

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT LIMERICK RACECOURSE, GREENMOUNT PARK, PATRICKSWELL, CO. LIMERICK, ON FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020, AT 3PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor M. Sheahan, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (J), Collins (M), Costelloe, Daly, Donegan, Egan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O'Brien, O'Dea, O'Donoghue, O' Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheehan, Slattery, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Ryan (M) and Sheahan (K).

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Community Development (Mr. G. Daly), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Director, Physical Development (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Director, Economic Development (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Mr. P. Williams), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. C. Sheehy), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms. T. Knox), A/Arts Officer (Ms. P. Little).

At the outset, the Meetings Administrator referred to the COVID-19 Guidelines/Safe Work Practice which had been circulated with the Agenda and the need to adhere to the Guidelines. He referred in particular to the requirement to limit Meetings to two hours.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors Novak and O'Donoghue to their first Meeting of the Full Council and congratulated them on their co-option. He wished Deputies O'Donoghue and Leddin every success following their election to Dáil Éireann.

**Minute's Silence**

At the Mayor's request, a minute's silence was observed to remember all those who had passed in recent times.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

And Resolved:

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

## **2. Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The Director, National and Regional Shared Services, updated the Members on matters pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- Strategic Aims/Priorities of the Council.
- Roadmap for Re-Opening Society and Business.
- Meetings of Council Re-Commenced.
- Return to Work Safely Protocols Roll-Out.
- Phase 3 (29<sup>th</sup> June).

The Director stated that the Council would continue to review the delivery of services in line with National Health Guidelines.

The Members expressed their gratitude to all the frontline workers and acknowledged the hard work of the Council. They expressed the need to support businesses at this difficult time.

## **3. Disposal of Land**

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 130, Vale Avenue, Carew Park, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);

And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 130 Vale Avenue, Carew Park, Limerick (Folio LK5048L) to Mary Fitzgerald, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 31, Kilmurry Avenue, Garryowen, Limerick.

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

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 31, Kilmurry Avenue, Garryowen, Limerick (Folio LK4727L) to Declan and Ann O’Halloran, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020.”

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 43, Colbert Park, Janesboro, Limerick.

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

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 43, Colbert Park, Janesboro, Limerick (Folio LK3805L), to Noel Kiely, Legal Personal Representative of Edward Kiely, deceased, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020.”

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 77, Lenihan Avenue, Prospect, Limerick.

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

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 77, Lenihan Avenue, Prospect, Limerick, to Patricia Noonan, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.”

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Ballinveala, Crecora, Co. Limerick.

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

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property (Land, 0.578 acres) at Ballinveala, Crecora, Co. Limerick, to Richard Quinn, for the sum of €67,500, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.”

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Scanlon Park, Castleconnell, 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 – Lisnagry F.C. Grounds – 1.68 hectares at Scanlon Park, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick - to the Trustees of Lisnagry F.C., for the sum of €100 per annum for a period of 99 years (a Lease presently being in place for a term of 25 years from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, and the term of the Lease to be increased to 99 years), particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.”

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Ennis Road, 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 0.227 hectares (0.562 acres) at Ennis Road, Limerick, to Limerick Gaelic Grounds Limited, for the sum of €30,000, subject to the requirement that any land within 8 (eight) metres from the existing road centreline will be transferred back to the Council, free of charge, if and when required for roadworks, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.”

- (h) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Galvone Industrial Estate, 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 property - Former Provincial Floor Covering Site, Galvone Industrial Estate, Limerick - to Tait House Community Enterprise CLG, for the sum of €90,000, subject to the condition that the purchaser shall not transfer, lease, sub-lease, licence or part with possession of the property for a period of 12 years without the prior written consent of Limerick City and County Council, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.”

- (i) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, concerning disposal of Former Southill Boxing Club, Galvone Industrial Estate, 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 Former Southill Boxing Club, Galvone Industrial Estate, Limerick, to the Trustees of Southill Boxing Club, for the sum of €1 per annum for a period of 99 years, the disposal to be by way of a lease for a period of 99 years and to be subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.”

In relation to Items 3 (h) and 3 (i), Councillor Kiely wished to have it noted that she had reservations in relation to the disposal of lands at Galvone Industrial Estate but that she was trusting the Executive on this decision.

