

25th March, 2026.

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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 a Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick, and Online, on **Monday, 30th March, 2026, at 3pm.**

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

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Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 2026.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 10th February, 2026.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 9th March, 2026 at 4pm.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 9th March, 2026 at 4.15pm.
- (e) Special Meeting of the Council held on 16th March, 2026.

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:

General Disposals

- (a) Disposal of 1.2897 Acres (0.5219 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Athea, Co. Limerick.
- (b) Disposal of 2.5711 Acres (1.0405 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Castletown, Ballyagran, Co. Limerick.
- (c) Disposal of 6 Aster Court, Keyes Park, Limerick (House Exchange).
- (d) Disposal of 0.0135 Acres (0.0054 Hectares) of Land at the Lay by on the Greenway at Castlematrix, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.
- (e) Disposal of 0.2629 Acres (0.1064 Hectares) of Land at Askeaton, Co. Limerick.
- (f) Disposal of 0.0264 Acres (0.0107 Hectares) of Land at Ballyanrahan East, Barnakyle, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick.
- (g) Disposal of 0.0229 Acres (0.00928 Hectares) of Land at The Rear of 3 Fairhill, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.
- (h) Disposal of 1.6185 Acres (0.6550 Hectares) of Land at Tooreen, Croom, Co. Limerick.

(Statutory Notices dated 13th and 19th March, 2026, already circulated)

4. Executive Reports

To consider Executive Reports for the months of January and February.

(Reports Enclosed)

5. Audit

(i) Audit and Risk Committee Work Programme 2026

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee's Work Programme 2026.

(Report and copy of Work Programme Enclosed)

(ii) Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2025

To consider the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2025.

(Report and copy of Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2025 Enclosed)

(iii) Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Terms of Reference

To consider and adopt the Charter and Terms of Reference for Limerick City and County Council Audit and Risk Committee.

(Report and copy of Draft Charter and Terms of Reference Enclosed)

6. Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied) to remove text in Chapter 7, Objective TR O37 regarding access to substandard roads

To consider Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied) and the Mayor's Report submitted to the members of the planning authority on the 23rd of February 2026, to remove text in Chapter 7, Objective TR O37 regarding access to substandard roads and decide, by resolution, whether to make the Proposed Variation with or without further modification, in accordance with Section 58 (12) of the Planning and Development Act 2024.

(Report Enclosed).

7. Annual Report 2025 for Limerick City and County Council

To consider draft Annual Report 2025.

(Report and Draft Annual Report Enclosed)

8. Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026

To consider the adoption of the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026.

(Report and Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026 Enclosed)

9. Arts Grants and Bursaries

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026

To consider approving recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026.

(Report Enclosed)

10. Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2025

To note the Annual Report 2025 of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee.

(Report and Draft Annual Report Enclosed)

11. Local Community Safety Partnership

To consider the nomination of seven Members to Limerick City and County Local Community Safety Partnership.

12. PPN Sectoral Nominations – Local Community Development Committee and Strategic Policy Committees (deferred from January Meeting of Limerick City and County Council)

To consider the appointment of PPN Sectoral Nominations to the Local Community Development (LCDC) and Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

(Report Enclosed)

13. Strategic Policy Committee – Sectoral Nomination (deferred from January Meeting of Limerick City and County Council)

To consider the approval of Sectoral Nomination to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

(Report Enclosed)

14. Designated Activity Companies (DACs) (deferred from January Meeting of Limerick City and County Council)

To receive an update on the appointments of Board Members to the Designated Activity Companies (DACs).

(Report Enclosed)

15. Strategic Policy Committee Reports

To consider reports as follows:

- (i) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee held on 9th February, 2026.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (ii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th February, 2026.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (iii) Chairperson's Report – Meeting of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee held on 11th February, 2026.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

Recommendation

Corporate Services will issue an email to all Limerick City and County Council staff informing them about the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Project and advising staff to be attentive to individuals presenting with a Sunflower lanyard, pin, or identification card.

- (iv) Chairperson's Report – **Meeting of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee** held on 12th February, 2026.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

- (v) Chairperson's Report – **Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee** held on 18th February, 2026.

(Chairperson's Report Enclosed)

16. 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:

Nomination of a delegation to visit Brussels to celebrate 35 years of Twinning Partnership between Hohenlohe and Limerick, 4th – 6th May, 2026.

(Report Enclosed).

17. Conferences**(a) Participation by Members at Conferences**

To consider participation by Members at the following Conference:

"National Young Carers Conference" held in Belfield, Dublin 4 on 7th March, 2026.

