

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 21st JANUARY, 2019 AT 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Daniel Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Gilligan, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, Lynch, McCreesh, Ó Ceallaigh, O'Dea, O'Hanlon, Pond, Secas and Sheahan.

Apologies: Councillor Cahillane.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Social Development (Mr. G. Daly), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Senior Executive Engineer, (Mr. G. O'Connor), Acting Senior Executive Officer (Ms. M. Donoghue), Senior Architect (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Administrative Officer (Ms. F. McCormack), A/Administrative Officer (Ms. A. Crowe), A/Staff Officer (Ms. F. Ryan) and Staff Officer (Ms. S. Hourigan).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of Draft Minutes of Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 17th December, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor; Hurley
Seconded by Councillor; Sheahan
And Resolved:

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

Councillor J. Costello proposed that a minute's silence be observed to mark the untimely passing of the Mayor of Gdansk, the proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Sheahan.

Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh wished to acknowledge the first sitting of Dáil Eireann that took place on the 21st January, 1919 in Dublin and remembered in particular local representatives Michael Patrick Colivet, Con Collins and Richard Hayes.

Councillor S. Lynch wished to acknowledge the recent success of Shane Lowry on winning the 2019 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, which will allow him to enter the U.S. Masters and other significant golfing tournaments.

Cllr D. Butler, Mayor of the Metropolitan District wished to acknowledge the success of the Munster Rugby team at the weekend, in qualifying for the Quarter Finals of the European Champions Cup, and the positive experience had by the visiting Exeter Supporters.

2. Capital Investment Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Gough Place, Rosbrien Road,

Circulated, Report of the Chief Executive pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the construction of 17 residential units at Gough Place, Rosbrien Road, Limerick.

A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), gave an overview on the proposed residential scheme and confirmed that one submission had been received.

Following a discussion, the Members acknowledged the number of meetings held and engagement of the Housing Executives with Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Collins and seconded by Councillor E. Hogan it was suggested that works will be prioritised and completed on the gardens /pitch prior to building development works. The Crèche garden including fencing etc. will be reinstated to at least original size and made good. The senior's garden including fencing etc. will be reinstated to at least original size and made good. The pitch will be reinstated to meet 7-a-side dimensions as published by the FAI and existing lighting and fencing will be reused.

The Members requested that the lines of communication be maintained at all times with Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group during the project.

3. Social Development Directorate - Urban and Rural Community Development

Director, Social Development (Mr. G Daly) briefed the Members on the teams within the Social Development Directorate and set out the context of the presentation. Mr G Daly also informed the Members of the key aims for 2019 in line with the resources made available to them through the Budget process.

A/Administrative Officer, Urban and Rural Community Development, Ms. A. Crowe and Staff Officer, Ms S. Hourigan gave a presentation on Derelict Sites and Vacant Sites and Vacant Homes.

Ms Crowe outlined the progress to date in relation to derelict sites:

- 155 Derelict Property Inspections carried out in 2018.
- 33 Properties on the Derelict Site Register in the Metropolitan Area.
- 5 properties entered in the Derelict Sites Register in 2018.
- 2 properties on the Derelict Sites Register Compulsory acquired in the Limerick Metropolitan District under Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Ms A. Crowe also confirmed to Members:

- 13 sites added to Limerick City and County Council Vacant Site Register in June 2018.
- 3 Appeals to An Bord Pleanala in respect of entry of the Vacant Sites Register.
- 7% levy of the market value of the vacant site will be charged 1st January 2020.

Ms S. Hourigan, in her role as Vacant Homes Officer, outlined that the Council's objectives in relation to vacant homes were mapping of vacant homes to gain an accurate picture of vacancy and re-activation of vacant homes in particular in areas of high demand for social housing.

Members thanked the staff of the Urban and Rural Community Development team for their detailed presentation and acknowledged the work being done within the Directorate.

4. Music Memories and Memorabilia Presentation by Nicky Woulfe

Nicky Woulfe, on behalf of the Trustees of Music Memories and Memorabilia, gave an overview to the Members on the project which included the following points:-

- Main cost of the project is framing of 1200 pieces of music memorabilia
- This project will add to the tourism product in Limerick and will be a musical visitor attraction.
- Mr Woulfe referred to the untimely death of Limerick's Dolores O'Riordan. The Project provides for a room which will promote and acknowledge the music of the Cranberries and will be a major tourist attraction

Mr Woulfe provided a video presentation to the Members which displayed some of the memorabilia which will be on display to tourists. Mr Woulfe confirmed to the Members that he is seeking €30,000 allocation from the GMA fund in order to progress this project.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr Woulfe for his presentation and stated that allocation of GMA funding will be considered by the Members at a forthcoming workshop.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor P. Keller

I will ask at the next meeting:-

- 1. How many families are in emergency accommodation in the Limerick area?**
- 2. How many families are living in Hubs?**
- 3. How many families are living in B/B hotel accommodation?**

Please break down the numbers into families, children and single people.

