

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, AND ONLINE, ON MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023, AT 3.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor G. Mitchell, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Ryan (M).

At the outset, the Mayor and Members extended their condolences and sympathy to Cllr Eddie Ryan and the extended Ryan family on the passing of his brother, Thomas Ryan, Castlereagh, Galbally, Co. Limerick. Members observed a Minutes silence as a mark of respect.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Dr. P. Daly), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism (Mr. G. Daly), Director, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Rural, Community and Culture Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Planning, Environment and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Mr. M. Leahy), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. A. Foley).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Annual Meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- (c) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;

And Resolved:

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

## **2. Declaration of Interest**

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Mayor of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. Councillor O’Sullivan made a declaration on one agenda item.

## **3. Disposal of Land**

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, concerning disposal of 1, Hennessy Avenue, Kileely, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 1 Hennessy Avenue, Kileely, Limerick, to Michael Fitzgerald, Evelyn Glass and Philomena Sadlier, Legal Personal Representatives (LPR) of Sean Fitzgerald, 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 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, concerning disposal of 14, Cregan Avenue, Kileely, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 14 Cregan Avenue, Kileely, Limerick, to Orla Ryan, 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 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.”

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, concerning disposal of 66, Hyde Road, Prospect, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 66, Hyde Road, Prospect, Limerick, to Mark O’Neill and Glynn O’Neill, 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 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.”

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, concerning disposal of 2, Hennessy Avenue, Kileely, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 2, Hennessy Avenue, Kileely, Limerick, to Jennifer Cribben, 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 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.”

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of land at Gardenfield South, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick, together with Ordnance Survey Map and Map outlining property.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 land at Gardenfield South, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick, to Josephine Heffernan, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the freehold interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 2, Connolly Terrace, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, together with Map outlining property.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 2, Connolly Terrace, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Catherine Hunt, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the freehold interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 0.0268 hectares of land at Knockainey, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 0.0268 hectares of land at Knockainey, Co. Limerick, to Knockainey Sportsfield Co-Operative Society Limited, for the sum of €1, with Limerick City and County Council’s reasonable legal fees to be covered, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (h) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of Former Library Building, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 Former Library Building, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, to Caherconlish Caherline Community Council, for the sum of €1, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (i) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 0.625 hectares at Glenfield, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, in the form of a 25-year lease.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 0.625 hectares of land at Glenfield, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, in the form of a 25-year lease, to Kilmallock Tourism Development, for the sum of €1, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the lease, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (j) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 0.111 hectares (0.27 acres) at Ballyvareen, Kildimo, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 0.111 hectares (0.27 acres) of land at Ballyvareen, Kildimo, Co. Limerick, to Mrs. Kathleen O’Shea, for the sum of €1, subject to Limerick City and County Council’s legal fees being covered by Mrs. O’Gorman, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (k) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 0.033 hectares of land at Plassey Park, Castletroy, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 0.033 hectares of land at Plassey Park, Castletroy, Limerick, to Halliemill Limited, for the sum of €34,850, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

- (l) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, concerning disposal of 0.096 hectares of land at Adare, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);  
 Seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon;  
 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 0.096 hectares of land at Adare, Co. Limerick, to Mrs. Kathy Gorman, for the sum of €20,000, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

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

##### **(a) Fixing of Date – Statutory Budget Meeting**

Circulated, copy of Department Circular Fin 06/2023 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023, in relation to the 2024 Statutory Budget Meeting and other budgetary matters.

On the proposal of Councillor O’Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J), the following dates were agreed:

<b><u>Briefing on Budget 2024:</u></b>	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023, at 3.00 p.m.
<b><u>2024 Statutory Budget Meeting:</u></b>	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023, at 10.00 a.m.

##### **(b) Overdraft Accommodation**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the approval of the Council was required to bank overdraft accommodation in the sum of €57 million for the 12-month period to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Scanlan;  
Seconded by Councillor McSweeney;  
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to bank overdraft accommodation in the sum of €57 million for the 12-month period to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and in accordance with Section 106 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.”

##### **(c) Chief Executive’s Report**

Circulated, Chief Executive’s Report for the months of June, July and August 2023.

The Reports were noted by the Council.

