

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY AND ONLINE, ON MONDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE,  
2025 AT 9.45AM**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor K. O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery and Talukder.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District (Ms. S. Reidy), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

The outgoing Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District, Councillor O'Hanlon welcomed the Members, Officials, Members of the Media and the Public to the Annual Meeting to elect the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick. He also extended a welcome to Minister Kieran O'Donnell.

The Cathaoirleach stated that it had been a privilege and honour to serve in the role. He thanked his family and friends for their support during the year. He also expressed his gratitude to the Leas Cathaoirleach, his Party Colleagues and the Elected Members for their support, throughout what had been a very busy year. The Cathaoirleach thanked Councillor McSweeney for his support in his role as Príomh Chomhairleoir. He also extended his appreciation to the Management and Staff for their help and support during his term.

The Members congratulated Councillor O'Hanlon on his successful year as Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District and commended him on the professional manner in which he chaired the Metropolitan Meetings and carried out his duties.

**1. To elect a Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to hold Office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been elected**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the Office of Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Proposed by Councillor Kiely;  
Seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan;

"That Councillor Daniel Butler be appointed Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been appointed".

Proposed by Councillor O'Donovan;  
Seconded by Councillor Benson;

"That Councillor Shane Hickey-O'Mara be appointed Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been appointed".

As there was more than one nomination, a Roll Call vote was taken which resulted as follows:

**For Councillor Butler**

Councillors Butler, Daly, Doyle, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery and Talukder (14)

**For Councillor Hickey-O'Mara**

Councillors Benson, Donoghue, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O'Mara and O'Donovan (6)

The outgoing Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Daniel Butler elected as Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick and congratulated him on his election.

Members congratulated Councillor Butler on his election as Cathaoirleach and wished him every success in the year ahead.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach, Councillor Butler said he was delighted and honoured to be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick. He expressed his gratitude to the Members that voted for him, and particularly his party colleagues for their continued trust and support. He thanked his family, some of whom were in the Chamber, for their encouragement and support.

Councillor Butler acknowledged the work of Councillor O'Hanlon as Cathaoirleach over the previous twelve months, establishing a platform for this Chamber under the new Council structure.

He highlighted that while housing remains the most pressing issue, the priority during his term will be Limerick city centre. He stated that though there are challenges, our city centre must be a place where people want to live, work and spend time. A place that is vibrant, safe, welcoming and full of life. A place where small businesses and local enterprise can flourish, where public spaces are alive with activity and where people feel proud to call home. He would be proposing that the city centre be made a standing agenda item for every Metropolitan meeting during his term. He stated that this would ensure discussions were structured and efficient and most importantly would ensure this vital issue gets the consistent focus and attention it deserves. He highlighted that while everything cannot be done in a one-year term, as a Council, we can make real tangible progress on this and can support initiatives that bring footfall back into the city centre, improve public spaces and make it easier for businesses to thrive.

Councillor Butler stated that he will ensure that every Councillor is heard and supported in delivering for their communities, as when each succeed in their areas, Limerick as a whole succeeds. He finished by saying it was a great honour to accept the role of Cathaoirleach.

**2. To elect a Leas Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to hold Office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor has been elected.**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the Office of Leas Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan;  
Seconded by Councillor Doyle;

"That Councillor Sarah Kiely be appointed Leas Chathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed".

The Cathaoirleach declared Councillor Kiely elected as Leas Chathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Councillor Kiely thanked the Members for nominating her and looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Butler, and all Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, for the year ahead.

This concluded the Meeting.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**DATE :** \_\_\_\_\_