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14th November, 2025.

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, 24th November, 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) Special Meeting of the Council held on 16th September, 2025.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22nd September, 2025.
- (c) Adjourned Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th October, 2025.
- (d) Adjourned Special Meeting of the Council held on 6th November, 2025.
- (e) Special Meeting of the Council held on 13th November, 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:

Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate

General Disposals

- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest in Property at 10 Mayorstone Drive, Limerick.
- (b) Disposal of 37 Churchfield, O'Malley Park, Limerick. (House Exchange)
- (c) Disposal of Property at Glin Library (Annex), Glin, Co Limerick by way of Lease.
- (d) Disposal of 0.0121 Acres (0.0049 Hectares) of Land at 9 St. Joseph Street, Limerick.
- (e) Disposal of 1.6917 Acres (0.6846 Hectares) of Land at Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick.
- (f) Disposal of Area "A"- 0.022 Acres (0.009 Hectares) and Area "B" – 0.013 Acres (0.0052 Hectares) of Land at Childers Road, Limerick to CIE.
- (g) Disposal of 0.0069 Acres (0.0028 Hectares) of Land at Churchtown, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
- (h) Disposal of 0.0049 Acres (0.002 Hectares) of Land at Lisnagry Football Club, Scanlon Park, Castleconnell, Limerick.
- (i) Disposal of 0.0019 Acres (7.8m²) of Land at Main Street, Adare, Co. Limerick.
- (j) Disposal of 7.113 Acres (2.879 Hectares) of Land at Pallaskenry (Dromore United FC), Co. Limerick by way of Lease.
- (k) Disposal of 0.0094 Acres (0.0038 Hectares) of Land at the Rear of 19 Clare Street, Limerick.

Derelict Disposals

- (l) Disposal of Property at 13 The Hawthorns, Ballyagran, Co. Limerick.
- (m) Disposal of Property at 3 Creagh Lane, Limerick.
- (n) Disposal of Property at 4 Creagh Lane, Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 15th August, 21st and 24th October and 7th November 2025, already circulated)

4. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

(a) Executive Report

To consider Executive Report for the months of September and October.

(Reports Enclosed)

(b) Corporate Plan

To consider the Corporate Plan.

(Report To Follow)

(c) Foreign Travel

To consider retrospective approval of foreign travel, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, in respect of attendance of Councillor Michael Collins at the 12th European Greenway Awards 2025 in Bilbao, Spain, 8th – 10th October, 2025.

(Report Enclosed)

(d) Twinning

To consider reports as follows:

(i) Murroe Boher (Evry-Gregy sur Yerres, France) Twinning Project

To consider application for financial assistance from Murroe Boher Twinning Association, in accordance with the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

(Report Enclosed)

(ii) Limerick Quimper Twinning Project

To consider application for financial assistance from Limerick Quimper Twinning Association, in accordance with the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment** Strategic Policy Committee held on 8th October, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation 1

That the Council write to the Department of Transport requesting ongoing maintenance funding for Active travel measures.

- (ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Home and Social Development** Strategic Policy Committee held on 9th October, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation 1

On the proposal of Cllr. Sharon Benson seconded by Cllr. Elisa O' Donovan it was agreed that the Council write to the Department of Housing, Local

Government and Heritage regarding Second Hand Acquisitions and ask that a refurbishment budget be allowed for tenant in situ acquisitions.

Recommendation 2

On the proposal of Cllr. Tom Ruddle seconded by Cllr. Noreen Stokes it was agreed to bring the recommendation for a policy change to enable an in-perpetuity rightsizing model on Council build stock.

(Report Enclosed)

- (iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee** held on 13th October, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (iv) Chairperson's Report – **Meeting of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee** held on 15th October, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (v) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the **Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee** held on 22nd October, 2025.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

(f) Audit and Risk Committee

To consider the nomination of one Member to the Audit and Risk Committee.

5. Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

(a) Irish Cement Castlemungret - Community Liaison Committee

To consider the nomination of two Members to the Irish Cement Castlemungret, Community Liaison Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

(b) Strategic Fund for the Culture and Arts allocation recommendation

To consider the recommendation to award maximum award of the Limerick Elements to successful applicants of the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (i) "Saving the Irish Salmon Annual Conference" held in Athlone, Co Westmeath on 11th October, 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.