##### **(d) Strategic Policy Committee Reports**

(i) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, in relation to meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

The report was noted by the Council.

- (ii) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, in relation to meeting of the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

The report was noted by the Council.

- (iii) It was noted that the next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee was scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023.
- (iv) It was noted that the next meeting of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee was scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.
- (v) It was noted that the next meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee was scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

## **5. Transportation and Mobility**

### **(a) Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (Limerick City Centre 30 km/h Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing, Transportation and Mobility Directorate, dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, enclosing copy of the Draft Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (Limerick City Centre 30 km/h Speed Limit) Bye-Laws, 2023.

It was noted that this item had been deferred from the July Meeting. The Elected Members agreed that reduced speed limits were important in improving road safety, but agreed that enforcement measures by An Garda Siochana were vital in enforcing same so as to change the mindset and driver behaviour.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan (E);  
 Seconded by Councillor Novak;  
 And Resolved:

“That, the Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (Limerick City Centre 30 km/h Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023, as circulated, be and are hereby made, in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004.”

### **(b) Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 km/h Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing, Transportation and Mobility Directorate, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023, enclosing copy of the Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 km/h Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Novak;  
 Seconded by Councillor O'Donovan;  
 And Resolved:

“That, the Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 km/h Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws, 2023, as circulated, be and are hereby made, in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004.”

## **6. Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism**

### **Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2023/2024**

Circulated, report of the Director, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism, dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, seeking the approval of the Council to recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel for investment in Limerick festivals and events under the Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2023/2024.

Councillor O'Sullivan disclosed an interest in this item in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Proposed by Councillor Butler;  
 Seconded by Councillor O'Donovan;  
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to allocations under Limerick City and County Council's Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2023/2024, as recommended, and as set out in the report of the Director, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism, dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.”

At the request of Councillor Benson and with the permission of the Mayor, the following Notice of Motion was taken at this time:

### **19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

**I will move at the next Meeting that this Council stand in solidarity with FÓRSA members in Limerick City and County Council and other local authorities across the state and support their call for a formal job evaluation process by calling on Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, TD, and the Local Government Management Agency, to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for progressing the job evaluation process.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Benson, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and adopted.



## **7. Rural, Community and Culture Development**

### **Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Scheme 2023**

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Scheme 2023.

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

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Scheme 2023, as set out in the report of the Arts Officer dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023."

## **8. Conferences**

### **(a) Participation by Members at Conferences**

Details of the following Conferences had been circulated electronically to the Members: (a) "A Practical Guide to Budget 2024" to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023; (b) "The First Home Scheme" to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023; (c) "Modular Housing in Ireland" to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023; (d) "The All Ireland Water and Wastewater Expo 2023" to be held in Foxrock, Dublin 18, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon, the Council approved the attendance of the following Members:

**Carlingford, Co. Louth (13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October)**: Councillors O'Hanlon, Slattery, Pond.

**Clonakilty, Co. Cork**: Councillors Butler, O'Sullivan.

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

Circulated, report by Member who had participated at Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event.

The report was noted by the Council.

## **QUESTIONS**

Replies to the following Questions on the agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore taken as having been dealt with:

**9. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

**I will ask at the next Meeting what budget has been specifically allocated to implement Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas in 2023.**

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy has a number of aims which include:

- (i) To incorporate traffic calming measures at planning and design of schemes. Limerick City and County Council will adopt a pro-active approach by specifically addressing speed control issues at pre-planning discussions with Developers. It will assess all planning applications for new residential / commercial developments from a speed control perspective.
- (ii) To respond to complaints regarding speeding issues in estates or where accidents have occurred and assess the extent of the issue and priority between estates.
- (iii) Subject to funding restrictions, implement traffic calming on existing roads, on a phased basis, where need has been established.

While Limerick City and County Council does not have a budget specifically allocated to implement traffic calming policy, the policy provides for assessment of schemes that have a traffic calming aspect to be carried out in a consistent manner and to be justified/approved for construction in accordance with the policy. The policy was introduced to address the significant number of requests for speed control measures in residential areas and it deals with local collector roads and access roads.

Traffic Calming schemes are typically funded with other measures such as Active Travel improvements but funding has been provided for limited speed control measures from the Own Resources funding available.

