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

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, 26th May, 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 31st March, 2025.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 7th April, 2025.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 9th May, 2025.

2. Declaration of Interest

3. National Citizens' Parliament

To receive Deputation from the National Citizens' Parliament.

4. 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, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate

General Disposals

- (a) Freehold interest in property at 77 Mayorstone Gardens, Mayorstone, Limerick.
- (b) 5.26 acres (2.13 hectares) at Caheranardrish, Munret, Limerick.
- (c) 0.0097 acres (0.0039 hectares) at Main Street, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.
- (d) 0.0147 acres (0.0059 hectares) at Ballyadam, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 2nd and 13th May, 2025, already circulated)

5. Mayoral Fund

To receive an update on the Mayoral Fund.

6. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the months of March and April 2025.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Annual Report 2024

To consider the adoption of the Limerick City and County Council Annual Report 2024.

(Report and Annual Report Enclosed)

(c) Foreign Travel

To consider approval of foreign travel, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, in respect of:

- (a) Visit by Elected Member of Limerick City and County Council to Birmingham following invitation from Limerick Birmingham Association. This included meetings with the Mayor of Birmingham, the Metro Mayor of Greater Manchester and representative of Liverpool City Council. (retrospective)

(b) Attendance by Príomh Chomhairleoir at the Core Network Meeting of URBACT GreenPlace in Vila Nova de Poiares, Portugal. (retrospective)

(c) Proposed Visit by the Príomh Chomhairleoir to Savannah, Georgia.

(Reports Enclosed)

(d) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

(i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Travel and Transportation** Strategic Policy Committee held on 8th April, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning** Strategic Policy Committee held on 14th April, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Home and Social Development** Strategic Policy Committee held on 24th April, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

To consider and adopt the attached Draft Revision to the Limerick City and County Council Allocation Scheme in accordance with Section 22 (9) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009.

(Report Enclosed)

(iv) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture** Strategic Policy Committee held on 14th May, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(e) July Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

To agree date for the July Meeting of Limerick City and County Council.

7. Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

(a) Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2024 – Limerick City and County Council

To consider the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2024, for Limerick City and County Council, under Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014).

(Unaudited Annual Financial Statement and Report from Director General already circulated)

(b) Additional Expenditure 2024

To authorise additional expenditure over budget for financial year ended 31st December, 2024, under Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), including Capital transfers.

(Report already circulated)

8. Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

Limerick Street Performance and Busker Bye-Laws 2025

To consider the adoption of the Limerick Street Performance and Busker Bye-Laws, 2025, in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, for the administrative area of Limerick City and County Council.

(Report Enclosed)

9. Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2025/2026

To consider approving recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel for Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2025/2026.

(Report Enclosed)

10. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conference - "The Martin McEvoy 2025 Conference, Mayoral Governance in Dublin - Democracy, Devolution and Impact" held in Dublin on 29th April, 2025.

(Details already circulated electronically)

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

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

(Report Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask the Mayor if he has had any engagement with the Office of Public Works (OPW) which was commissioned in September 2023 to identify a suitable site for a Garda Station in Castletroy, and if he can request the OPW to provide an official statement on the matter.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I note that monies from the Mayoral Fund were allocated in 2024 for the RIARI design review of state lands in Moyross. When was this design review prepared and what consultation was done with local communities for this review. Similarly, have any other allocation from the Mayoral Fund been provided for design reviews in other areas and what has been the community consultation for these reviews.

QUESTIONS

13. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next full Council Meeting for an update on the new system of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) forms.

14. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next full Council Meeting for a full and detailed explanation of the description for Sub-Standard Roads within this Council.

15. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the following information in relation to the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme, to be broken down by Municipal District: (i) The number of affordable purchase homes delivered in each year since 2022; (ii) The number of affordable purchase homes in the delivery pipeline for each year up to and including 2029; (iii) The number of units approved for funding by the Department under the Affordable Housing Fund.

16. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the following information in relation to Mary Street Garda Station following the approval of the Section 183 by this Council: (i) Was a payment made by this Local Authority to the approved purchaser and, if so, how much; (ii) Has feedback been provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the reasons the proposed stabilisation works were not funded under the Historic Structures Fund; (iii) Has any expenditure been incurred to date or procured to carry out works on this property since the Section 183 was approved and, if so, how much and for what works; (iv) What works are planned to be carried out to this property during 2025, the estimated value of same and what will the status of the building be once these works are completed; and (v) Have we considered the future use of this building and explored funding avenues for capital works but also running costs in the future.

17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the number of Refuse Collectors who provide a pick-up service in Limerick.

18. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the following information in relation to the proposed disposal of 3 and 4 Creagh Lane, Limerick City: (i) What was the valuation of both properties; (ii) following the advertising of these through our Auctioneers, how many persons bid on the properties; (iii) What was the final bid placed on each of the properties; (iv) Bidders have now been advised the sale of these properties has now been suspended with the possibility of them being withdrawn from the market in the coming weeks, please advise the Department of Limerick Council which requested this action and the rationale behind such an action.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of this Council (a) For an annual breakdown of how many inspections on private rented properties, including those rented under HAP and RAS, were carried out by Limerick City and County Council over the past five years from 2021 to 2025; (b) For a breakdown of how many inspections on private rented properties, including those rented under HAP and RAS, led to the issuing of Improvement Notices to landlords over the past five years from 2021 to 2025; (c) For a further breakdown of the issues identified as a result of inspections on private rented properties, including those under HAP and RAS, that led to the issuing of Improvement Notices to landlords over the past five years from 2021 to 2025; (d) How many qualified Technicians are presently employed by Limerick City and County Council to carry out inspections on private rented properties, including those under HAP and RAS.

NOTICES OF MOTION

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail requesting that they investigate the purchase of land adjacent to Annacotty Business Park and the Castleconnell rail line. This would provide an urban train station linking the Annacotty Business Park with Castleconnell, Birdhill and Nenagh and Colbert Station Limerick. Over 3,000 people work in the Annacotty Business Park and this train station would greatly assist employees coming and going to work and reduce congestion on our roads.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council call on the Government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of smartphones (mobile phones with access to internet and social media) among youths under 16 years of age.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley (to be referred to the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council promote The Sunflower representing hidden disabilities across Limerick City and County.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD, to amend the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme 2016/S.I. No. 619/2023, to allow tenants to purchase their Council house after a period of five years and not a ten-year period as is currently required.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to change the current policy in relation to changing the use of a commercial premises, office, shop etc. to residential. At present you have to leave a premises completely idle for a minimum of 2 years, to gain an exemption in planning when you convert the premises. This barrier should be removed in a housing crisis. We want to bring these premises back in to use as soon as possible.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on the Mayor to request the National Transport Authority to address the Metropolitan Members.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Government and Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, TD, to take decisive action to deliver a new ED hospital for Limerick and the Mid-West region.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that our Authority liaise with the Refuse Operators servicing Limerick users with a view to making the offering provided more environmentally-friendly.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council request that the Ardagh Chalice be loaned from the National Museum of Ireland to Limerick to be put on display as an attraction for the duration of the Ryder Cup.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council would install an averaging speed camera system on a trial basis, for example, in a village like Elton, on a regional road. This should be on a benefit analysis basis as a method to reduce speed while monitoring cost comparison, overall environmental and safety benefits for a community.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that this Council look to establish an office of a Youth Mayor.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council liaise with the Department of Housing and the Government calling for the restoration of the No Fault Eviction as the housing emergency spirals out of control and building targets fail to be met.

32. Correspondence