

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 09:45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Sarah Kiely, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Hartigan, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O’Dea, O’Hanlon, O’Sullivan, Secas, Sheahan, Sheehan, Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), A/Director of Service, Capital Investments (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Head of Property and Community Facilities (Ms. J. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Design & Delivery and Capital Investment, (Ms. T. Flanagan), Administrative Officer, Mid West Road Design Office (Ms. M. O’Donovan), Staff Officer, Corporate Services & Governance (Ms L. Creamer)

Apologies for her inability to attend were received from Councillor O’Donovan.

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended congratulations to Fairview Rangers on winning the FAI Junior Cup, Na Piarasigh on winning the Limerick Senior Club Hurling Championship and to Sam Bennett on winning the Green Jersey in The Tour de France.

1. Adoption of Minutes

(a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 13th July, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;

Seconded by Councillor O’Dea;

And Resolved:

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

(b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 20th July, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;

Seconded by Councillor O’Dea

And Resolved:

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

(c) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 4th September, 2020.

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

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

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of the Acting Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 27th July, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 27 Donnellans Buildings, Rosbrien, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 14th August, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of property situate at The Avenue, Newtown, Clarina, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, report of the Senior Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office dated 28th August, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of 0.068 Ha. at Abhann Road, Raheen Industrial Estate, Raheen, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (d) Circulated, report of the Senior Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office dated 28th August, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of 0.079 Ha. at Abhann Road, Raheen Industrial Estate, Raheen, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (e) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 28th August, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 6 Daly Avenue, Janesboro, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (f) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 27th August, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 40 Kilmurry Road, Garryowen, Limerick and the intention to bring

a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (g) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 15th September, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of 5.78 acres (2.33 ha) at Rosbrien, Limerick to the Health Service Executive.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (h) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 15th September, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of 1.39 acres (0.56 ha) at Annacotty Business Park, Co. Limerick to Snowvale Limited.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

3. Service Operations Directorate

Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 Kilometres Per Hour Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2020

Circulated, Report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 1st September, 2020, together with Draft Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 Kilometres Per Hour Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2020.

It was proposed by Councillor Secas, seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan and agreed to approve the Draft Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 Kilometres per hour Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2020.

4. Capital Investment Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Castletroy Park Playground Extension

Circulated, Report of the A/Director of Services, Capital Investment Directorate dated 16th September, 2020 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 15th September, 2020 setting out details in relation to the Construction of a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and the Extension of the Existing Playground at Castletroy, Limerick. The report had been prepared in accordance with 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) and noted that it was proposed to proceed in accordance with Section 5 of the report.

5. Economic Development Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Extension to ENGINE, Cecil Street

Circulated, Report of the A/Director of Services, Economic Development Directorate dated 17th September, 2020 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 17th September, 2020 setting out details in relation to the extension to ENGINE, Cecil Street, Limerick. The report had been prepared in accordance with 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) and noted that it was proposed to proceed in accordance with Section 5 of the report.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update and timescale for when flood defences are to be installed in Mulcair Drive in Annacotty, Mountshannon Road, Castleconnell and Montpellier to prevent flooding to houses in these areas when the Mulcair and Shannon Rivers flood.

REPLY: Tenders have recently been sought from consultants on the **Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme**. This Scheme includes Annacotty & Mountshannon Road within its Study Area. Tenders are to be returned in October with appointment of the successful consultant by the end of 2020. It is expected that Stage 1 of the Project (Options Assessment, Scheme Development and Design including Environmental Impact Assessment) will take approximately 2 years and Planning/Development consents will follow this. It is currently estimated that Stage IV (Construction) will commence in 2025 and will be of 4-5 year duration. It is anticipated that multiple construction contracts will be undertaken and accordingly the Annacotty / Mountshannon Road sections of the Scheme may be advanced separate to the city centre construction contracts.

The **Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme** is currently progressing with Hydraulic Modelling at Final Draft stage. Costing of Options is also being progressed with Preferred Options to be assessed in October 2020. A cost beneficial scheme will be progressed through Stage 1 with Planning / Development consents to follow. It is currently estimated that construction will commence in early 2023, with 7 month construction programme.

The **O'Brien/Montpellier AFA** (Area for Further Assessment) falls within the Clare County Council Area. It was one of the 300 AFA's assessed under CFRAM but was not one of the 118 schemes identified for funding. The summary of the Outputs for Areas identified in the Flood Risk Management Plans included the AFA as a Potential Scheme subject to further assessment.