A budget of €21m from the National Transport Authority (NTA) was allocated to Limerick City and County for 2023. This allocation will see the delivery of a number of schemes in urban areas which will introduce traffic calming measures, examples are:

- Raheen to Quinn's Cross R510 (including Ballycummin to R510 project).
- Milford Plassey Junction Improvements.
- TUS to City Centre Cycle Route.
- Dooradoyle Road Bus and Cycle Lane Improvement Works.
- Clare Street to Condell Road Cycleway (Phase 1).
- Childers Road Multi-Modal Orbital Corridor.

- Mill Road Corbally Pedestrian and Cyclist Measures.
- Ballycummin Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme.
- Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme Pedestrian and Cyclist Measures.
- Low Cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing Schemes.
- A number of Safe Routes to Schools Schemes.

In addition to the NTA allocation, Limerick City and County Council's Own Resources budget is used to fund traffic calming measures when deemed appropriate by the Municipal District and when in compliance with the Traffic Calming Policy. Such works funded from Own Resources include the following;

- Driver Feedback Signs.
- Speed Ramps.
- Junction improvement Works.

Traffic calming schemes will consist of a combination of measures and the techniques chosen should be based on the most appropriate and effective measures for each individual situation.

#### **10. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

**I will ask at the next Meeting for an update in relation to the "Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads Agreement" following our request at July's Full Council Meeting for our Director of Transportation and Mobility to engage directly with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.**

**REPLY:** Following the July 2023 Council Meeting, Limerick City and County Council wrote to Mr. Peter Walsh, C.E.O., Transport Infrastructure Ireland, in relation the resolution passed, namely:

*'That, Limerick City and County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmers' Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the Irish Farmers' Association representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/dual carriageway. The agreement has expired, and the lack of ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure.'*

An email reply was received from Mr. Andrew Moore, Senior Regulatory & Administrative Executive, on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, stating the following:

*'There is ongoing engagement between Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA), at national level, in relation to progressing negotiations on a possible renewal/extension of this agreement for a further period.'*

*The N69 Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare By-Pass) is the first major national road project to progress to land acquisition phase since the previous extension of the Agreement lapsed. It is anticipated that progress can be made to bring a successful conclusion to these negotiations in a timely manner.'*

We therefore understand that Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Department of Transport, and the Irish Farmers' Association are engaging proactively on this matter.

I have had a number of discussions with TII in relation to the above matter since the July Meeting of the Council and I will continue to engage with them in this regard.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

**I will ask at the next Meeting what the weight allowance for the bin waiver scheme was in 2022 and in 2023 and, if there was a reduction in weight allowance, could the Council provide a reason for this.**

**REPLY:** The weight allowance for 2022 was 180kg per bin, i.e. 180kg General Waste, 180kg Mixed Dry Recyclables, 180kg Food Waste Recycling, a total of 540kg. The weight allowance for 2023 was 120kg per bin, i.e. 120kg General Waste, 120kg Mixed Dry Recyclables, 120kg Food Waste Recycling, a total of 360kg.

During 2022, Limerick City and County Council tendered for the establishment of four (4) Single Party Framework Agreements for the provision of Household Waste Collection Services for a subsidised scheme in four (4) lots as follows: Lot 1 - Limerick Metropolitan District; Lot 2 – Municipal District of Newcastle West; Lot 3 - Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale; Lot 4 - Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

As the Council was aware that there were increases in the provisions of these services, the tenderers were asked to submit costings for three (3) options as follows: Option 1 - 180kg; Option 2 - 160kg; Option 3 - 120kg.

A full evaluation of all the tenders received was completed and, based on the quality of the tenders and the available budget, Limerick City and County Council proceeded with Option 3 – 120kg per bin.

**12. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

**I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council has had any discussions with Clare County Council or if there are any plans to connect Coonagh to the Shannon Greenway towards Bunratty.**

**REPLY:** Euro Velo 1 route is the primary cycling route serving Limerick, Clare and the West of Ireland. This route connects Limerick to Sixmilebridge, via Meelick and the Condell Road. In addition, the National Cycling Network identifies a supplementary cycling route connecting Limerick to Ennis. We are not aware of any communication to date from Clare County Council in relation to this project. We will, however, bring this to the attention of the Project Management Office in Clare County Council.

