



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City
& County Council

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Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,
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Corporate Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
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26th March, 2025.

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

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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, 31st March, 2025, at 3pm.**

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

Is mise le meas,

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 27th January, 2025.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 2025, at 4pm.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 2025, at 5pm.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st February, 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:

Housing Directorate

- (a) 4, Main Street, Kilteely, Co. Limerick.
- (b) 1, Main Street, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick.

Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate

General Disposals

- (c) 1.24 acres (0.50 hectares) Site E at Kilmallock Business Park, Co. Limerick.
- (d) Freehold interest in property at 18, Parkview Drive, Greystones, Limerick.
- (e) Freehold interest in property at 20, Glenview Drive, Shelburne Park, Limerick.
- (f) 0.0128 acres (0.0052 hectares) of land at 9 St. Joseph Street, Limerick.
- (g) Office space consisting of 4,450 square feet on the first floor of Lissanalta House, Dooradoyle, Limerick.
- (h) 0.0013 acres (0.0005 hectares) at Main Street, Bruff, Co. Limerick, V35WT73.
- (i) Property at 121, Dalgaish Park, Moyross, Limerick.
- (j) Property at Roseville, O'Donoghue Avenue, Janesboro, Limerick.

Derelict Disposals

- (k) Property at Kilready, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 16th December, 2024, 27th January,
12th and 19th March, 2025, already circulated)

4. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the months of January and February, 2025.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Audit

(i) Statutory Audit Report 2023

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee's report dated 12th February, 2025, on the Statutory Audit Report 2023 for Limerick City and County Council.

Documentation enclosed as follows:

- Audit and Risk Committee Report.
- Limerick City and County Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for Year ended 31st December, 2023.
- Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report to the Members of Limerick City and County Council for the Year ended 31st December, 2023.

(ii) Audit and Risk Committee Work Programme 2025

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee's Work Programme 2025.

(Report and copy of Work Programme Enclosed)

(iii) Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2024

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2024.

(Report and copy of Audit and Risk Committee
Annual Report 2024 Enclosed)

(iv) Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Terms of Reference

To consider and adopt the Charter and Terms of Reference for Limerick City and County Council Audit and Risk Committee.

(Report and copy of Draft Charter and Terms of Reference Enclosed)

(c) Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025

To consider the adoption of the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025.

(Report and Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025 Enclosed)

(d) Annual Report 2024

To consider draft Annual Report 2024.

(Report and Draft Annual Report Enclosed)

(e) Corporate Plan 2024-2029

To receive an update on the Corporate Plan 2024-2029.

(f) Limerick Civic Trust – Vacancy

To consider the filling of vacancy on Limerick Civic Trust following the resignation from the Trust of the Council's nominee, Councillor Talukder.

(g) PPN Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees

To consider approving the appointment of PPN representatives to Strategic Policy Committees.

(Report Enclosed)

(h) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Travel and Transportation** Strategic Policy Committee held on 19th February, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

"That, the Draft Community Hedge-Cutting Grant Scheme be presented to the Full Council Meeting on 31st March, 2025, for adoption."

(Report Enclosed)

- (ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning** Strategic Policy Committee held on 3rd March, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

"That, this Council call on the Government to provide additional financial incentives and supports to encourage the owners of unoccupied properties located in the city centre to redevelop for commercial and/or residential purposes."

- (iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment** Strategic Policy Committee held on 11th March, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation:

"That, the Limerick City and County Council Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030 be adopted at the next sitting of the Full Council."

(Report, Executive Summary and Draft Plan Enclosed)

- (iv) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee** held on 12th March, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation:

"That, the application for accreditation to the World Health Organisation European Healthy Cities/Counties Network be considered for approval by Limerick City and County Council."

(Report Enclosed)

- (v) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee held on 13th March, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

5. Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

Raising of Loan to fund issuing of Local Authority Home Loans (LAHL) and Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loans (LAPR) by Limerick City and County Council to borrowers

To consider approving application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended, for a loan in the amount of €5,520,000 to fund the drawdown of Local Authority Home Loans and Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loans. This loan will be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

(a) Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Scheme 2025

To consider approving recommended allocation from the Assessment Panel under the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Scheme 2025.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Grants under the Arts Act

To consider approving recommended grants under the Arts Act, 2003.

(Report Enclosed)

(c) Individual Arts Bursary Awards 2025

To consider approving recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel under the Individual Arts Bursary Awards Scheme 2025.

(Report Enclosed)

(d) Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025

To consider approving recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Limerick Theatre Bursaries Award Scheme 2025

To consider approving recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel for Limerick Theatre Bursaries 2025.