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the amount collected in parking fines in the first half of 2020 and 2019.

REPLY: The amount collected in parking fines is as follows :
 Parking fine income 2019 = €640,305
 Parking fine income January to June 2020 = €170,155

8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan (to be referred to the Joint Policing Committee)

I will ask at the next Meeting how many people were prosecuted for animal cruelty in the last year.

It was agreed to refer this item to the Joint Policing Committee.

9. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the current and proposed flood relief projects in Corbally and Kings Island and the timeframe for completion for both projects.

REPLY: The **King's Island Flood Relief Scheme** is currently at Planning Approval Stage. The current programme estimates a decision will be due from An Bord Pleanála by the end of January 2021. Tendering for contractors will follow the Bord decision, with construction currently programmed to commence mid July 2021. The estimated construction period is 2 years.

Tenders have recently been sought from consultants on **the Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme**. This Scheme includes Corbally within it's Study Area. Tenders are to be returned in October with appointment of the successful consultant by the end of 2020. It is expected that Stage 1 of the Project (Options Assessment, Scheme Development and Design) will take approximately 2 years and Planning / Development Consents will follow this. It is currently estimated that Stage IV (Construction) will commence in 2025 and will be of 4 – 5 years duration. It is anticipated that multiple construction contracts will be undertaken and accordingly the Corbally section of the Scheme may be advanced separate to the city centre construction contract.

10. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting what funding Limerick City and County Council has received for 2020 for the installation of new bus shelters and what locations in the Limerick City East area will benefit from this funding.

REPLY: Funding, in the amount of €160,000, has been secured from the NTA for the 2020 Bus Shelter Enabling Works Programme. 11 sites across the city (six sites) and county (five sites) have been identified in collaboration with JCDecaux and Bus Eireann for upgrades in 2020.

Two of the six sites identified in the Metropolitan area to be completed under the 2020 works programme are located in the Limerick East area - Kilmurry Road at Hazel Hall and Groody Road at Brookfield Hall (UL bound). Upgrade to the latter shelter has been completed.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting how many people are employed in the Troy Studios Development and has the social inclusion clause been implemented.

REPLY: Troy Studios is not an associate or subsidiary company of Limerick City and County Council, and as such, we do not have information on their operations or employee data.

12. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting, following on from the allocation of €15,000 from the GMA funding for Metropolitan North in 2018 towards a Corbally Community Park, what progress has been made so far.

REPLY: The group have engaged with the Forward Planning Department on the matter and as advised they have opened up further correspondence with the Diocese as they own the field. It is understood that the Diocese Property Subcommittee have confirmed that the project is due to be discussed during meetings in September. The Community Park Group are hopeful that by the end of September/early October they will have a clearer picture on the next steps required. The Council will review the matter with the group after they have further clarity from the Diocese.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting what measures have been put in place for safer access to schools (in line with the guidelines from the NTA and the Department of Education and Skills) and request details in relation to contact with schools and supports either given or awaited to these schools.

REPLY: I refer to the above question and the following outlines the measures currently been undertaken for the Metropolitan area schools;

1. All schools have social distancing road markings provided at appointed school crossing places.
2. All schools will have social distancing warning signs on signposts erected at appointed school crossing places by 31/09/2020.
3. Four schools have had pedestrian guard railings altered at school entrances following requests from school authorities.
4. All pelican crossing at appointed school crossing places have had wintergreen timings extended to accommodate longer lines of children crossing.
5. All and any additional adult school warden operating hours necessary to assist and enable altered school staggered start and finish times requested by school authorities.

14. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting what consideration is given in the process of the Limerick City and County Council granting planning permissions for new housing developments and in consultation on strategic housing developments to the provision and availability of local education places for early education, primary and secondary education.

REPLY: In the plan making process (Local Area Plans and/or Development Plans) where lands are identified to be zoned for residential development, consultation with the Department of Education and Skills takes place to forecast the demand for future school places and the adequacy, or otherwise, of existing school facilities.

Overall the plan making process and the zoning of land for residential purposes are therefore fundamentally guided and shaped by the capacity of existing social infrastructure (schools and community facilities).

Therefore, in assessing a planning application for new housing developments on land zoned for residential development within an adopted Local Area Plan and/or Development Plan, consideration is given to the land use zoning matrix which is intended as a guide to assess the acceptability or otherwise of development proposals. In land zoned residential development, housing is the primary use and therefore would be acceptable in principle. The issue of provision and availability of local education places for primary and secondary education has been dealt at an

early stage during the plan making process.

