

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, AND ONLINE, ON MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 2026, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor C. Slattery, Príomh Chomhairleoir.

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 (E), 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), Director, Finance, Investment and Governance (Mr. M. White), Director, Housing (Mr. V. Murray), Director, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development (Mr. B. McCarthy), Director, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings (Mr. S. Lenihan), Director, Environment, Climate Action and Fire (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup (Mr. S. Duclot), A/Director, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm (Mr. T. Fitzgerald), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Farrell), Administrative Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Management Accountant (Ms. I. Griffin), Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. Gannon), Administrative Officer, Housing (Mr. J. Hayes), Special Advisor, Office of the Mayor (Mr. M. Fenlon), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

Votes of Sympathy

At the outset and with the permission of the Príomh Chomhairleoir, the Council expressed its sympathy to the following:

- Councillor Liam Galvin on the passing of his mother, Betty.
- Councillor Eddie Ryan on the passing of his sister, Margaret Angela.

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

1. Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd March, 2026.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30th March, 2026.
- (c) Adjourned Meeting of the Council held on 20th April, 2026.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 20th April, 2026.
- (e) Special Meeting of the Council held on 12th May, 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

2. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Meeting of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

3. Disposal of Land

General Disposals

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 0.79 Acres (0.32 Hectares) of Land at Site F, Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.79 Acres (0.32 Hectares) of Land at Site F, Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, to IC Motor Factors and Tyres Limited, for the sum of €47,000, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract – the Members, in resolving the above disposal, also resolve to revoke the previous Section 183 Resolution approved by the Members at Meeting held on 14th July, 2025, in so far as it relates to the land we are now seeking consent for as set out above, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026”.

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 1.6917 Acres (0.6846 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 1.6917 Acres (0.6846 Hectares) of Land at Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick, in the form of a 35-Year Lease, to Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council CLG, for the sum of €1, subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein – the Members, in resolving the above disposal, also resolve to revoke the previous Section 183 Resolution approved by the Members at Meeting held on 24th November, 2025, in so far as it relates to the land we are now seeking consent for as set out above, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026”.

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 0.2113 Acres (0.0855 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Bank Place, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.2113 acres (0.0855 hectares) of land (incorporating Playground) at Bank Place, Hospital, County Limerick, in the form of a 25-Year Lease, to Hospital Playground Committee, for the sum of €1.00 per annum, subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026”.

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 0.7083 Acres (0.2866 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Kiltely, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.7083 Acres (0.2866 Hectares) of Land at Kiltely, Co. Limerick, in the form of a 30-Year Lease, to Cashel and Emly Diocesan Trust Company Limited by Guarantee, for the sum of €1 – subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein including the grant of a Right of Way for access – a covenant

will be included in the lease that the land can only be used for Burial Ground purposes - particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026.”

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 0.1495 Acres (0.0605 Hectares) of Land at Lilac Close, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.1495 Acres (0.0605 Hectares) of Land at Lilac Close, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick (2 Sites), to Cluid Housing Association CLG, for the sum of €254 (€127 per site), subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026.”

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 5A Sheares Avenue, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of Property at 5A Sheares Avenue, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, in the form of a 20-Year Lease, to the Social Service Council-Kilmallock (Registered no. 20018993), for the sum of €1 – subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein – a covenant will be included in the lease restricting use of the building to community use - particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026.”

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026, concerning the disposal of 0.8437 Acres (0.3414 Hectares) of Land by way of Lease at Portland Park, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Ryan (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, 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), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.8437 Acres (0.3414 Hectares) of Land at Portland Park, Limerick, to Summerville Rovers AFC, in Exchange for 0.043 Acres (0.0174 Hectares), subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Lease, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5th May, 2026.”

4. Executive Report

Circulated, Executive Report for the months of March and April 2026.

The Reports were noted by the Council.

5. Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2025 – Limerick City and County Council

Circulated, Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2025, for Limerick City and County Council, together with report from the Director General dated 13th May, 2026.

The Director, Finance, Investment and Governance gave a presentation in relation to the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2025. He advised that Members were requested to consider the Annual Financial Statement under Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). He outlined that total Revenue Expenditure for 2025 amounted to €915.73 million and total Revenue Income amounted to €915.74 million.

The Director further outlined that capital expenditure for 2025 amounted to €342.17 million, while capital income amounted to €364.06 million. He informed the Members that, grants accounted for €312.05 million of total capital income and that the closing capital account balance on 31st December 2025 stood at €113.92 million.

The Director noted that the Balance Sheet showed Fixed Assets of €3.52 billion as of 31st December 2025. He further noted that collection rates continued to perform strongly, with commercial rates collection reaching 97%, housing rents collection 93% and housing loans collection 90%.

The Director highlighted that payroll costs remained the Council's most significant expenditure at €105.59 million in 2025, reflecting the impact of national pay agreements. He acknowledged the continued efforts of staff and the support of the Elected Members in maintaining the Council's strong financial position and delivering value for money and efficiencies across the organisation.

Members thanked the Director for his presentation and welcomed the positive financial position reflected in the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement. Members commended Management and Staff on the excellent rates collection in 2025, and acknowledged the work undertaken to maintain a balanced budget and revenue surplus. They queried if the Director General and the Mayor were satisfied with the report.

The Director General advised that he was satisfied to recommend the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2025 to the Council and thanked the Elected Members and Staff for their contribution in maintaining the Council's financial stability and delivery of services throughout the year.

The Mayor also commended the Finance Team on the rates collection performance achieved in 2025. He requested that additional information in relation to the increases in expenditure and income be circulated to Members.