REPLY: On the 12th January 2019, there were the following number of families in emergency accommodation in Limerick:

Bed and Breakfast:

18 single parents with 36 children

17 couples with 33 children

Total 35 families including 52 adults and 69 children.

Mid West Simon Family Hub, Dublin Road:

7 single parents with 14 children

3 couples with 4 children

Total: 10 families with 13 adults and 18 children.

Suaimhneas: 6 single parents with 11 children.

Overall total:

31 single parents with 61 children,

20 couples with 37 children,

Total 51 families including 71 adults and 98 children.

On 12th January 2019, there were the following numbers of individuals in emergency accommodation in Limerick

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| McGarry House | 31 |
| St. Patrick's Hostel | 47 |
| Thomond House | 24 |
| Endenvilla | 20 |
| Phoenix Lodge | 8 |
| Bed and Breakfast | 12 |
| Total | 142 |

Please note all of the above information is provided as part of the Chief Executive's Report, which is published monthly.

6. Question submitted by Councillor P. Keller

I will ask at the next meeting for an up to date figure of the numbers on the Housing waiting list for:

1. *Limerick Metropolitan Area.*
2. *County Limerick Area.*

REPLY: The number of applicants approved for housing in:

1. Limerick's Metropolitan Area is 2056
2. County Limerick Area is 843

7. Questions submitted by Councillor E. Hogan

I will ask at the next meeting following my previous motion submitted, if there is any update on plans to enhance/decorate the Municipal and Utility Boxes in the Metropolitan Area.

REPLY: I recommend that this item be referred for discussion at the next Cultural SPC meeting of 12th February, 2019.

8. Question submitted by Councillor S. Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on traffic calming measures being put in place and agreed upon by TII and Limerick City and County Council to the section of the N69 between Clarina and Bricklodge.

REPLY: It is proposed under the Limerick City and County Council Speed Limit Review to reduce this section of the N69 to 80 kph. This is subject to approval by the full Council. Limerick City and County Council are currently revising a feasibility study and cost estimate to provide a surfaced walkway between Brick Lodge and Clarina on the N69, this proposal also includes for safety barrier and public lighting. This revised feasibility study will be submitted to TII in the coming weeks.

9. Question submitted by Councillor S. Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting when building of the 15 Social Houses in Patrickswell between Lisheen Park and Laurel Park will commence.

REPLY: The construction of 16 no. houses at Lisheen Park, Patrickswell will commence on site on 28th February, 2019.

The contract for this project was signed on 23rd November, 2018.

10. Question submitted by Councillor S. Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting if there are any plans by Limerick City and County Council to put measures in place, enforce the Litter Act, try, and put a stop to the dumping of rubbish on our roads, streets and countryside going forward in 2019.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has a co-ordinated approach to implementing the various provisions of the Litter Pollution Act/ Waste Management Acts and the Waste Presentation Bye Laws. It involves the Domestic Waste and Litter, Street Cleaning, Community Support, Environmental Awareness Teams together with the Area Offices and other stakeholders including Community/Tidy Towns Groups/Residents' Associations and businesses.

During 2018, enforcement activity included over 3,200 inspections, 448 on-the-spot fines, 1538 resolved cases and almost 60 cases being referred for legal proceedings. The Council arranged for the clean-up of 15 severely littered sites in the City/County under the 2018 Anti-Dumping initiative.

A similar level of operations is expected in 2019 as the Council addresses the ongoing challenges of: casual littering/indiscriminate deposit of household rubbish, the lack of evidence recovered, the operations of unpermitted waste collectors and increasing number of households availing of approved refuse collection arrangement.

11. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many houses are expected to be built and completed by Limerick City and County Council in Limerick City East in 2019.

REPLY: 29 New Build Houses are anticipated to complete in Limerick City East in 2019, which includes the Buy and Renew programme.

Additionally, 97 New Build Houses are anticipated to commence works on site in Limerick City East in 2019.

12. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting when it is expected for the Choice Based Letting system to become operational in Limerick.

REPLY: It is envisaged that Choice Based Letting will be rolled out in full during Q2 2019. The process began in October with a workshop with Councillors, where it was agreed to contact other Local Authorities who currently operate Choice Based Letting to develop greater understanding of lessons learnt.

