



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

**To: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

### **Casual Vacancy on Council**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

As you are aware, a casual vacancy has arisen on the Council following the recent General Election at which Councillor Conor Sheehan was elected to Dáil Éireann.

Section 13A (1) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, provides that – ***“A person who is a member of either House of the Oireachtas is disqualified from being elected or co-opted to, or from being a member of, a local authority.”***

Section 126 of the Electoral Act, 1992, provides that – ***“On the completion of the counting of the votes the returning officer shall determine and declare the result of the poll and the candidates deemed to be elected shall thereupon stand elected.”*** A person standing elected is immediately disqualified from membership of a Local Authority.

The procedure to be followed for the filling of the casual vacancy is as set out in Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended. The following points should be noted in relation to the filling of casual vacancies:

- A co-option shall be made, after due notice, at the next Meeting of the Local Authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit.
- A casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the casual vacancy.

- A person is not to be proposed at a Meeting of the Local Authority for co-option without his or her prior written consent.

It is proposed to fill the casual vacancy at the Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

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**Ciara Farrell,**  
**Meetings Administrator.**