

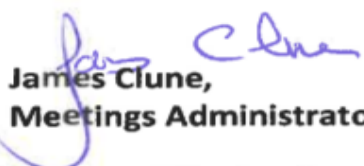
16th March, 2021.

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

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend an **Online** Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held **on Monday, 22nd March, 2021, at 3pm**. The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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James Clune,
Meetings Administrator.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25th January, 2021.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 5th February, 2021.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 8th March, 2021.

(Copies Enclosed)

2. UL Hospitals Group / HSE

To receive A Briefing from the UL Hospitals Group / HSE on COVID-19 and other service matters across the Hospital Group and the Mid-West Region.

Presentation from the following:

- Ms. Colette Cowan, Chief Executive Officer, UL Hospitals Group.
- Mr. Maurice Hoare, HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare.
- Dr. Mai Mannix, Director of Public Health Mid-West.

3. Disposal of Land

To consider proposal for the disposal of land, 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), at:

- (a) 13, Sarsfield Avenue, Garryowen, Limerick.
- (b) Clooncommons, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick.
- (c) 1-2, Long's Lane, Limerick.
- (d) Smithfield, Croagh, Co. Limerick.
- (e) 48, Carey's Road, Limerick.
- (f) Hartstonge Street, Limerick.
- (g) Castle Demesne, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
- (h) Loghill, Co. Limerick.
- (i) 7, Bawnmore Road, Kennedy Park, Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 25th and 29th January, 19th 22nd and 23rd February, and 8th, 10th and 11th March, 2021, already circulated)

4. Support Services Directorate

(a) Chief Executive's Report

To consider Chief Executive's Reports for the months of January and February 2021.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Annual Report 2020

To consider Draft Annual Report 2020.

(Report and Draft Annual Report Enclosed)

(c) Audit

(i) Statutory Audit Report 2019

To consider the Audit Committee's report dated 17th February, 2021, on the Statutory Audit Report 2019 for Limerick City and County Council

(Documentation Enclosed as follows:

- Audit Committee's Report.
- Limerick City and County Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December, 2019.
- Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report to the Members of Limerick City and County Council for the Year ended 31st December, 2019.)

(ii) Audit Committee Work Programme 2021

To consider the Audit Committee's Work Programme 2021.

(Report and Audit Committee Draft Work Programme 2021 Enclosed)

(d) Raising of Loan to fund the issuing of the 2021 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans (RIHL) by Limerick City and County Council to Borrowers

To consider approving application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, for a loan in the amount of €4,530,000 to fund the drawdown of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans. This loan will be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Public Participation Network (PPN) Nominations

To consider approving the appointment of PPN representatives to the following Committees:

- (a) Joint Policing Committee.
- (b) Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(f) Strategic Policy Committees – Standing Orders

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

(Report and Draft Standing Orders Enclosed)

(g) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report - Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 1st February, 2021.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

That, the Draft People-Place-Platform: Limerick Libraries Development Plan 2021-2025, be approved.

(Report and draft Library Development Plan Enclosed)

- (ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee held on 9th February, 2021.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

That, Limerick City and County Council write to Mr Leo Varadkar, TD, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, and Mr Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for Transport and Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications calling on them to ensure that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) between the European Union and Canada be discussed fully in the Oireachtas.

- (iii) Chairperson's Reports – Meetings of Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 8th, 15th and 22nd February, 2021.

(Chairperson's Reports Enclosed)

Recommendation from SPC Meeting held on 15th February, 2021.

That, Limerick City and County Council update its policy for the taking-in-charge of estates to ensure that estates are taken-in-charge within the shortest period possible, post completion.

Recommendation from SPC Meeting held on 22nd February, 2021.

That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide funding for the necessary sewerage treatment plants for the County and City of Limerick and also the provision of an adequate water supply throughout Limerick; and that the Motion be circulated to all Oireachtas Members in Limerick.

- (iv) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 16th February, 2021.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (v) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th February, 2021.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 1

That, Limerick City and County Council notes the contents of the attached Limerick City and County Council Allocation Scheme to embed the financial contribution element of the Private Downsizing (Rightsizing) Scheme, and approve the contents therein.