**13. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

**I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick Fire Services can attend and support in the rescue of large animals in Limerick.**

**REPLY:** Dealing with large animals is a very specialist activity requiring expert training and equipment. This training is not available in Ireland and Limerick Fire Service has no staff trained in this area. In the interest of the safety, health and welfare of Fire personnel, Limerick Fire Service does not attend or support the rescue of large animals in Limerick.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**We will move at the next Meeting that the Minister for Housing is called upon to reconsider the Government's position in relation to the tax placed on residentially zoned land.**

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

It was also agreed to circulate the Motion all Local Authorities for support.

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

**We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Revenue Commissioners to grant a tax rebate to people who contribute to have public roads repaired under the Community Involvement Grant Scheme.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Keary and seconded by Councillor Collins (B).

Councillor O'Donoghue proposed amending the Motion to include the Local Improvement Scheme. This was agreed and accordingly the Motion, as amended, was adopted.

**16. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Councillors M. Ryan (Proposer), P.J. Carey, M. Donegan, J. Egan, G. Mitchell, E. Ryan, B. Teefy**

**We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, TD, and Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, TD, to raise the funding support for the Cuan Mhuire Association in Bruree, and also in their Centres throughout the country, from ten euro per bed per night to fifty euro per bed per night.**

The Members welcomed the Motion and referred to the vital services that Cuan Mhuire was providing to people with various addiction issues from across the country, and the importance of adequately resourcing this service.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor Ryan (E) and adopted.

It was also agreed to circulate the Motion to all Local Authorities for support.

**17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

**I will move at the next Meeting that housing adaptation grant money be paid directly to the builder/ contractor when the job is completed, the same system as in Counties Cork and Kerry.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Ruddle and seconded by Councillor Keary.

**REPLY:** The Housing Adaptation Grant for Persons with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and the Mobility Aid Grants are grants which are available to private householders. The housing aid grants are works carried out to private houses, where the householder and approved grant applicant engages directly with the contractor. The Council administers the scheme and approves an applicant for a grant but does not recommend or engage contractors to carry out works to the approved applicant's property as this is the responsibility of the householder.

Once an applicant is approved for a grant, it is the decision of the householder to engage a contractor to carry out the works. Applicants are advised at the time of approval that payment of the grant will be made directly to them. If there are future issues with workmanship or payment queries, this is between the contractor and the applicant and Limerick City and County Council has no liability.

Under the Revenue Guidance Notes for Government Payments, Local Authorities are required to file an annual return of payments made in the previous year which includes the Tax Reference details of those receiving payment. The payments made to approved applicants for the housing aid grants noted above would also be included in this report. Any contractor employed directly by the Council to carry out what would be deemed construction works is subject to Relevant Contractor Retention Tax and details of the contract must be filed with ROS by the Council. Local Authorities are deemed principal contractors and if the practice of paying contractors instead of the approved housing grant applicants for works under the Housing grant scheme, it could be deemed that the RCT system would apply.

In exceptional circumstances, we do authorise payment to contractors where an applicant does not have a bank account. These are considered on a case-by-case basis.

**18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan**

**I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, TD, and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Mary Butler, TD, to provide the necessary funding to the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to stop further nursing home closures and bring fees payable in line with the reality of nursing home care costs. It must also bring into effect a Fair Deal pricing mechanism that reflects the reality of residents' care needs.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Ryan (E), seconded by Councillor Scanlan and adopted.

It was also agreed to circulate the Motion to all Local Authorities for support.

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

**I will move at the next Meeting that this Council stand in solidarity with FÓRSA members in Limerick City and County Council and other local authorities across the state and support their call for a formal job evaluation process by calling on Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, TD, and the Local Government Management Agency, to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for progressing the job evaluation process.**

It was noted that this Motion had already been dealt with earlier in the Meeting.

**20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, TD, Transport for Ireland (TFI) and Iarnród Éireann to ask that the decision to no longer accept individual third level ID be reversed or at least done on a phased basis.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor Collins (B) and adopted.

**21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan (to be referred to Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council endorse the call for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

**22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney (to be referred to Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council commence a review of the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas.

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

**23. Correspondence**

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:**

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

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**Mayor**

Date:

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