In relation to early education/childcare facilities, the Childcare Facility Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Ministerial Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) require the provision of at least one childcare facility for new housing developments greater than 75 units. There are circumstances where there are significant reasons to the contrary for example, development consisting of single bed apartments or where there are adequate childcare facilities in adjoining developments.

15. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on my motion that was passed at the September meeting last year, requesting the installation of a water dispenser in the city centre, in a bid to reduce single use plastic bottles.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council successfully applied for Healthy Ireland Funding to install a minimum of four public drinking water fountains across Limerick city and county. The Council is currently identifying a suitable location in Limerick city and three locations outside the city.

16. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Council for an update on the progress of Motion passed in October 2019 to livestream Metropolitan Council meetings.

REPLY: The reply to the previous Notice of Motion was as follows :

“Standing Order number 99 states that ‘no cameras of any kind or sound recordings or communication equipment may be used at Meetings of the Metropolitan District without the prior approval of the Metropolitan District Members, This governs use of mobile phones amongst other matters in the Council chambers during meetings.

In order to live stream Council meetings, there are a number of factors that need to be considered such as the existing infrastructure within the Council Chamber, refurbishments costs required to accommodate this retrofitting works and the digital/technical maintenance of providing this service. If the motion is agreed an examination of the costs, options and available technologies will be conducted. There are a number of local authorities that allow for live streaming of Council meetings deemed open to the public and we will liaise with these local authorities in relation to procedures, protocols and safeguards that they have in place”.

Since then, Metropolitan Meetings have moved to the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle to comply with physical distancing requirements. A tender has commenced for the upgrading of the sound and video systems in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle. Details will then be brought to the Protocol Committee for further consideration and for a decision on whether the relevant Standing Order will be amended to facilitate live streaming.

17. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown of the expenditure of the Guiding Limerick through Covid plans.

REPLY: To date €195,889.64 (inclusive of VAT) has been spent on the Covid Mobility Plan measures.

The breakdown of expenditure is as follows :

Minor Works Contracts	€176,269.83
Materials	€ 16,479.08
Consultancy	€ 738.00
Advertising	€ 2,402.73

18. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the progress of reinstating speed ramps on the Mulcair Road, Raheen.

REPLY: To complete the overlay scheme on Mulcair Road it was necessary to remove the existing ramps within the works area. The Contractor, Roadstone Limited are contracted to replace these ramps and they confirm that these ramps will be replaced by Friday, 2nd October, 2020.

NOTICES OF MOTION

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick Metropolitan Council consider the placement of signalised pelican crossings and / or zebra crossings on both the Dooradoyle Road close to Huntsfield Roundabout and also on the Mulcair Road near Stoneyhurst to facilitate the safe crossing of elderly and school children living in the area.

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

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I call on Limerick City and County Council to create a parking permit system for vans used by construction workers and trades people carrying out works in city centre buildings. This is to support the renovation and re-imagining of our city centre buildings as without this it makes it unattractive for those trades to take up work in the city centre.

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

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

I call Limerick City and County Council to look at developing a policy on how to enforce a minimum standard of shop front signage to ensure the attractiveness of our city.

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

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council compiles data on the levels of overcrowding amongst people on the housing list and makes publicly available figures on persons per room, persons per bedroom, and unit square footage per person.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor Costelloe and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hartigan stated that housing applicants indicate that there are severe levels of overcrowding. He stated that there are also many people in need of housing who have not looked for help from the Council. Inadequate housing and overcrowding is having a severe mental toll on applicants. He said the Council should be renovating vacant houses and reletting them and buying houses also.

Members supported the motion and reiterated the severity of the housing problem in Limerick and added that there needs to be significant change in policy at national level.

REPLY: The below figures show the number of overcrowded in each Area of Choice, the other information requested is not available:-

Area of Choice (1st Preference)	No. of Overcrowding
Ballynanty Beg	18
Ballysimon	1
Caherdavin	7
Castleconnell	9
Castletroy Annacotty	21
Corbally	4
Dooradoyle	2
Dooradoyle Raheen	14
Dublin Road	2
Ennis Road	1
Garryowen	31
Innercity	4
Janesboro	8
Kennedy Park	2
Kileely	9
Lisnagry	1
Lord Edward Street	1
Moyross	13
Mungret	1
Old Cork Road	22
Old Singland Road	1
Prospect Ballinacurra	14
Rathbane South	1
Rhebogue	1
Rosbrien	1
Southill	12

Area of Choice (1 st Preference)	No. of Overcrowding
St. Mary's Parish	13
St. Mary's Park	4
Thomondgate	5
Watergate	3

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council compiles data on the demand for housing from people on the housing list in each area of preference based on number of bedrooms required and publishes these figures.

