

22nd March, 2023.

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

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick, and Online, on Monday, 27th March, 2023, at 3pm.

The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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Laura Flannery,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January, 2023.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 9th February, 2023.

2. Declaration of Interest

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) Kilbane, Ballysimon, Limerick.
- (b) 11, Singland Park, Garryowen, Limerick.
- (c) 26, Hogan Avenue, Kileely, Limerick.

- (d) Folio LK14569F adjoining 55 College Avenue, Moyross, Limerick.
- (e) Folio LK68202F, 6 Chapel Street, Bruff, Co. Limerick.
- (f) Land at rear of 13 Michael Hartnett Close, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
- (g) Freehold interest in property at 28 Parkview Drive, Greystones, Limerick.
- (h) Land at Liam Fitzgerald Park, Ballygrennan, Limerick.
- (i) Land at 25 Hartigan Villas, Moyross, Limerick.
- (j) 28m² and Right-of-Way at Rosbrien Road, Limerick.
- (k) 0.0137 hectares (0.0339 acres) of land in the form of a 10-year lease at Singland, Limerick.
- (l) 0.187 hectares (0.461 acres) of Land at Singland, Limerick.

Derelict Disposals

- (m) Property at Ballyclough Avenue, Castletroy, Co. Limerick.
- (n) Property at Jesuit Lane, Limerick.
- (o) Property at Drombanna, Co. Limerick.
- (p) Property at Inglenook, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

Statutory Notices dated 19th January, 9th February, 2nd, 9th, 13th
and 14th March, 2023, already circulated)

4. Support Services

(a) Chief Executive's Report

To consider Chief Executive's Report for the months of January and February 2023.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Raising of Loan to fund the issuing of Local Authority Home Loans (LAHL) 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 €5,150,000 to fund the drawdown of Local Authority Home Loans. This loan will be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

(Report Enclosed)

(c) Audit

(i) Audit and Risk Committee Work Programme 2023

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee's Work Programme 2023.

(Report and copy of Work Programme Enclosed)

(ii) Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2022

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2022.

(Report and copy of Audit and Risk Committee
Annual Report 2022 Enclosed)

(d) Foreign Travel

To consider retrospective approval of foreign travel, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, in respect of invitation received by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to attend event in Los Angeles, USA, on 12th March, 2023, for the announcement that Limerick had been chosen to host Cineposium, AFCl's 2023 Global Film Industry Summit, in September 2023.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Vacancy on Joint Policing Committee

To consider filling vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee consequent on the resignation of Councillor S. Kiely from the Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(f) PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG

To consider to nomination of 2 Members of Limerick City and County Council to the Board of PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG.

(Correspondence from PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG Enclosed)

(g) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023

To consider the adoption of the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023.

(Report and Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2023 Enclosed)

(h) Annual Report 2022

To consider Draft Annual Report 2022.

(Report and Draft Annual Report Enclosed)

(i) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider report as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee held on 7th February, 2023.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 13th February, 2023.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee held on 14th February, 2023.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

That, this Council ask the Minister for the Environment to adopt the WHO air quality guideline limits nationally, and ask whether it is possible for the WHO limits to be adopted unilaterally by Limerick.

- (iv) Chairperson's Report - Meeting of Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 15th February, 2023.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 1

That, the Report from the Working Group on Vacancy be submitted to Full Council for adoption.

(Report Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 2

That, the Report from the Working Group on Vacancy would be circulated to all Council Members in advance of the March Meeting and that they be invited to make submissions on same. A Report on submissions would be made available at the March Meeting.

Recommendation No. 3

That, the Council write to the Minister for Housing to request more resources for the Affordable Housing Team.

Recommendation No. 4

That, the draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements be submitted to Full Council for adoption.

(Report and copy of proposed Scheme Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 5

That, Limerick City and County Council engage with applicants who were refused a Local Authority Home Loan in recent years so they have the opportunity to re-apply, as income limits have recently been increased by Government and they may now be eligible.

- (v) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 21st February, 2023.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

5. Housing

Raising of Loan to fund the delivery of a Cost Rental Scheme at Sonny's Corner, Limerick City

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 €3,800,000 to fund the delivery of a cost-rental scheme at Sonny's Corner, Limerick City. This loan will be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Economic Development and Enterprise

Development Fund Allocations 2023

To note the Development Fund Allocations for 2023.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Community, Tourism and Culture

(a) Grants under the Arts Act

To consider approving recommended grants under the Arts Act, 2003.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022

To note the Annual Report 2022 of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

8. Conferences

Report on Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event

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

(Reports Enclosed)

QUESTION

9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting how many people are qualified for housing within each Municipal District; also, what the total number for our Authority now stands at.

NOTICES OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that, in view of the 50% vacant commercial rate demand, this Council (a) facilitates that in situations where property owners have converted a property from commercial to residential without planning, that they will be permitted to do the reverse {i.e. convert from residential to commercial without planning} should there be demand for commercial properties in the future; and (b) in situations where commercial property owners convert their vacant commercial properties to residential units, either a grant be made available or tax relief be applied to defray a portion of the costs involved in the conversion of the property by the Department of Housing.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Newcastle West - Councillors J. Sheahan (Proposer), M. Collins, F. Foley, J. Scanlan, L. Galvin, T. Ruddle

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to include derelict units that will be refurbished and made ready for the rental market and not just principal places of residence for the owner.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will move at the next Meeting that as a result of this Authority deciding to change its mind on the intended use of the former Bank of Ireland building which it recently purchased at Askeaton, Co. Limerick, from Community/Commercial use to Residential use to facilitate approximately 22 no. Ukrainian Citizens at this location - I am satisfied that this building will be refurbished and used as temporary residential accommodation for a period of two years as stated by a member of the Council Executive. But, I am requesting that the process to prepare a feasibility study to establish its future community use and the preparation of a Part 8 Planning Application for a change of use to its intended use would commence immediately and be shovel-ready for inclusion for grant applications under Town and Village Renewal Programmes and other sources of funding. I also request that the study include the Bank of Ireland building in Abbeyfeale.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale - Councillors B. Collins (Proposer), J. O'Donoghue, K. Sheahan, S. Keary, A. Teskey

We will move at the next Meeting that the tenants of Approved Housing Bodies be given the same rights as local authority housing tenants in the option of purchasing their rented home, should they wish to do so.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors P.J. Carey, E. Ryan and G. Mitchell

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, in accordance and with respect to property rights as determined in Article 40.3.2 and Article 43 of Bunreacht na hÉireann.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Health asking that immediate access be granted to Kaftrio for the 35 children in Ireland with Cystic Fibrosis excluded from accessing this drug.

16. Correspondence