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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 January, 2025, at 3pm.

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

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Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25th November, 2024.
- (b) Budget Meeting of the Council held on 29th November, 2024.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 19th December, 2024.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 3rd January, 2025.

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:

Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development Directorate

General Disposals

- (a) 0.7878 acres (0.3188 hectares) at Ballykeefe, Dock Road, Limerick.
- (b) 0.326 acres (0.1321 hectares) at Gilmartin, Murroe, Co. Limerick.
- (c) 0.1784 acres (0.0722 hectares) at Lower Mall, Glin, Co. Limerick.

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Derelict Disposals

- (d) Property at Kerry Road, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.
- (e) Brewery Lane, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 16th, 20th and 23rd December, 2024, and 15th January, 2025, already circulated)

4. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the months of November and December, 2024.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Standing Orders

To consider reviewing frequency of Full Meetings of Limerick City and County Council.

(c) Friendship Agreement between Limerick and Savannah

To consider approving the formal establishment of Friendship Cities between Limerick and Savannah, Georgia.

(Report Enclosed)

(d) Audit and Risk Committee

To consider the nomination of the final external member to the Audit and Risk Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Public Participation Network (PPN) Nomination – Local Community Development Committee

To consider approving the appointment of Public Participation Network nominee to the Local Community Development Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(f) Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees

(i) To consider the approval of Sectoral Nominees to the Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(ii) To consider the approval of changes to two Councillor Members of Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(g) Date for March Meeting

To consider re-fixing date for the March Meeting of the Council.

(h) Ryder Cup 2027 Briefing

To receive Briefing on the Ryder Cup 2027.

(Presentation at Meeting)

5. Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development**Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme**

To consider approving recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Conferences

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

(Report Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting has Limerick City and County Council communicated/liaised with Uisce Éireann regarding capacity to deal with increased demand for water and waste facilities whilst roadworks will be carried out, to plan for the future and Ryder Cup and ultimately ensure that we do not have one set of long term roadworks followed by another.

8. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask the Mayor at the next meeting for an update on the first 3 Expert Groups that are being established, how stakeholders are being chosen to sit on these groups and what other Expert Groups are being planned for the future.

QUESTIONS

9. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting what the Council's supplies of salt were at the start of the cold period earlier this month and if all those supplies have been exhausted.

10. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting can you detail how Limerick City and County Council has liaised with Clare County Council and UL regarding plans for the upgrade of the Black Bridge in Plassey, in the context of the Plassey Bank Project, and outline the timeline for the commencement and completion of these works.

11. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting for the official monthly head count of rough sleepers for the past 6 months.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for resources available to Limerick Council for complaints of animal welfare issues, including horses, during the recent freezing weather.

13. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) How much has been spent in years 2023, 2024 and 2025 on renewal and maintenance works to Askeaton Swimming Pool, and (b) what subvention was given towards the Pool's operation in each of its last 5 years trading.

14. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on any additional resources given by Government for Limerick winter maintenance programme in 2025 and will additional resources be required if needed later in year.

15. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting that this Council provide a breakdown of the current number of legally registered short-term lets (e.g. Airbnb's) for each of the Limerick City and County Local Electoral Areas.

16. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting can Limerick Library Headquarters please provide a full annual breakdown of the number of service users, and the number of library loans issued, at each location serviced by the Mobile Library over the past 5 years since January 2020.

17. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue (to be referred to Metropolitan District of Limerick)

I will ask at the next Meeting if sites can be identified for the construction of new Community Centres for Raheen / Mungret / Dooradoyle, given the extent of new housing and the very significant population increase in these areas.

NOTICES OF MOTION

18. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Councillors G. Conway (Proposer), P.J. Carey, T. O'Sullivan, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, N. Stokes, B. Teefy

We will move at the next Meeting that we call on the incoming Minister for Health to establish an ambulance base at Kilmallock Primary Health Centre, Kilmallock.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council commit to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this Council's discussion and debates over the length of its term. In making this commitment, this Council affirms its obligation as a Local Authority, as per Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, to have regard to the need to: (a) eliminate discrimination; (b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and (c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran and Councillors M. Ryan and L. Galvin

We will move at the next Meeting that the Council expresses its fullest appreciation for all of the work done by the Council staff and staff of other agencies and volunteers who worked 24/7 to alleviate the hardships caused by the recent severe weather event. The Council now calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to (a) immediately release funds to replenish Local Authority financial resources used to manage the emergency and (b) provide additional adequate funds (or otherwise provide financial arrangements) for Local Authorities impacted to arrange a local scheme to compensate homeowners and businesses for property damage, lost stock or foods or other reasonable uninsured damages caused by snowfall or electricity cuts and that this notice of motion be circulated to all Local Authorities.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council include in the winter maintenance programme measures to provide, going forward, gritting bins/loads to housing estates, where required by residents' groups to treat footpaths within their estates.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Plenary Meeting, given the recent weather events, that this Council (a) calls on Uisce Éireann to install generators at every pumping station in the country (b) calls on the ESB to cut back / cut down all trees and / or branches that are in danger of damaging the infrastructure and (c) calls on the Government to set up a special emergency phone number which is activated prior to and manned during all orange and red weather alerts.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this local authority would put in place a financial support scheme within the grant aid for older people form to include people in medical need that they would be able to apply for financial aid to help them purchase a generator to allow them to power electric medical devices where loss of power occurs.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council calls on employers throughout the region to ensure that all staff in their employ have recourse to first-class menstrual and menopausal care with a focus on best practice in order to set the highest standards and ensure Limerick leads the way at national level with regard to these issues.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council will adopt a rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP), ensuring that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999) - to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business. The EPP will incorporate widely accepted and precisely formulated international standards and explain clearly how the policy will be implemented. The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I move at the next Meeting that we write to the Chief Superintendent of Limerick Garda Síochána, considering the absence of an ISPCA Inspector in Limerick, to urge the creation of a dedicated *Garda Animal Welfare Unit* in Limerick, to combat the rising incidents of animal cruelty and to further address seizure processes related to the impending ban on XL Bully dogs.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Minister asking for a relevant Government Department-backed plan to be put in place to mitigate against the danger of falling Trees, Branches and Bramble resulting in Power and water supply outages into the future.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), Taoiseach and Minister for DCEDIY and request an extension until June for the state-supported Ukrainian accommodation in Limerick and for those with pets to be accommodated in temporary accommodation as required.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Councillors J. O'Donoghue (Proposer), B. Collins, T. Hartigan, S. Keary, A. Teskey, G. Ward

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and any other relevant Government Departments, to change the Regulations on the newest application forms for Housing Adaptation Grants for older people and disabled people, most notably the unavailability of a grant to replace a fossil fuel burner if the current burner is unrepairable.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue (to be referred to Metropolitan District of Limerick)

I will move at the next meeting that the owners of the former Debenhams building are encouraged to expedite development and reuse this key City Centre site.

31. Correspondence