(Report Enclosed)

(f) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2024

To note the Annual Report 2024 of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Conferences**Reports on Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event**

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

(Report Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS**8. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

I will ask the Mayor to work with the Director General and An Garda Síochána to lead a city-wide traffic management campaign around our major education institutions and employers for the wider benefit of local residential communities who are currently suffering from car parking issues on a regular basis.

9. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for an update on the membership, status and priorities of the Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board Transport Sub-Group.

QUESTIONS

10. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting – since 1st February, 2025, it is now illegal to own an XL Bully Dog unless you have a Certificate of Exemption – (a) how many XL Bully Dogs were destroyed; (b) how many exemptions were granted in Limerick; (c) what were the reasons for the exemptions; and (d) what steps has this Council put in place to ensure that all XL Bully Dogs are certified.

11. Question submitted by Councillor B. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting how many pre-planning and full planning permissions have been refused or withdrawn since the adoption of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 based on applicants residing in Level 4 settlements.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for the number of Notices to Quit received by Limerick Council across Limerick in the last 12 months per month.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting, (i) How many vacant Council properties do we currently have (ii) What is the projected cost of refurbishing all of these properties (iii) What is this year's budget for refurbishing these properties and (iv) How much do we get from central government towards the cost, per unit.

14. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting if Limerick City and County Council has a dedicated fulltime Access Officer, with appropriate seniority and training.

15. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that all paths and roads maintenance costs for all required works are included in pre-budget workshops in a project-by-project in Q3 and Q4 going forward.

16. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Housing Department can set out its current projected Per Cent for Art budget across all projects regardless of stage.

17. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a full yearly breakdown of expenditure on consultants by the Active Travel Team since it was established.

18. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council over the past five years, what are the maintenance costs for Council housing stock by year and District.

19. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what percentage of our Authority's Annual Rate Revenue was derived from Wind Farms situate locally in each of the past five financial years.

20. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting how many properties our Authority had agreed to purchase in 2024 under Notice to Quit, Tenant in Situ and Rightsizing options, what the relating purchase monies amount to, and when completions are expected.

NOTICES OF MOTION

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor N. Stokes

I will move at the next Plenary Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council examine the possibility of securing funding for the Irish Chamber Orchestra's Education and Community Engagement work. The funding is essential to enable them to continue their offering of programmes free-of-charge to schools and community groups, providing access to music and the arts for those who may require it.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call for Government intervention to start the process of upgrading Newcastle West Sewerage Scheme immediately; to also put interim/temporary measures in place so that development can continue while the upgrade can take place.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council calls on the Department of Education to fund all safety measures that are necessary outside all Schools in the interest of children's safety, particularly national schools, i.e. crossings, lighting, speed ramps, signage, car/bus parking.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that the Mayor of Limerick immediately commence a review of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 to expedite the development of housing in Limerick City and County.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council process rent assessments for people in Council properties in a timely manner to avoid tenants receiving backdated bills for arrears.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council (a) Calls on the Government to enact the Occupied Territories Bill in full, and (b) Agrees to fly the Palestinian flag outside Merchant's Quay as a sign of solidarity with the people of Gaza, East Jerusalem and the West Bank. Note: (b) Referred to Protocol Committee.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council amend the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 to include the following: 'For a positive planning application for a one-off rural house outside a settlement, that the absence of affordable dwellings for purchase within a settlement be included as qualifying criteria where a housing need is demonstrated.'

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

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick Council that this Council write to the Minister for Housing requesting a funding guarantee for the tenant-in-situ scheme for 2025, and to allow Limerick Council the maximum flexibility on how this scheme is operated.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next meeting that we write to the NTA and Minister for Transport to ask if additional funding will be made available for road repairs, particularly for local roads through housing estates, on bus routes. And that an inspection be carried out ahead of the rollout of bus connects, to ensure that the roads on all routes are of suitable standard to cater for the heavier electric fleet and increased frequency, and where necessary roads will be upgraded and funding will be provided to maintain these routes into the future.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, T.D., to propose that the BusConnects Limerick is implemented and made operational without delay. I understand that the majority of the required infrastructure is in place for this transformative network.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting that a space be gifted by Limerick City and County Council for Limerick Lace to have a location where they can showcase their wares for tourists and interested parties.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council engage the services of a Sustainability Officer to carry out a sustainability audit of Riverfest 2025, and all Limerick Council run Festivals and Events thereafter, in order to minimise the environmental impact, thereby aligning with the sustainability goals of the Limerick City and County Council Festival and Events Strategy 2023-2027.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will move at the March Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Forward Planning Section of this Authority immediately commence a review of the current Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 with a view to amending Planning Policies and a review of the current list of Protected Structures.

34. Correspondence