details already circulated electronically)

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

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

(Report Enclosed)

QUESTIONS**Questions submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

- 10.** I will ask at the next Meeting (a) what the current weekly rent costs are to single accommodated pensioners within what had been the old City Council Area, and the Municipal District of Newcastle West, and (b) what rent applies in the case of a single parent with 2 children in both scenarios.
- 11.** I will ask at the next Meeting (a) the number of houses purchased by Limerick City and County Council in each of its 3 Municipal Districts in the years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017, and (b) the number of properties presently vacant in each Municipal District.

Questions submitted by Cmhr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

- 12.** I will ask at the next Meeting how many local authority housing maintenance issues were logged with Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh in 2016 and 2017, and how many of these were completed.
- 13.** I will ask at the next Meeting how many street signs, and Council road signs, have been erected in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and how many of those have Gaeilge and English in equal size as agreed by Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh.

Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

- 14.** I will ask at the next Meeting, prior to the 2017 rent review for Limerick City and County Council tenants, when was the previous rent review; due to the distress caused to some tenants following the most recent review, could it be confirmed that these reviews will be carried out on an annual basis.

Questions submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

- 15.** I will ask at the next Meeting, in the event of the absence of School Wardens due to illness or other circumstances, has the Council replacements trained and vetted to fill the role immediately.
- 16.** I will ask at the next Meeting, in relation to "Limerick City Community Safety Partnership," for clarification regarding the future of the programme.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan

- 17.** I will move at the next Meeting that, as Limerick 2030 is a solely owned company of this Council, (a) no contracts be entered into, and no land or property be acquired, without the expressed permission of the Council; (b) the company make a presentation to the Council at least twice a year; and (c) a statement of accounts be issued in conjunction with the Budget every year.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin (to be referred to Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and Joint Policing Committee)

- 18.** I will move at the next Meeting that the Government review the locations of the 'Go Safe' vans within Co. Limerick.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

- 19.** I will move at the next Meeting that the Minister for Education and Skills be requested to consider retaining CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education) as a Junior Certificate examination subject.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor R. O'Donoghue

20. I will Move at the next Meeting that a visual inspection is carried out on the streetscapes of all our county towns, in the critical interest of public health and safety, by Limerick City and County Council Engineers, to establish the condition of the buildings that make up our towns. Many of the buildings in our towns are derelict, vacant, and in poor states of repair.

21. Correspondence.

(Copy of Correspondence Enclosed)