Councillor Hartigan, in proposing the Motion, stated that developers are not aware of the type of housing required in each area and should work with the Council to meet the needs of the public.

Councillor Benson, in seconding the Motion, said that there is a lack of 1 bedroom accommodation and specific areas should not be targeted, the north of the city should be looked at as a whole and the same for the south side of the city.

REPLY :

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	6 Bed	Total
ANNACOTTY	9	18	8	3			38
BALLINACURRA	6	7	3	2			18
BALLYNANTY BEG	194	114	60	6			374
BALLYSIMON	4	9	14	1			28
BAWNEYS BRIDGE	3						3
CAHERDAVIN	142	131	112	14			399
CASTLECONNELL	211	122	99	15	3		450
CASTLETROY ANNACOTTY	720	506	387	52	2	1	1668
CLAREVIEW	1	2	5				8
CLARINA	2	3	3				8
CLONDRINAGH HALTING SITE	2	1					3
COONAGH		3	2				5
CORBALLY	17	26	31	5			79
DOORADOYLE	57	38	16	8			119
DOORADYLE RAHEEN	876	575	446	60	1	1	1959
DUBLIN ROAD	3	10	7	1			21
ENNIS ROAD	1	5	5				11
FAIRGREEN	1	2					3
FARRANSHONE	1	3	2				6
GARRYOWEN	453	293	172	16	1		935
INNERCITY	436	155	87	15			693
JANESBORO	35	68	36	5			144
KENNEDY PARK	14	21	17	1			53
KILEELY	221	155	71	2			449
LIMEERICK	6	3	2				11

LIMERICK AREA	7	3	8	1			19
LISNAGRY	17	2		1			20
LORD EDWARD STREET	41	26	12	1			80
MERVAL DRIVE			1				1
MOYROSS	92	78	36	10			216
MULGRAVE STREET	1		1				2
MUNGRET	31	46	70	3			150
NEW STREET			1				1
NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD		1					1
O MALLEY PARK	1	2	1				4
OFF EDWARD STREET	5	2					7
OLD CORK ROAD	213	205	126	13			557
OLD CRATLOE ROAD	1	3	5				9
OLD SINGLAND ROAD		6	2	1			9
PATRICKSWELL	115	89	115	5	2		326
PROSPECT BALLINACURRA	181	125	68	5	1		380
RAHEEN	5	6	6				17
RATHBANE SOUTH	38	49	39	5			131
RHEBOGUE	7	22	31	3			63
ROSBRIEN	5	9	4				18
ROXBORO	16	6	5	1			28
SHELBOURNE COURT			1				1
SINGLEMEN	19						19
SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD	4	2	3				9
SOUTHILL	175	90	61	10			336
ST JOSEPH STREET	6	1					7
ST MARYS PARISH	185	109	69	12			375
ST MARYS PARK	69	36	23	5			133
ST PATRICKS ROAD	1	1	2				4
SUMMERVILLE AVENUE		1					1
THOMONDGATE	438	211	96	10			755
VOLUNTARY	1		1				2
WATERGATE	263	70	30	7			370
WOODVIEW	2	6	4				12

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting of the Limerick Metropolitan District that Limerick City and County Council carry out a full review of the current 2015 Cemetery Bye-Laws.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to The Community, Leisure and Emergency Strategic Policy Committee.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council moves

to apply for relevant funding to install an additional pedestrian/zebra crossing along the main Corbally Road in the vicinity of Scoil Ide.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehan and seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheehan said the existing traffic issues are well known on the main Corbally Road especially in the vicinity of Scoil Ide. More people are now walking and cycling and it is imperative that they can do so in a safe manner. We are encouraging children to walk to school however, with no pedestrian/zebra crossing in the vicinity of Scoil Ide it is very difficult for children to do this.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council Traffic Department will examine whether or not the warrants are met for the provision of an additional controlled pedestrian crossing on the Corbally Road adjacent to Scoil Ide on the R463. Limerick City and County Council is currently of the view that such a provision is unwarranted on the R463 to service safe road crossing provisions for school children attending Scoil Ide as two adult school wardens are currently assigned to the R463 at Scoil Ide .

