



9th July, 2025.

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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, 14th July, 2025, at 3pm.

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

Is mise le meas,

Ciara Farrell,

Meetings Administrator.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 26th May, 2025.
- (b) Annual Meeting of the Council held on 30th June, 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) Site F - 0.79 acres (0.32 Hectares) at Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
- (b) Property at 174 Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick.
- (c) Property at 120 Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick.
- (d) Lease 999 Year - Parcel 5, Opera Square, Limerick.
Licence 999 Year – covering exclusive use of portion of underground car parking area.

Derelict Disposals

- (e) Property at Grange, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
- (f) Ballyvogue, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 2nd July, 2025, already circulated)

5. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the month of May.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Limerick Market Trustees

To consider the nomination of 18 Members of the Council, as members of the Limerick Market Trustees.

(Report Enclosed)

(c) Proposed Schedule of Dates for Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

To agree Schedule of Proposed Dates for Strategic Policy Committee Meetings up to June 2026.

(Report Enclosed)

(d) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

(i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of **Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment** Strategic Policy Committee held on 20th May, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Travel and Transportation** Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th June, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

That, the Council write to the Minister for Transport, the Chairperson of the Board of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and the Chief Executive of TII to call for urgent prioritisation and full delivery of the Rathkeale to Limerick City Greenway in advance of the Ryder Cup in 2027.

(iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning** Strategic Policy Committee held on 23rd June, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation No. 1

That, the draft new Limerick Tourism Strategy 2025-2030 be considered for approval by Limerick City and County Council at the September Plenary Meeting.

(Report to be submitted in September)

Recommendation No. 2

That, the Draft Night Time Economy Action Plan 2025 be brought to the July Plenary Meeting of the Full Council for noting.

(Plan Enclosed)

(iv) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Home and Social Development** Strategic Policy Committee held on 26th June, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

6. Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

(a) Local Property Tax

To consider whether to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of Local Property Tax for the year ending 31st December, 2026, in accordance with Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012, as amended.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Finance Update

To receive a presentation on the Limerick City and County Council mid-year Finance position.

7. Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism

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)

8. Conferences

Reports on Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event

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

(Reports Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

9. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting of Limerick Council given the recent information on your SMART housing, I would like to know what the route to planning is for this proposal and what consultation has taken place with the Executive and the communities at your proposed locations.

10. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for the membership of the Community Liaison Committee due to have been established by this Council as is stipulated in the planning conditions in respect to Irish Cement and for the amount of the community fund that is due to be distributed that has been accumulating since 2023.

QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Council, further to Housing Minister James Browne's call to all City and County Council CEOs (Limerick Director General) for immediate reviews and updates of local development plans to align with the forthcoming revised National Planning Framework, stressing the need to identify deliverable housing sites with access to infrastructure, if Limerick City and County Council is going to start the review process of its Development Plan immediately instead of waiting until 2026.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick Council if this Council has liaised with Irish Rail or is aware of the PSDP for the re-opening of the Limerick to Foynes rail track with a focus on hazard identification and safety as the rail track runs through residential areas and estates in Limerick.

13. Question submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that, in relation to wind farms, is there an evaluation on health impacts when investigating complaints about noise and shadow flicker.

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

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council for an update on plans for the Men's Mental Health Campaign which received full cross-party support at last November's Meeting of this Council.

15. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the projected Per Cent for Art budget that will be delivered for Limerick City and County through the current Active Travel Capital Projects at all stages.

16. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a full breakdown of the number of applications received under the Maintenance of Open Spaces Grant Scheme, the average allocation per applicant and the total allocation to this scheme under the 2025 Budget.

17. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a full breakdown of the number of applications received under the Burial Ground Maintenance Grants Scheme, the allocation per applicant and the total allocation to this scheme under the 2025 Budget.

NOTICES OF MOTION**18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council call on local businesses and vintners to actively support the "Ask for Angela" campaign across Limerick.

For reference, the "Ask for Angela" campaign is a proven initiative designed to help victims of sexual harassment and assault safely seek assistance in public venues.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that an update be given to Councillors regarding the timescale for installation of bus shelters across the city and county.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors F. Foley, F. Kilcoyne, M. Ryan and G. Ward

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council agrees to and calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to relax the current ribbon development rules to allow for the construction of 6 dwellings in a linear arrangement and, where appropriate, that restrictions be set aside entirely for sites within 1 km of an existing settlement boundary once the development is located on a non-regional road with available appropriate sightlines.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Department of Social Protection to change the provision of the Carers Leave Act 2001 to remove the time limit of 104 weeks.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick Council that this Council calls on the Central Bank of Ireland to immediately end the facilitation of the Israeli Bond Issuance Programme.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request that no new onshore wind farm planning applications should be approved until updated national guidelines on wind energy are approved and implemented by the Government.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that our Authority provide a liaison/link to Community Welfare where support is necessary to enable newly allocated tenants move in speedily.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara (to be referred to Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council formally declares a Student Housing Emergency in Limerick and commits to convening a Student Housing Taskforce in partnership with local Students' Unions, local third-level institutions, approved housing bodies, and relevant Council departments, with the aim of: (i) Acknowledging the acute shortage of affordable and suitable accommodation for students attending third-level institutions in Limerick; (ii) Identifying Council-owned or privately owned land suitable for student housing; (iii) Exploring opportunities for cost-rental, or cooperative models of development; (iv) Removing planning or zoning barriers where appropriate for the construction of student housing.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney (to be referred to Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture SPC)

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that we examine the rollout of a Community Contracts Grant Scheme in advance of budget 2026.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Justice to ask for an update on the legislation being drafted to amend the Criminal Justice Act, 1994, to ban the wearing of balaclavas and other face coverings at protests where they are used to conceal a person's identity; and to request that the legislation includes measures to ban balaclavas and face coverings on persons trying to conceal their identity to commit a crime (i) in public places and (ii) while riding scrambler bikes.

28. Correspondence