(Reports Enclosed)

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

To ask the Mayor what steps has or is he taking to revitalise the City Centre of Limerick with the exception of the Opera Site. Has he provided any incentives or initiatives to bring small businesses into the City Centre for trading.

8. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting of the Full Council for an update on the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme and the considerations given to residential parking solutions in accordance with traffic management plans as was passed by Members.

QUESTIONS

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a detailed report as to what action this Council has taken in the event of a big freeze or snow storm like last winter; (a) what preparations have been made; (b) have we a special emergency number set up specific to extreme weather conditions; (c) have we engaged with Uisce Éireann, the IFA, ESB; and (d) has the ESB been encouraged to cut back all trees from overhead power lines.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the results of the sustainability audit carried out on Riverfest 2025 to be immediately shared with this Council.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlon

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council a) when Askeaton Swimming Pool closed and b) when is it expected to resume a full service, c) the number of maintenance staff employed full time through the closed period, in terms of Council Staff and that of outside support, d) what our Authority's total outlay on the facility totalled in 2023, 2024 and in the current year to date, f) what was the total spend to date on the renewal project, g) what is the time period of Swim Irelands Ireland's contract to manage the facility, and h) what subsidy is expected to be paid annually to the latter and if so, for what purpose.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that we are provided with an update on the strategy and research recently submitted to Limerick City and County Council in regard to a possible Multi Disciplinary Arts (MDA) Festival for Limerick.

13. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council for an update on the rollout of insurance cover for Local Authority backed Tidy Towns Groups which was announced earlier this year by IPB and in particular guidance for Tidy Towns groups to ensure they are covered under this scheme.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to the Minister for Agriculture to substantially improve approval times in relation to the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS) grant applications.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that a discussion takes place on storm preparations and emergency response planning.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Councillors N. Stokes (Proposer), P.J. Carey, G. Conway, T. O'Sullivan, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, B. Teefy

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to Uisce Éireann to put a system in place to ensure that information on water outages/emergency water issues be provided and communicated, as they arise, to the Elected Members of the relevant Metropolitan / Municipal Districts, by the Uisce Éireann engineer on call or water supervisor.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council commence an immediate review of the Housing Mixed Tenure Policy to feed into an updated Housing Strategy and Housing Need and Demand Assessment.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council make a firm commitment to ensure that if and when they are using glyphosate or other toxic herbicides in a community that they:

- (i) Inform the community in advance via a letter drop indicating the precise location that it will be used in.
- (ii) Erect warning signs or notices at the precise location before and after the use of glyphosate or other toxic herbicides.
- (iii) Use any viable alternative to glyphosate or other toxic herbicides in their work.
- (iv) Agree to end the use of glyphosate and other toxic herbicides in our communities by a fixed date.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Collins (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council immediately starts the process to make a material alteration to Limerick's County Development Plan to reflect the High Court Decision that over-ruled both a local authority and An Coimisiún Pleanála decision and ruled that permission for a one off rural house should be granted to a resident of a level 4 settlement. The reason for the high court decision was based on the judge's opinion:- that lack of affordability within the settlement was a valid reason to grant permission when a clear housing need was demonstrated.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council hold a Civic Reception for Declan Hannon, following the announcement of his retirement from intercountry hurling, to honour the contribution he has made at both club and county level.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Council make an extraordinary application to the Minister of Housing for funding to supplement the current funding stream for the quick return of voids / vacant council housing stock to use.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan and the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan calling on them and the Irish Government to hold a formal national commemoration on 17th April 2026 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Catalpa expedition organised by John Devoy and John Boyle O'Reilly, which resulted in the famous rescue of six Fenian prisoners from a British penal colony in Fremantle, Western Australia and asking the Irish government to recommend that the six Fenian prisoners concerned, namely James Wilson, Thomas Hasset, Michael Harrington, Thomas Darragh, Martin Hogan and Robert Cranston be granted a posthumous presidential pardon.

23. Correspondence