



17th September, 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, 22nd September, 2025, at 3pm.

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

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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 14th July, 2025.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th August, 2025.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 8th September, 2025.

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Presidential Election 2025

To consider the nomination of a candidate for the Presidential Election 2025, in accordance with Section 16 of the Presidential Election Act, 1993.

(Correspondence Enclosed)

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) 0.0098 acres (0.0040 hectares) at Fairhill, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.
- (b) Freehold interest in property at Moore's Lane, Lelia Street, Limerick.
- (c) Property at Sheares Street, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Derelict Disposals

- (d) Property at Main Street, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.
- (e) Garage at Feoghanagh, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 15th and 21st August, 2025,
already circulated)

5. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the months of June, July and August.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Foreign Travel

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

- (i) Nomination of a delegation to attend and participate in the Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 in Rockaway Beach, Queens, New York, USA.
- (ii) Nomination of a delegation to attend and participate in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 in New York City, USA.

- (iii) Nomination of a delegation to attend and participate in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 in Savannah, Georgia, USA.
- (iv) Visit by the Príomh Chomhairleoir and the Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale to Bethpage Black, New York, to represent Limerick at functions and events of the Ryder Cup 2025.

(Reports Enclosed)

(c) Strategic Policy Committee – Sectoral Nomination

To consider the approval of Sectoral Nomination to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(d) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider report as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of **Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture** Strategic Policy Committee held on 9th July, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

That, Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025-2030 be presented to the Full Council Meeting on 22nd September, 2025, for noting.

(Report and Plan Enclosed)

- (ii) **Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment** Strategic Policy Committee: Next Meeting scheduled for 8th October, 2025.
- (iii) **Home and Social Development** Strategic Policy Committee: Next Meeting scheduled for 9th October, 2025.
- (iv) **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning** Strategic Policy Committee: Next Meeting scheduled for 13th October, 2025.
- (v) **Travel and Transportation** Strategic Policy Committee: Next Meeting scheduled for 22nd October, 2025.

6. Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

(a) Fixing of Date – Statutory Budget Meeting

To fix date for the 2026 Statutory Budget Meeting.

(Copy of Departmental Circular Fin 10/2025 dated 9th July, 2025, Enclosed)

(b) Overdraft Accommodation

To approve bank overdraft accommodation in the sum of €57 million for the 12-month period to 31st December, 2026, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and in accordance with Section 106 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

7. Planning and Place-Making

Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031

Pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), to consider the Draft Limerick Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031 and the Director General's report and to make the scheme, unless decided, by resolution, to vary or amend or modify the scheme, otherwise than as recommended in the Director General's Report or otherwise not to make the Scheme.

(Report Enclosed)

8. Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

(a) 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)

(b) Limerick City and County Council Tourism Plan 2025-2030

To consider the adoption of the Limerick City and County Council Tourism Plan 2025-2030.

(Report Enclosed)

9. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (i) The Daniel O'Connell Summer School held in Caherciveen and Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry, on 29th and 30th August, 2025.
- (ii) 35th Anniversary of the La Touche Legacy Seminar to be held in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, on 19th/20th September, 2025

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

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

(Reports Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

10. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor for an update on the membership of the Transport Sub-Group and if a meeting will be scheduled with the Minister for Transport in attendance this year with a specific focus on these three areas: (a) the withdrawal of the Car Share Scheme in Limerick City this year with the operator citing "vandalism" as the reason for ceasing same; (b) the announcement by the Minister that the only public Bike Share Scheme in Limerick will cease by the end of this year; and (c) the continued lack of consultation by the National Transport Authority on cycle and bus schemes in Limerick City.

QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting as to (a) the number of Housing Commencement Notices received by this Authority in 2023, 2024 and through the current year to date, and (b) a breakdown of this figure in terms of one-off and developer-led builds.

12. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what remaining balance is due on the 2022 loan advanced to the Dublin Bike Hire Company, are its repayments online, and when is full repayment due.

13. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting what is this year's budget for refurbishing vacant properties, how many houses have been refurbished in 2024, the average cost of refurbishment and projected numbers for 2025.

14. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting how many tradespeople and apprentices are employed by Limerick City and County Council and how much has been spent on hiring external contractors to provide housing maintenance services in 2024 and projected costs for 2025.

15. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for the number of applications for the local authority home loan in the last three years, how many have been successful and how many rejected, with reasons for same.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting that this Council provide information on how many trees have been planted since the beginning of this Council's term in June 2024 and for a breakdown of this number of trees planted in each Local Electoral Area.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council provide a list of bus shelters that have been approved for construction across Limerick City and County, in addition to providing the locations of each approved bus shelter and the dates by which each is due to be completed.

NOTICES OF MOTION**18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will move at the next Full Council Meeting that this Council review and remove the wording sub-standard roads from our Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028; and in the meantime we change the status of all sub-standard roads that engineers say are not sub-standard; and we carry out a survey to remove others that are not sub-standard.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that this Authority call on the Ministers for Agriculture and for Forestry to provide an appropriate Scheme to compensate for the loss of their livelihoods suffered by landowners due to Ash Dieback disease, and that support for this Motion be sought from sister Authorities nationally.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking additional funding for the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People to meet the demand for all grant types supported under this Scheme.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Minister of State at the Department of Education and request that any person, regardless of age, be allowed to drive school buses under contract by Bus Éireann once they hold the relevant qualification and meet their Health requirements.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Conway

I will move at the next Plenary Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner to ask them for the Drug Unit in County Limerick to be re-established.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P.J. Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Local Authority use its power vested in it, according to Section 199 of the Local Government Act, to initiate the process of proscribing Wind Turbines in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

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

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council request that any open noise wind turbines complaints and shadow flicker be referred to the Health Service Executive for proper investigation as a matter of urgency.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council adopt a "PAW Policy" for the City and County, promoting dog-friendly businesses by displaying a Council-provided paw print symbol and listing them on Limerick.ie. This policy would support pet owners, boost local business, attract pet-friendly tourists, encourage responsible dog ownership, help owners with their mental wellbeing by facilitating activity, and position Limerick as a more inclusive destination. I urge your support for this beneficial initiative.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council call on Government to lift the current income thresholds to qualify for social housing in light of the current housing crisis and cost of living crisis.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for this Council to be a dementia-friendly Council with a focus on ensuring all services, spaces and staff are inclusive and accessible for people living with dementia.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that we review with speed the tree policy of this Local Authority to address shortcomings of the Council in this regard.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D., the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill T.D., and the Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health, Mary Butler T.D., in support of the IACP's call for increased investment in counselling and psychotherapy in Budget 2026. The IACP's Budget 2026 Priorities are the following: (i) Removal of VAT on counselling and psychotherapy services; (ii) Extension of tax relief to counselling and psychotherapy fees; and (iii) Investment in and expansion of access to school counselling at the primary and secondary levels. I also ask that this Motion, if passed, is circulated to the thirty other local authorities, asking that they support this campaign.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors C. Slattery and J. Pond (to be referred to Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that, should a downsizing property become available, the property is used for downsizing again and not put back into the social housing stock.

31. Correspondence