(Report Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 2

That, this Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Mr. Darragh O'Brien, TD, to seek clarification on the current legislation under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) Scheme and to amend the legislation to allow derelict properties to be included in the Scheme. In addition, to ask what delegated authority and discretion Limerick City and County Council staff exercise in relation to this scheme.

Recommendation No. 3

That, this Council limit housing representations to one representation for one person per Elected Representative.

5. Community Development

(a) Bridging Finance – EU LEADER Rural Development Programme/West Limerick Resources

To approve a bridging loan of €200,000 to West Limerick Resources as bridging finance to assist in the delivery of the EU LEADER Programme, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2020

To note the 2020 Annual Report of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Physical Development

Local Decarbonisation Zone for Limerick

To receive update on proposed identification of Local Decarbonisation Zone for Limerick.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at Online Cross-Border Tourism Seminar to be held on 14th April, 2021.

(Details already circulated electronically)

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

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

(Report Enclosed)

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for clarification on the phrase “social and economic need” and the following:

Will the sample applicants outlined below qualify for rural housing in Limerick under the new proposals in the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028:

- (a) Son or daughter of a farmer who is not actively farming.
- (b) Relative of a landowner (son, daughter, brother, sister) returning from abroad.
- (c) Son or daughter of a farmer working locally but not farming.
- (d) Son or daughter of a farmer living in another part of Ireland wishing to move home.
- (e) Son or daughter who, for care-giving reasons, must live close to their aging parents.
- (f) A person who grew up in rural Co. Limerick not owning land (born in a cottage acre).
- (g) A person / couple / family living in a town or village in Co. Limerick who wish to move to the country for whatever reason e.g. medical issues, children with special needs requiring space etc.
- (h) A person who has or will inherit either land or a site.
- (i) A person not owning land returning from abroad.
- (j) A person who will inherit a farm already owning a house.
- (k) A person who buys a farm already owning a house.
- (l) A person who has secured employment locally but is not from the area who wishes to buy a site and build a house in the countryside.
- (m) In the event of the break-up of a marriage / divorce where the home has to be sold and further houses are required to be built.

I accept that the proper planning criteria will be applied to all of the above.

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting, in the context of the preparation of the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028: (a) what defines a farm; (b) what defines a farmer; and (c) what defines ‘actively farming.’

10. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting, how many void units are there currently across the City and County and if an update could be provided regarding the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) system.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 11. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale (Councillors J. O'Donoghue (Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E. O'Brien, K. Sheahan, A. Teskey)** (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC)

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council immediately address the safe passage of people on our local, regional and national roads by way of ensuring that all roads have a clear margin of at least 1m to a height of 4m all year round, so that our school buses, pedestrians, cyclists and all other forms of transport can use our roads safely.

- 12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. Leddin, E. Secas, C. Sheehan**

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council, recognising the scale of the Housing crisis, reaffirm its commitment to work with Government and all relevant agencies towards delivering new housing units and, in particular, ensuring that sufficient Social and Affordable housing is built for those in need of same.

Recognising, however, its duty to use Limerick City and County Council property in the best interests of society, this Council reject the provisions contained in the Land Development Agency Bill, 2021, published by the Government, removing the role of the Elected Members of Local Authorities in approving the transfer or sale of lands to the Land Development Agency.

The Council further agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage urging a removal of that provision and to ensure that Elected Councillors retain the right to control such sales or transfers and be able to prepare and plan for appropriate housing delivery on Council-owned lands.

The Council further agrees to circulate this Motion to each Local Authority and the Association of Irish Local Government requesting their support for this.

- 13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will move at the next Meeting that a Bill for the appointment of an Independent Meat Regulator with statutory powers is drafted with a view to the Government / Minister for Agriculture appointing such a Regulator. The purpose of the Independent Meat Regulator with the necessary associated legislative powers would be to police and regulate the Meat Industry.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on Mr. Darragh O'Brien, TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to retain the existing policies in relation to one-off rural housing as per the adopted Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016 (Section 3.9 Rural Settlement Policy and including the Rural Settlement Strategy Map) in the emerging Limerick City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, asking him to urgently intervene to find a permanent solution for the children living in the Knockalisheen Direct Provision Centre, who currently have no transport to and from their pre-school following the closure of the on-site pre-school facility.

16. Correspondence