- (j) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Parkmore, Shanagolden, 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 property (house) at Parkmore, Shanagolden, Co. Limerick, to Smart Visibility Limited, for the sum of €82,000, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.”

- (k) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 4 Galtee View, Galbally, 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 at 4 Galtee View, Galbally, Co. Limerick, to Carol Meade, Legal Personal Representative of Margaret Hyland, deceased, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.”

- (l) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, concerning disposal of land at 12, Island Road, 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 at 12, Island Road, Limerick, to Philip Hehir, Legal Personal Representative of Bernadette Hehir, deceased, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.”

- (m) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Rathronan, Gortnagross, Athea, 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 (1.9 acres) at Rathronan, Gortnagross, Athea, Co. Limerick, to Donal O’Sullivan, for the sum of €6,750, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.”

- (n) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Main Street, Cappamore, 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 property (house) at Main Street, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, to Derk Estates Limited, for the sum of €35,000, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.”

- (o) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Gardenfield, Newcastle West, 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 property (house) at Gardenfield, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Paraic Harnett and Susan Broderick Harnett, for the sum of €20,100, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

- (p) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Appletown, Broadford, 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 (4.05 acres) at Appletown, Broadford, Co. Limerick, to Jerry McAuliffe, for the sum of €28,500, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.”

- (q) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at the rear of 7, Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, 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 0.099 hectares at the rear of 7, Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick, to Robert Crowley, for the sum of €635, subject to the Council not incurring any legal fees, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.”

- (r) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, concerning disposal of land at Gortboy, Kilmallock, 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 19 sq. metres at Gortboy, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, to Austin Leahy, Jnr., for the sum of €10, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.”

#### **4. Support Services Directorate**

##### **(a) Chief Executive's Report**

Circulated, Chief Executive's Reports for the months of January, February, March, April and May 2020.

The Chief Executive's Reports were noted by the Council.

**(b) Annual Report**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, together with copy of the Annual Report 2019 for Limerick City and County Council.

The report of the A/Senior Executive Officer stated that the Annual Report 2019 had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and set out details of the policies, programmes, services and other activities undertaken by the Council in 2019. It also included the Financial Statements for 2019 and an outline of activities to promote the interests of local communities and twinning.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Collins (B);

And Resolved:

“That, the Annual Report 2019 for Limerick City and County Council be and is hereby adopted.”

**(c) Standing Orders**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, outlining the background to proposed amendment to the Standing Orders of Limerick City and County Council (Standing Order No. 5 – Place and Address of Meetings) to change the process for selecting alternative venues to allow for future Meetings to be held away from the Council Chamber, if required. The proposed amendment was as follows:

“Meetings shall normally take place at the Council’s principal offices unless another venue within the administrative area is agreed with the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.”

The Meetings Administrator advised that, in accordance with Paragraph 16 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, a resolution of the Council was required to amend Standing Orders and at least one-half of the total number of Members of the Council would be required to vote in favour of the amendment.

The Meetings Administrator further advised that at the Party Leaders’ Meeting held prior to the Council Meeting, a further amended proposal was agreed and a formal resolution of the Council was now required to amend Standing Orders.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the following amendment to the Standing Orders of Limerick City and County Council: **Standing Order No. 5 – Place and Address of Meetings, to read – “Meetings shall normally take place at the Council’s principal offices unless, due to exceptional circumstances, another venue within the administrative area is agreed with the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.”**”

With the permission of the Mayor, Councillor Keary referred to a Motion he had submitted for inclusion on the agenda requesting that, *by Resolution, Standing Order No. 3 be changed (Meetings of the Council) 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.*

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that he had not received the Motion but that it would be included on the agenda for the September Meeting of the Council for consideration.

With the permission of the Mayor, the following finance-related items – 4 (d), 4 (e) and 4 (f) - were taken together:

**Item 4 (d) – Unaudited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2019 – Limerick City and County Council:** Circulated, Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, for Limerick City and County Council, together with report from the Chief Executive dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020.

**Item 4 (e) – Additional Expenditure 2019:** Circulated, report of the Director, Support Services, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, setting out details of additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, including capital transfers.

