

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, AND ONLINE, ON TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER 2025, AT 4PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Príomh Chomhairleoir, Councillor C. Slattery.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran.

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Galvin, Gavan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ruddle, Ryan (M), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan, Stokes, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), Deputy Director General and Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. J. Delaney), A/Director, Housing (Ms. S. Newell), Director, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. B. McCarthy), Director, Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Ms. P. Liddy), Director, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. J. Tierney), Financial Accountants (Ms. I. Griffin and Mr. P. Murnane).

MAYORAL FUND:

The Príomh Chomhairleoir opened the meeting and began by congratulating Catherine Connolly on her recent election to the Office of President of Ireland.

At the outset, and with the permission of the Príomh Chomhairleoir, Members discussed comments made by the Mayor in a recent radio interview. It was the view of some Members that the Mayor did not show support for the Executive and staff of Limerick City and County Council during the interview.

Councillor Collins (M) proposed a vote of confidence in the Director General, Management and staff of Limerick City and County Council, and Councillor Sheahan seconded the proposal.

The Mayor discussed the context of the comments made in the radio interview and confirmed his confidence in the Director General, Executive and staff of the organisation. He noted that he does not have confidence in the current level of resources available to deliver the Mayoral programme, emphasising the need for more support.

A discussion took place regarding the need to create a respectful environment for all within the Council, and the importance of working together to deliver for the people of Limerick. It was acknowledged that Limerick City and County Council was going through the biggest transformation in local government and the need for unity was emphasised.

The Director General thanked the members for their vote of confidence and words of support for himself, Management and the staff of Limerick City and County Council, expressing pride in the organisation and its staff.

Members queried the timescale in the signing of Mayoral Orders and the importance of signed orders to ensure work can progress. The Mayor advised that Mayoral Orders are signed in a timely manner and it was confirmed to the Members that the Register of Orders was up to date.

The Members discussed the implications of delays to the adoption of the Corporate Plan and Annual Service Delivery Plan. The Mayor confirmed that work is continuing on the Corporate Plan and invited Members to submit their observations on the draft Plan.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir questioned whether the Mayor had communicated with Elected Members or Members of the Oireachtas regarding her position. Following discussions, the Mayor highlighted the significance of the role of the Príomh Chomhairleoir which would be outlined in the draft Corporate Plan.

The Príomh Chomhairleoir explained that she had a prior appointment and excused herself from the Meeting. The Leas Príomh Chomhairleoir, Councillor Collins (M), took the Chair.

The Leas Príomh Chomhairleoir welcomed the new Director for Regeneration, Sports and Recreation, Mr Brian McCarthy, and wished him well in his role.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M) it was proposed that the meeting was adjourned.

It was agreed, at the Mayor's request, to receive a presentation on the Mayoral Fund before the adjournment. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the Mayor updated Members on the expenditure of the Mayoral Fund 2025 and the overview of the Mayoral Fund for 2026 as follows:

- Overview of Budget 2026.
- Proposals regarding the Local Property Tax (LPT) Proposals.
- Allocation of the Mayoral Fund in 2025, including expenditure to date.
- Priorities for the Mayoral Fund 2026
- Mayoral Fund requests for 2026 to date.

The Mayor stated that the Council Budget 2026 was currently running at a deficit and highlighted the importance of working together to produce a balanced budget. He invited Members to submit their priorities for projects to be include in the Mayoral Fund 2026.

The Mayor presented the objectives and associated budget costs for the pillars More Liveable Limerick, More Prosperous Limerick and More Healthy Limerick and outlined the community groups that have requested funding under this Fund.

The Leas Príomh Chomhairleoir called the Meeting to a close and confirmed the adjourned Meeting would be reconvened as soon as possible to address Members' questions on the Mayoral Fund presentation.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date:
