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15th November, 2023.

To: The Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on **Monday, 20th November, 2023 at 9.45am** in the **Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick and Online via Microsoft Teams.**

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

Is mise le meas,

Mark Leahy,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 16th October, 2023.

(Copies Enclosed).

2. Declaration of Interest.

3. Disposal of Land

To note proposal for the disposal of land as follows :

- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 9 Singland Park, Garryowen, Limerick.
- (b) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 10 St. Lawrence Park, Garryowen, Limerick.
- (c) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 3 Ballynanty Avenue, Ballynanty, Limerick.
- (d) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 18 Garryowen Road, Limerick.

General

- (e) Proposed Disposal of Land (0.038 hectares, 0.095 acres) at Michael Street, Limerick.
- (f) Proposed disposal at Speakers Corner, Lower Carey's Road, Limerick (name change) and proposed disposal at Ballygrennan, Limerick (name change and slight increase in land).
(Reports Enclosed)

4. Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Proposed Limerick City Pedestrian Wayfinding & Orientation Signage

To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), in relation to the removal of 45 existing pedestrian wayfinding & information signs and the installation of 70 new pedestrian wayfinding and orientation signs comprising 18 Map Totems, 19 Route Markers and 33 Finger Posts and all associated site works. The development will take place at numerous locations throughout Limerick City.

(Report Enclosed)

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the planned list for windows and doors in Limerick City excluding Regeneration areas, how many windows have been installed:

- (a) In 2021
- (b) In 2022
- (c) In 2023.

In relation to the planned list for windows and doors in Limerick City excluding Regeneration areas, how many front and back doors have been installed:

- (a) In 2021
- (b) In 2022
- (c) In 2023.

6. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can Limerick Council ensure that a road sweeper is sent to the Old Cork Road, as the trees on the main road are shedding their leaves and the footpaths and inside roads are covered in leaves making it dangerous for pedestrians to walk.

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will again ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a date to when the Peter McVerry houses will be starting in Carew Park Limerick.

8. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the flooding that occurred on Hyde Road on the morning of Friday 20th of October;

- (a) What was the main cause for the flooding that occurred on the Hyde Road and inner roads on that date.
- (b) What was the subsequent work that was carried out on Monday 23rd October 2023 to prevent further flooding in this area.
- (c) Does the resident whose home suffered flood damage need to take any preventive measures for the future.
- (d) Did the recent changes to the main Hyde Road layout contribute in any way to the build up of water on the actual main road surface.

9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on numbers of Council owned derelict and vacant houses in Limerick City West and timeframe plans to upgrade and relet.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to extend winter closing time of the Peoples Park to 5.30pm and confirm why the closing times for the Baggott Estate are not being adhered to.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to clarify plans for the next phase of the public realm upgrade of O'Connell Street and if funding has been secured from the EU or Nationally.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the Council is going to appoint a full-time traffic warden specifically for the housing estates near the University of Limerick to tackle the parking issues in the area, following the motion passed in this regard in March of this year.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a bus stop and pedestrian crossing be installed on the Ballysimon Road as soon as possible.

14. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on discussions between the Council and the LEDP on the possibility of the Council acquiring the Market's Field stadium.

15. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on a proposed dog park for Limerick City North in O'Brien Park on Clare Street.

16. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many current open notice to quit applications the local authority is dealing with.

17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

- (a) How many road sweepers do the Council own/hire;
- (b) How many are in operation in the Metropolitan area;
- (c) How are areas selected for the service.

18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

- (a) How many houses have been purchased by the Council under the "Tenant in Situ Scheme";
- (b) How many are in the Metropolitan Area;
- (c) When the Landlord agrees to sell to the Council, on average how long does it take to complete the sale.

19. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council correspond with Clare County Council to highlight that the riverbank on the far side of the Castleconnell footbridge is currently blocked, and ask Clare County Council to engage with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that those people that cross the footbridge from Castleconnell have unhindered access to the riverbank on the opposite side.

20. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council add every estate taken in charge to the grass cutting program where residents do not opt for the maintenance grant, and if there are any estates taken in charge where the residents did not opt for the maintenance grant and where the Council do not cut the grass or cut the grass once a year only. Please provide a list of those estates, if any, and please respond to the specific question asked and do not provide a general statement.

21. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on Christmas in Limerick 2023 including if the Council will engage an external event management company to run this festival and if there will be a ceremony for turning on of the Christmas lights.

22. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for any buildings or structures in the Metropolitan area that have been removed from the record of protected structures since the development plan was passed by Councillors in 2022.

23. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on funding allocated towards a cricket crease in 2019 and if a site had been identified for same.

24. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on when the first quarterly meeting of the Metropolitan District Joint Policing Sub-Committee will take place, as was committed to on my request at our June district meeting.

25. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the total arts and culture funds applied for, and drawn down, by Limerick City and County Council from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for the six years of 2018 to 2023 inclusive.

26. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the naming of the new Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road application to the LCCC Civic Memorial Policy to name this road after world famous Limerick rock band, The Cranberries.

NOTICES OF MOTION

27. 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 write to Libraries Ireland and The Local Government Management Agency asking them to include labelled sections in all libraries in Ireland for books on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental issues.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Active Travel Team identify and implement contraflow cycle routes to improve cyclability and create a denser cycle network in line with the provisions of the new national cycle manual.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to and ask Education Minister Norma Foley TD:

(a) to provide an update on the continued delays for Monaleen N.S. and

(b) to ask the Department of Education to approve the Stage 2b Report which they have had on their desks since December last year, so that LCETB can proceed to tender for the appointment of the contractor and begin the school's construction.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council consider declaring the Metropolitan area a poster free zone during the permitted period in 2024 to prevent a complete proliferation of posters with three elections scheduled in June.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council engage with the owners of empty retail units to discuss their use as pop up shops for start up businesses and or the use of their shop windows for Christmas displays.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that an update be provided by the relevant Director regarding the progress on the acquisition of the Markets Field.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Festival and Events Office and the Roads Department in Limerick City and County Council liaise with each other on road closures for events to ensure minimal cost to the applicants.

34. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council revises its policy for the installation of speed ramps so that following on from a plebiscite of residents that the views of local elected Councillors are taken into account when deciding upon the location for the installation of ramps.

35. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council writes to Waterways Ireland asking them to expedite their plans to apply for planning to Limerick City and County Council for a maintenance plan for the Park Canal and to specifically to remove the concrete bund under Mike Madden's Bridge.

36. 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 appoint an independent auditor for all Council owned housing stock to identify serious defects that will need to be addressed in the coming years such as structural and roofing problems.

37. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council engage with landowners who have horses grazing on their land near the city, towns and villages to inform them of the importance of preventing horses straying from their land onto public property.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council consider a Lights Trail event in the People's Park as part of Christmas in Limerick.

39. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O'Sullivan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to the relevant Minister to request that pre-school properties that wish to open also as afterschool services be retained as valid buildings for commercial rates exemption under Schedule 4 of The Valuation Act 2001, as amended by the Valuation (Amendment) Act 2015, to incentivise childhood education buildings to open beyond pre-school hours.

40. Correspondence

(Copy of Correspondence Enclosed).