**Item 4 (f) – Financial Update 2020**

The Director, Support Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Members in relation to the following:

- Details on AFS 2019 Revenue Account covering the following:
  - Sources of Income 2019.
  - Analysis of Revenue Expenditure by Category.
  - Analysis of Revenue Expenditure by Division.
  - Revenue Expenditure Analysis (excluding HAP and Transfers).
  - Summary of HAP Transactional Shared Service Hub – Income and Expenditure.
  - Additional Expenditure 2019 in excess of Budget 2019 by Service (including Transfers to Capital).
  - Other Commitments provided for in AFS 2019.
  - Key Income Movements.

- Details on AFS 2019 Capital Account covering the following:
  - Analysis of Capital Expenditure 2019.
  - Analysis of Capital Income 2019.
  
- Details on AFS 2019 Balance Sheet covering the following:
  - Summary Details on Fixed Assets at 31/12/2019.
  - Loans payable at 31/12/2019.
  - Collection Accounts – Percentage Collection.
  - Percentage Accounts – Value Arrears.

In conclusion, in relation to the AFS, the Director, Support Services, noted the positive 2019 AFS presented to the Council, which reflected the efforts and support of Council Members and the commitment of staff. It had delivered on Budget 2019 commitments and maximised income collection.

The Members thanked the Director for his presentation and the level of detail presented to them. They welcomed the positive financial out-turn for 2019. Concerns were raised over the non-payment of rates and the impact it would have on the local economy. The importance of supports for businesses during these difficult times was raised.

In response to the Members' queries, the Director, Support Services, informed the Meeting that the Council had received payment from a number of large ratepayers who were not impacted adversely by COVID-19. He outlined to the Members the importance of the Business Restart Grant for Small Businesses and encouraged the Members to relay this information to any ratepayers who were in contact with them.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan and seconded by Councillor Sheehan that Limerick City and County Council initiate contact with the landlords on Cruises Street with respect to a strategy to deal with commercial tenants leaving Cruises Street/retaining the commercial tenants who currently occupied the street. Further, Councillor Sheehan requested that Members receive a presentation from the City Centre Revitalisation Group on its plans for Cruises Street. The A/Director, Economic Development, replied that he would arrange for this presentation to be given to Members of the Metropolitan District in due course.

In response to a query as to whether an official from the Council could be assigned to the County Towns and Villages (in respect of 'Guiding Limerick through COVID'), the A/Director, Economic Development, replied that the response was being led by the Council officials in the respective District Offices.

The following resolutions were adopted:

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

“That, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, for Limerick City and County Council, be and is hereby adopted.”

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

“That, authorisation is hereby given, in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), to the additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, including Capital transfers.”

At the request of Councillor Benson and with the permission of the Mayor, Notice of Motion No. 24 was taken in conjunction with this item as follows:

**24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Government to give a clear commitment to make up the financial shortfall for Local Authorities arising from the loss of commercial rates and other revenues due to the COVID-19 emergency.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Benson, seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J), and adopted.

**(g) Audit Committee Annual Report 2019**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, together with copy of the Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee Annual Report 2019.

The Report was noted by the Council.

**(h) Strategic Policy Committees – Sectoral Nominations**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, seeking the Council’s approval to further Sectoral Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees.

The report stated that the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme was formally adopted by the Council at the September 2019 Meeting and nominations were then sought from the approved Sectoral Interests. A number of these nominations were received and approved by the Council at the November 2019 Meeting.

Further nominations had now been received from the Agriculture/Farming Pillar and the Public Participation Network (PPN). A number of vacancies still remained from the Environment/Conservation, Community/Voluntary and Social Inclusion Sectors and it was expected that nominations would be received shortly to fill these positions.

The approval of the Council was being sought to the appointment of the persons, as set out in the report, to the Strategic Policy Committees as outlined.

Proposed by Councillor O' Brien;  
Seconded by Councillor Shehan (J);  
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to further Sectoral Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees as set out in the report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, as follows:

<b>Strategic Policy Committee</b>	<b>Agriculture/Farming</b>	<b>Name</b>
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	Agriculture/Farming	Aidan Gleeson
Community, Leisure and Culture	Agriculture/Farming	Louise Crowley

<b>Strategic Policy Committee</b>	<b>PPN Sector</b>	<b>Nominee's Name and Nominating Body</b>
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	Community/Voluntary	Declan Hehir, BGM Community Council
	Community/Voluntary	Brian Thompson, St. Mary's Adult Education Group.
	Social Inclusion	Brian Vandamme, Doras
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment	Environment/Conservation	Michelle Hayes, Environment Trust Ireland
	Community/Voluntary	Denis McAuliffe, Great Southern Trail.
Community, Leisure and Culture	Environment/Conservation	Josephine Butler, Environmental Trust Ireland.
	Community/Voluntary	Padraig Lohan, Oola Tidy Towns.
	Community/Voluntary	Oliver Creighton, Limerick Seniors Forum.
	Community/Voluntary	Keith Pigott, Limerick Food Group.
	Social Inclusion	Donnah Vuma, Doras.