Provision of such a facility on the Mill Road adjacent to the school entrance is more likely to meet the warrants and this will be examined by the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Department.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Daly proposed a Notice of Motion which was seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon and agreed, as follows :

I will move that in light of traffic movement at the back of Scoil Ide on the Mill Road side of Corbally (adjacent to recycle bins) that we assign an additional school traffic warden as soon as possible.

It was agreed to refer this motion to the relevant Director for consideration.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council calls on the Government to bring forward legislation requiring all employers by law to make provision for paid sick leave and to amend the Parental Leave Act 1998 with a new provision to allow an employee who is the parent or adoptive parent of a child to avail of force majeure leave .

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehan stated that Ireland is only one of five countries in Europe that does not have paid sick leave which is unacceptable especially during the Covid 19 pandemic as it is a disincentive to follow health guidelines.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will call upon Limerick City and County Council to join the University of Limerick Student Life’s calls on the Interim President of UL, Prof. Kerstin Mey, Chancellor Mary Harney and the University’s Governing Authority to implement a rent freeze across all University owned accommodation and cancel the plans to turn single occupancy rooms into twin (shared) rooms

which are clearly inadequate in terms of space and privacy, a proposal which because of the COVID-19 pandemic is now due to come into effect in the 2021/2022 academic year.

This Motion was proposed by Councillor Secas, seconded by Councillor Sheehan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Secas stated that the changes to the management, terms and cost of on campus accommodation outlined in her motion were due to come into force at the start of the academic year 2020/2021 which the UL Student Life (ULSL) would have been very active in resisting. No campus accommodation rent has increased by more than 4% this academic year, however, the ULSL will continue to advocate for a rent freeze. Also the proposed new twin rooms for 2nd and 3rd year students are extremely small and are not designed to hold two students and the University must seek a more suitable and cost effective solution. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this proposal is now due to come into force in the 2021/2022 academic year and Members are asked to support ULSL on this matter.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council prepares and adopts a footpath standard to guide all public realm interventions, with a purpose to have a consistent and uniform approach in terms of finish and safety, and to only install infrastructure that is safe and accessible for people of all ages and all abilities.

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

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next meeting that this Council, facilitate the lighting up of King John's Castle and City Hall in purple for International Recovery Day on 30th of September, in support and recognition of all those who have lost their lives to addiction and those who are in active recovery.

Councillor Benson stated that she wished to amend her Notice of Motion to read as follows :

I will move at the next meeting that this Council, facilitate the lighting up of City Hall in purple for International Recovery Day on 30th of September, in support and recognition of all those who have lost their lives to addiction and those who are in active recovery.

This amended Motion was proposed by Councillor Benson, seconded by Councillor Costelloe and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Benson stated that cities all over the world will light up their landmarks in purple on 30th September – International Recovery Day - to stand in solidarity with all those on their journey of recovery and to offer hope to those still suffering from addiction. The Covid 19 pandemic has exposed the extent of drug use in Limerick and never before has it been more important to highlight that recovery is possible.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council frequently receive requests to light up our Headquarters to support charity events. Some of the requests granted over the last year include :

- 'Lighting of Lights' for World Suicide Prevention Day, 10th September, 2020
- 'Lighting Up Blue' for World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day on 17th May, 2020
- 'Light the World in TEAL' for Alzheimer's Foundation on 7th November, 2019
- Lighting up Limerick for pregnancy loss awareness month on 15th October 2019
- Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day on 7th October 2019
- The building is also lit for St. Patrick's Days and for any Munster Rugby, Limerick GAA and Limerick FC games.

We are also happy to accommodate the request to light up Corporate Headquarters for International Recovery Day on 30th September.

In relation to King John's Castle, the request should be made directly to Shannon Heritage.

30. Correspondence

Correspondence was taken as read.

It was agreed to hold the Metropolitan GMA Meeting on Monday, 19th October, 2020.

The Director, Service Operations, informed Members that the biggest supporter of Limerick's Annual International Band Championship, Mr. John Cox, had passed away and he proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to his wife, Marion and family on their bereavement. John had brought many bands from America to Limerick over the years as well as providing American judges for the event. He also promoted Limerick in America for many years through his network of contacts that he had developed through his business.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

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Dated: _____