



13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

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

**Adoption of Standing Orders**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Please see attached copy of draft Standing Orders for the Metropolitan District of Limerick, which are being brought to the Elected Members for their consideration and approval.

Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 outlines the requirements in relation to Meetings of local authorities. It states that the Metropolitan District may, by Resolution, for which at least one half of the total number of Members of the District votes in favour, amend or revoke Standing Orders and make new Standing Orders.

The proposed changes to the Standing Orders that are being recommended to Members are highlighted in red in the attached draft document and relate to:

- **Section 28:** The amendment to this Section confirms that there is no change to the Quorum of the Meeting, having regard to the new Section 31 being introduced regarding attendance of the Mayor of Limerick at meetings of the Metropolitan District of Limerick;
- **Section 31:** This new Section being included in Standing Orders is allowing for the legislative provision in Section 17 (3) of the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2024 which allows for the attendance of the Mayor of Limerick at meetings of the Metropolitan District of Limerick;

- **Section 42:** The request to Members is to amend the deadline for submission of Questions to the Wednesday week prior to the Metropolitan Meeting, instead of the Friday week before the Metropolitan Meeting. The reason for this suggested amendment is to allow additional time for Questions to be considered by the Cathaoirleach, and for replies to be sought and responded to by the respective Departments, in advance of the Metropolitan District Meeting;
- **Section 46:** The request to Members is to amend the deadline for submission of Notice of Motions to the Wednesday week prior to the Metropolitan Meeting, instead of the Friday week before the Metropolitan Meeting. The reason for this suggested amendment is to allow additional time for Notice of Motions to be considered by the Cathaoirleach, and for replies to be sought and responded to by the respective Departments, in advance of the Metropolitan District Meeting;

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**Mark Leahy,**  
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**Metropolitan District of Limerick.**