(Details already circulated electronically)

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

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

(Report Enclosed)

QUESTIONS

18. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley (deferred from January Meeting of Limerick City and County Council)

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council regarding illegal dumping enforcement activities across Limerick:

- (a) How many individuals and/or entities have been fined or prosecuted for illegal dumping offences in each of the last five years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).
- (b) Of these enforcement actions, please provide a breakdown between: - Domestic/residential offenders - Commercial/business offenders - Breakdown by Municipal/Metropolitan District area.
- (c) What is the total value of fines issued for illegal dumping in each of the last five years, and what percentage of these fines have been successfully collected.
- (d) How many reports or complaints of illegal dumping were received by the Council in each of the last five years, and what is the ratio of reports received to enforcement actions taken.
- (e) What resources are currently dedicated to illegal dumping enforcement, including: - Number of enforcement officers assigned to this issue - Budget allocation for enforcement activities - Technology used (cameras, vehicle tracking, etc.)
- (f) What are the most common locations or "hotspots" for illegal dumping across the Council's functional area, and what targeted measures have been implemented at these locations.
- (g) How many court prosecutions were initiated for illegal dumping offences in each of the last five years, and what were the outcomes of these prosecutions (convictions, dismissals, pending).
- (h) What is the total cost to the Council of: - Investigating illegal dumping incidents - Cleaning up illegally dumped waste - Legal and court costs associated with prosecutions for each of the last five years.
- (i) What preventative measures or public awareness campaigns has the Council undertaken to reduce illegal dumping, and what metrics are used to evaluate their effectiveness.

19. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council what progress has been made to ensure that all Per Cent for Art funding that the Council qualifies for, has been applied for and drawn down.

20. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for particulars of the sums due for derelict sites levy in each Municipal District for each of the past three years; the total sums paid and the number of proceedings taken in the district and circuit courts.

21. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council how many Notice To Quits have been received, broken down by 2024 / 2025 and to date in 2026.

22. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a detailed update on the derelict properties that have been acquired through the Rural Limerick Housing Development (RLHD) initiative which is a pilot project funded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) which enabled Limerick City and County Council acquire and refurbish properties and offer them for sale on the open market to include:

1. Full list of properties acquired under this initiative.
2. Full list of properties currently in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council under this initiative and date works were completed and date properties were ready to be put on the open market.
3. Full breakdown of funding drawn down from the Department to date.
4. Full list of properties that have been offered for sale on the open market to include date put on open market, date sale closed and date sale completed.
5. Details of engagement with the Department in relation to changing the operation of this initiative and not putting the properties on the open market for sale.

23. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the number of animal welfare complaints received last year and the current resources available to the local authority for enforcement of the Animal Health and Welfare Act (2013).

24. 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 steps taken to date in relation to the Council's commitment to exploring how to enhance the voice of young people already represented through Comhairle na nÓg, and other youth representative groups in Limerick, with the purpose of exploring the establishment of a Youth Mayor.

NOTICES OF MOTION**25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan**

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council provide independent legal advice to all its Elected Members on whether or not they have a conflict of interest when called as a witness on behalf of a constituent when the case is being taken by Limerick City and County Council.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by John Moran, Mayor of Limerick

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council agrees, subject to the necessary administrative, legal, procurement and data protection arrangements being put in place, and with financial support secured so as to protect existing core services in 2026, that all meetings of the Full Council held after the adoption of this resolution shall be live-streamed and recorded in full by audio and video means, and that such recordings shall be made publicly available on the Council's official website (www.limerick.ie) no later than two business days following the conclusion of each meeting, without unnecessary barriers or registration requirements.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council initiates proceedings on the Sheehy's Hardware site, Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale to facilitate re-zoning of lands from Enterprise and Employment to Retail.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Newcastle West - Councillors L. Galvin (Proposer), M. Collins, F. Foley, T. Ruddle, J. Scanlan, J. Sheahan

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council calls on the Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works to expedite the flood relief scheme for Athea.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration requesting that An Garda Síochána actively enforce existing legislation and ensure that individuals who participate in the illegal racing of sulkies on the public roads of Limerick City and County are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Conway

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan to withdraw all planning exemptions for properties accommodating International Protection Applicants and to ensure that all properties go through the normal planning process.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to call on the Government to amend the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill to include the prohibition of trade in services.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that:

- (i) This Council write to the leaders of the two Government parties, Micheál Martin and Simon Harris, to express our solidarity and full support for the survivors of the former Bessborough mother and baby home, including survivors in Limerick, in their campaign for the Bessborough grounds to be fully exhumed with the intention of locating and identifying the remains of the 859 children whose bodies are still unaccounted for.
- (ii) That this Council hold a minute's silence in memory of the 923 children who died in Bessborough mother and baby home between 1922 and 1994.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors M. Donoghue, U. Gavan, T. Hartigan, J. O'Donoghue, E. Ryan, J. Scanlan, E. Secas, B. Teefy (to be referred to the Protocol Committee)

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that:

- All proposed amendments relating to draft documents shall be submitted in writing 24 hours before the relevant meeting, and all proposed amendments shall be uploaded and available to councillors on SharePoint.
- Proposed amendments and any counter proposals to amendments shall be discussed in the Council Chamber only.
- Proposed adjournments shall be substantiated before proposing and seconding, in alignment with current Standing Orders.
- All items discussed during adjournments shall be raised in the Council Chamber prior to proposing and seconding following the end of the adjournment if pertaining to the meeting at hand.
- Item 78 on current Standing Orders is revised to: "every motion or amendment shall NOT be moved and seconded, before being discussed or put to the meeting".
- All afternoon meetings shall break after every 2 hours for a 30-minute recess regardless of adjournment, and following this, will continue only for an additional 1-hour. Any adjournments following this 1-hour continuation shall be to another date.
- All morning meetings shall break after every 2 hours for a 30-minute recess regardless of adjournment, and must complete by 6pm of that day, or be adjourned to another date.

34. Correspondence