As a first step, a Choice Based Letting pilot will be developed in Q1 2019, subject to the availability of the required on-line facility and the completion of significant back-office work required to implement a new Choice Based Letting scheme.

The overall objective of the Choice Based Letting System is to:

- Provide greater choice;
- Ensure more transparency;
- Increase engagement and interaction between Limerick City and County Council housing applicants;
- Tackle low demand properties and areas;
- Increase the level of acceptance rates and;
- Ensure safe and sustainable communities.

13. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting following my request for the inspection of the roads and paths in Ballynanty, which are in a deplorable state, what the findings were of the inspection and what plan of work have been put in place and a timescale to rectify the situation.

REPLY: There are Roads and footpaths in Ballynanty that require attention. These will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works subject to funding.

14. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costello

I will ask at the next meeting if the Council can provide an update regarding the funding for void units in the Metropolitan area.

REPLY: A total of thirty three properties in the Metropolitan Area were approved for funding by the Department of Housing Community and Local Government in 2018, as follows;

| Voids Update Metropolitan Area Only | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Approved | Completed | Completed by end of January | On site before end January | Spec with specialist works |
| 33 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
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List of approved properties:

29 Mungret Court, Watergate
 23 Mungret Court, Watergate
 11 Quinn's Cottages, Rosbrien
 46 Lee Estate, Island Road
 14 Moylish Road, Ballynanty
 28 Tara Court, Watergate
 66 Upper Carey's Road
 46 Upper Carey's Road
 45 Upper Carey's Road
 92 Hyde Road
 60 Cannon Breen Park
 25 Bothar Clochain Theas
 11 Meagher Close
 13 Meagher Close
 14 Assumpta Park
 1 Maple Court, Kennedy Park
 18 Ballyclough Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston
 4 Sarsfield Court, Garryowen
 12 Hyde Avenue
 10 New Road Court, Thomondgate
 30 Moylish Road
 17 Hyde Villas
 52 Roundwood Estate
 32 Tara Court, Watergate
 12 Tara Court, Watergate
 2 Hassett Villas
 9 Johnsgate
 6 Herbert Grove, Castletroy View
 7 Crannog, Dublin Road

17 The Gables, Pennywell
 20 Parkview
 14 Sarsfield Park
 76 Colbert Ave

Works have now been completed to the following properties:

10 New Road Court, Thomondgate
 30 Moylish Road
 17 Hyde Villas
 52 Roundwood Estate
 32 Tara Court, Watergate
 12 Tara Court, Watergate
 2 Hassetts Villas
 9 Johnsgate
 6 Herbert Grove, Castletroy View
 7 Crannog , Dublin Road
 17 The Gables, Pennywell
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Works have commenced at another property and will be completed at the end of January. Quotations for the renovation of six other properties were received week ending the 11th January, 2019. These quotations are being reviewed and it is anticipated a contractor will be appointed before the end of January.

Of the remaining properties on the list, surveys have been completed, specifications are being finalised and the relevant necessary health and safety documentation will follow on from that. Once that is completed, a request for quotation will be sent out for responses. The Department has not yet issued a call for properties for 2019. In the event that this happens, the Council will make a submission for funding, and should this submission be successful the Members will be advised.

15. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick City and County Council what discussions, if any, re future land use are ongoing between Limerick City and County Council and the new owners of the lands situated at Ballykeeffe, a portion of which failed to transfer into the ownership of Limerick City and County Council as originally agreed.

REPLY: The Council has had discussions with the consultant, acting on behalf of the owner, for the lands in relation to future development.

The zoning of the portion of land that failed to transfer to the Council remains unchanged and is per the Southern Environs Local Area Plan 2011-2017 as extended until 2021.

The zoning is Open Space and Recreational.

16. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next meeting if Limerick City and County Council have considered undertaking a regional recycling awareness campaign in our public buildings, on street and in shopping centres to help improve the public's knowledge on what can and cannot be recycled so as to improve our recycling rates and protect our environment.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council is committed to managing waste correctly as outlined in the Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021. The following targets are outlined in the plan.

- 1% reduction Per Annum in the Quantity of Household Waste Generated per Capita over the period of the Plan. (prevention)
- Recycling Achieving a Recycling Rate of 50% of Managed Municipal Waste by 2020(Recycling)
- Landfill Reduce to 0% the Direct Disposal of Unprocessed Residual Municipal Waste to Landfill (from 2016 onwards) in favour of Higher Value Pre-treatment Processes and Indigenous Recovery Practices.

The Council's environment awareness officer works closely with the southern regional waste management offices on awareness campaigns and assists in the rollout of national and regional campaigns locally.