**(i) Limerick Market Trustees**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, together with list of Members on the Limerick Market Trustees appointed at the First Annual Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The Council was being asked to consider the nomination of the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, and the Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, together with a further 16 Members of the Council as members of the Limerick Market Trustees.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), this item was deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Limerick City and County Council scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**(j) Strategic Policy Committee Reports**

- (i) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020.

The Report was noted by the Council.

- (ii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

The Report was noted by the Council.

- (iii) Circulated, Reports of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020, and 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, in relation to Meetings of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, respectively.

The Meetings Administrator noted that the following Recommendation was agreed at the Meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020:

**“The Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee recommends that Limerick City and County Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister with responsibility for Planning to outline the Council’s opposition to the National Planning Framework on Rural Housing Policy; the SPC also recommends that the request be circulated to all local authorities.”**

At the request of Councillor Galvin and with the permission of the Mayor, the following Notice of Motion in his name (No. 15 on the agenda) was taken in conjunction with this item:

**“I will move at the next Meeting that (a) this Council totally reject the National Planning Framework policy regarding once-off rural housing based on social and economic need; (b) a meeting be arranged with the Minister responsible to highlight the issues around this policy; and (c) this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities to discuss and support same.”**

In proposing the Recommendation and the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that unless an amendment was made to the National Planning Framework, once-off rural housing would not be granted unless there was a social and economic need.

The Recommendation and the Motion were seconded by Councillor Keary.

A majority of Members expressed their strong support for people living in rural areas to be able to build once-off rural houses if they so wished and requested that this matter would be brought to the attention of the new Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. An opposing view was also expressed by some Members who supported the National Planning Framework with respect to once-off rural housing.

The Recommendation and Motion were agreed by the Council.

- (iv) Circulated, Reports of the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, and 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, in relation to Meetings of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, respectively.

Councillor Leddin, Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the meeting.

The Report was noted by the Council.

- (v) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Councillor Murphy, Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the meeting and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC meeting:

**Recommendation No. 1:**

That, all future recipients of HAP would be Garda vetted similar to the direct Social Housing applicants.

**Recommendation No. 2:**

That, Limerick City and County Council notes the contents of the Draft Homeless Policy Document and approves the contents therein. (The Draft Homeless Policy Document referred to in the Recommendation was circulated in conjunction with this item).

As agreed earlier at the Party Leaders' Meeting, both Recommendations were referred back to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

**5. Economic Development****(a) Development Fund Allocations**

Circulated, report of the A/Director, Economic Development, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, setting out the proposed allocations from the Development Fund for 2020.

The report was noted by the Council.

**(b) Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028**

Circulated, report of the A/Director, Economic Development, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, in relation to the commencement of the Limerick Development Plan, 2022-2028.

The report stated that the formal process of the preparation of the first joint Limerick Development Plan would commence on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The Development Plan was a blueprint for the physical, economic and social development of Limerick and would set the agenda for the development of the Local Authority's area over its six-year lifespan. The overall process would involve extensive public consultation and would take up to 99 weeks to complete. It was envisaged that the Development Plan would be adopted in May 2022.

The Council noted the statutory commencement of the preparation of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, with the publication of an Issues Paper on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Owing to COVID-19 Guidelines on time restrictions for Meetings, on the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Kiely, it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020, at 3pm, at Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount Park, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick, in order to complete the agenda. However, prior to adjourning, at the request of Councillor Collins (B) and with the permission of the Mayor, it was agreed to take the following urgent Motion (No. 26) on the agenda:

**26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Collins (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council supports 'The National Small Business Recovery Plan' in order to protect the thousands of jobs that SMEs provide throughout County Limerick; and, further, that Limerick City and County Council request the Government to fund and immediately implement the actions of The National Small Business Recovery Plan using EU funding recovery schemes.

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:**

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

Signed:

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**Mayor**

Date:

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