The latest national campaign is mywaste.ie this is a new online service designed as the one-stop-shop for all matters relating to domestic waste and recycling. It was launched by Ireland's three regional waste management offices (Eastern/Midlands, Southern, Connacht/Ulster) in December 2018.

Mywaste.ie- is the ultimate information point for all questions relating to the segregation of household waste. This definitive waste management resource will help the public in addressing the need to manage waste and protect the environment. The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) sponsored site is also designed to help progress Ireland's waste targets. This includes a targeted household recycling and reuse rate of 65% by 2035.

The National site aims to remove any confusion relating to "What to do" and "Where to Go" with items, while also providing information on "Why" it is important to be responsible with waste. We will be hearing much more about it during 2019.

NOTICES OF MOTION

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Cahillane, Costelloe, Crowley, Daly and Gilligan

We will move at the next Limerick Metropolitan Meeting, to agree to nominate the following groups with the below amounts, out of the General Municipal Allocation:

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| St. Mary's Adult Education Centre | €2,000 |
| St. Mary's Prize Band | €2,000 |
| Athlunkard Boat Club | €2,000 |
| Curragour Boat Club | €2,000 |
| Athlunkard Villa F.C. | €2,000 |
| Caherdavin Community Centre | €2,500 |
| St. Munchin's Boxing Club | €4,000 |
| St. Patrick's GAA Club | €3,000 |
| Caherdavin Senior Citizens Club | €1,000 |
| Limerick Senior Citizens Club | €1,000 |
| Na Piarasigh GAA | €1,000 |
| Caherdavin Men's' Shed | €2,500 |
| St. Mary's Community Regatta | €2,000 |
| Patrickswell Powerlifting Club | €1,000 |
| Abbey Sarsfields GAA | €1,000 |
| Caherdavin Community Centre | €7,500 |
| Star Rovers FC | €2,000 |
| Limerick Women's Network | €2,000 |
| Salesian Primary School – Sensory Room for Autism | €4,000 |
| Limerick Celtic Basketball Club | €1,000 |
| Kileely Autism Unit | €1,000 |
| Thomond Primary School Sports Club | €1,000 |
| ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services | €1,000 |
| Limerick Animal Welfare | € 500 |
| Westfield Wetlands | €1,000 |
| St. Munchin's Community Centre | €10,000 |
| TOTAL | €60,000 |

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. Costello and seconded by Cllr. Daly

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Hogan, Leddin, Lynch, Loftus and McCreesh

We will move at the next Limerick Metropolitan Meeting, to agree to nominate the following groups with the below amounts, out of the General Municipal Allocation.

| | |
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| Patrickswell Community Centre | €15,000 |
| Limerick Boat Club | €10,000 |
| Limerick Community Radio | € 9,000 |
| Pig and Porter Festival | € 5,000 |
| TOTAL | €39,000 |

*€21,000 outstanding to be allocated - €3,000 per member (D. Butler, J. Collins, E. Hogan, J. Leddin, S. Lynch, J. Loftus, and M. McCreesh)

This Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Cllr Lynch and agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor Leddin and seconded by Cllr Lynch, it was agreed to allocate €3,000 to the following:

- Bottom Dog Theatre €1,000
- Limerick Suicide Watch €1,000
- Dooneen Athletics Club €1,000

On the proposal of Councillor Lynch and seconded by Cllr Leddin it was agreed to allocate €3,000 to the following:

- Patrickswell GAA Club €1,500
- St. Patrick's Soccer Club Patrickswell €1,500

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next meeting that this Council make available a suitable site for a Community Centre for Castletroy, Monaleen, Annacotty and surrounding areas.

Reply: Arising from the increased number of requests to provide funding, facilities or sites for community and cultural facilities throughout Limerick it is recommended that as a first step an audit of existing facilities be conducted. This audit would identify the existing provision of facilities across Limerick City and County and inform a strategy that would seek to ascertain future needs.

In proposing the Motion, Cllr Secas outlined the need for a multipurpose complex that will serve the needs of the community and to take account of the needs of the large population centre.

A discussion took place where some Members felt that a review of existing community space within the area needs to be undertaken first to determine the level and usage of current space. Cllr Secas welcomed the discussion and looked forward to the findings of the audit.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Keller.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Hogan

I will move that Limerick City and County Council provide an update on progress regarding the creation of an inventory of the Community Spaces available for voluntary organisations within the Metropolitan District.

REPLY: Arising from the increased number of requests to provide funding, facilities or sites for community and cultural facilities throughout Limerick it is recommended that as a first step an audit of existing facilities be conducted. This audit would identify the existing provision of facilities across Limerick City and County and inform a strategy that would seek to ascertain future needs. It is the intention of the Social Development Directorate to commence work on this in the first quarter of 2019.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Hogan welcomed the audit and queried with the Executive the timeframe for completion date of the audit.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Hurley.

Following a discussion regarding Notices of motion No. 19 & 20, Director, Social Development, Mr. G Daly confirmed to Members that an audit will be carried out and an evidence based approach was required to determine if these facilities were required as well as the preparation of an inventory of existing facilities and the correct usage of the facilities.

On the proposal of Councillor K. O'Hanlon and seconded by Councillor F. Daly it was suggested that the Local Authority engage with the Elected Members and members of the public in identifying the needs and requirements of the community in relation to this audit.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Daly (To be referred to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting to have the theme of our St. Patrick's Day Parade be designated as commemorating the centenary of the Limerick Soviet. The celebrations planned by Trade Unions this year all surround the fight that workers took to have clear passage to their workplaces' without hindrance from the Military forces in our City at that time. It is forgotten time in our City's History and we need to have the celebrations highlighted as much as possible.

This motion has been referred to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond

Following ongoing anti-social behaviour in Annacotty, Castletroy, Castleconnell areas and the appointment of a new permanent Garda Sergeant to Castleconnell Garda Station providing cover to Annacotty, Castletroy and Castleconnell areas, I move that Limerick City and County Council would engage with the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner to obtain the necessary funding to allow the Castleconnell Garda Station to open 24 hours daily to serve the needs of this vast area.

In proposing this Motion Councillor J. Pond acknowledged the appointment of the Garda Sergeant to Castleconnell but emphasised the importance of having the Castleconnell Garda Station opened 24 hours a day. This Motion was seconded by Councillor M. Sheahan and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner.

Following a discussion, Members agreed that this Motion should also be referred to the Joint Policing Committee.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Costelloe, seconded by Councillor J. Gilligan Standing Orders were suspended in order to complete the Agenda.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Hurley

I will move at the next meeting that a definite date be given for a roundabout to be put in place close to Castlecabin on the R445, (between Kilmurry and Annacotty Roundabouts) following collaborative talks between local developer Alber Homes and Council Executives.

Reply: At this time it is not possible to put an absolute date for a roundabout junction to be put in place at this location on the R445, as this project is still at a preliminary phase, and discussions are ongoing with landowners. Any firm proposals emerging from these discussions will be subject to planning consent, road safety audit and provision of adequate funding.

In proposing this Motion, Councillor M. Hurley referred to the need for collaboration in order for the roundabout to be put in place. This Motion was seconded by Councillor M. Sheahan and agreed.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councilor M. Hurley

I will move at the January Metropolitan Meeting that consideration be given to extending the footpath from the Georgian Village to turn to Donoughmore National School. This facility is long overdue for schoolchildren and residents alike.

Reply: The existing footpath terminates at Ros Mor Estate on the eastern side of Regional Road R512 approximately 750m away from the Donoughmore Junction. This a busy Regional Road and the lands between the Donoughmore Junction and Ros Mor Estate are zoned Agriculture in the Southern Environs Plan.

Donoughmore National School is a further 600m away from Regional Road R512 to the west along a narrow Local Road L5109.

The Council recognise that Donoughmore National School is located 1.35km away from the existing footpath at Ros Mor Estate.

However, this is an unserved Rural Area and extending the footpath as proposed, which would require land acquisition, would involve significant expenditure outside the zoned built up area of the City Environs.

This Motion was proposed by Councillor M. Hurley and seconded by Councillor J. Sheahan

It was proposed by Councillor J. Leddin and seconded by Councillor S. Lynch to suspend Standing Orders for 10 minutes in order to complete the Agenda.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move that Limerick City and County Council undertake a review of the timeframe between the ending of one tenancy and the re-letting of the house under a new tenancy so as to reduce the number of unoccupied council owned houses.

REPLY: The Service Operations Section are currently working on a review of both the timeframe associated with reletting properties and the resourcing of this operation. The turnaround of housing stock for new Tenants is a priority for the Service Operations Directorate in 2019.

In proposing this Motion, Councillor J. Leddin expressed dissatisfaction at the timeframe with the reletting of properties and the time that it takes for the repairs to be carried out. This Motion was seconded by Councillor E. Secas.

Following discussion by the Members on the timeframe associated with the reletting of properties, Director, Service Operations, Mr. K. Lehane noted Members comments and confirmed that vacant properties in need of repair will be a priority for 2019.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Dated: _____