Members further queried how long the General Government Balance (GGB) requirements are expected to last. In response, the Director, Finance, Investment and Governance agreed to revert to Members in this regard.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;
And Resolved:

"That, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2025, for Limerick City and County Council, be and is hereby adopted."

6. Additional Expenditure 2025

Circulated, report of the Director General dated 13th May, 2026, setting out details of additional expenditure over budget for financial year ended 31st December, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;
And Resolved:

"That, authorisation be and is hereby given, under Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), to the additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the financial year ended 31st December, 2025, including capital transfers."

7. Raising of Loan - To fund the issuing of Local Authority Home Loans (LAHL) by Limerick City and County Council to borrowers

Circulated, report of the Director, Finance, Investment and Governance dated 14th May, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a loan in the amount of €5,710,000 to fund the drawdown of Local Authority Home Loans and Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loans.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor Ryan (E);
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, for a loan in the amount of €5,710,000

to fund the drawdown of Local Authority Home Loans and Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loans, the loan to be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.”

8. Raising of Loan – To fund Cost Rental Scheme at Newtown Avenue, Castletroy, Limerick

Circulated, report of the Director of Housing dated 11th May, 2026, seeking the Council’s approval to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a loan in the amount of €5,658,000 to fund the delivery of a cost-rental scheme at Newtown Avenue, Castletroy, Limerick, the loan to be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor Ryan (E);
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, for a loan in the amount of €5,658,000 to fund the delivery of a cost-rental scheme at Newtown Avenue, Castletroy, Limerick, the loan to be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.”

9. Raising of Loan – To fund Cost Rental Scheme at Curry Lane/Broad Street, Limerick

Circulated, report of the Director of Housing dated 11th May, 2026, seeking the Council’s approval to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a loan in the amount of €7,873,000 to fund the delivery of a cost-rental scheme at Curry Lane/Broad Street, Limerick, the loan to be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor Ryan (E);
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to application for sanction from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, for a loan in the amount of €7,873,000 to fund the delivery of a cost-rental scheme at Curry Lane/Broad Street, Limerick, the loan to be drawn from the Housing Finance Agency.”

10. Annual Report 2025 for Limerick City and County Council

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services and Governance dated 20th May, 2026, together with copy of Annual Report for 2025 for Limerick City and County Council.

The report stated that the Annual Report 2025 had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2024). The Annual Report sets out details of the policies, programmes, services and other activities undertaken by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;
And Resolved:

"That, the Annual Report 2025 for Limerick City and County Council be and is hereby adopted, in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2024."

11. Halloween in Limerick 2026 Funding Open Call

Circulated, report of the Mayor of Limerick dated 18th May, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel for the Halloween in Limerick 2026 Funding Open Call.

Members queried the distribution of the allocations, particularly in relation to rural areas. The Director of Services, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings advised that the allocations were determined based on the submissions received.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara;
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to recommended allocations for the Halloween in Limerick 2026 Funding Open Call, as set out in the report of John Moran, Mayor of Limerick dated 18th May, 2026."

12. Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2026/2027

Circulated, report of the Mayor of Limerick dated 18th May, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations for the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2026/2027.

Proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara;
Seconded by Councillor Galvin;
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to recommended allocations for the Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2026 / 2027, as set out in the report of John Moran, Mayor of Limerick dated 18th May, 2026."

13. Arts Grants and Bursaries

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 11th May, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara;
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to recommended allocations under the Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2026, as set out in the report of the Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 11th May, 2026."

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

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

Circulated, report of the Director, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development dated 5th January, 2026 and report on behalf of Limerick PPN Secretariat dated 13th May, 2026, in relation to the appointment of PPN Sectoral Nominations to the Local Community Development (LCDC) and Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

The report stated that the PPN had nomination rights for the Local Community Development Committee and Strategic Policy Committees and PPN Limerick had sought nominations to fill a number of vacant seats. Nominations had now been received from the PPN which were outlined in the report as follows:

Committee	Pillar	Nominees Name and Nominating Body
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC	Environmental	Seán McIlpatrick An Taisce Limerick
Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning SPC	Environmental	Brian Leddin An Taisce Limerick
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	Community	Eileen McMahon

		Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School
Local Community Development Committee	Environmental	Darragh Boyce An Taisce Limerick
	Social Inclusion	Tanya Dunworth

Proposed by Councillor Ryan (E);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the appointment of PPN representatives to the Local Community Development Committee and Strategic Policy Committees as follows:”

Committee	Pillar	Nominees Name and Nominating Body
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC	Environmental	Seán McIlpatrick An Taisce Limerick
Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning SPC	Environmental	Brian Leddin An Taisce Limerick
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	Community	Eileen McMahon Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School
Local Community Development Committee	Environmental	Darragh Boyce An Taisce Limerick
	Social Inclusion	Tanya Dunworth

15. Limerick City and County SME Action Plan 2026

Circulated, report of the Head of Economic and Tourism Development dated 29th April, 2026, together with copy of Limerick City and County SME Action Plan 2026.

The Limerick City and County SME Action Plan 2026 was noted by the Council.

16. Standing Orders

Circulated, report of the Meetings Administrator dated 20th May, 2026, in relation to proposed amendments to the Standing Orders for Plenary Meetings of Limerick City and County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
 And Resolved:

“That, Sections 46, 52 and 60 of the Standing Orders for Plenary Meetings of Limerick City and County Council be amended to change the dates for receipt of Questions, Mayor’s Questions and Notices of Motion from 9 clear days to 11 clear days”.

17. Strategic Policy Committee Reports

- (i) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 30th April, 2026, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 13th April, 2026.

The Chairperson’s report was noted by the Council.

- (ii) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee dated 17th April, 2026 in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 15th April, 2026.

The Chairperson’s report was noted by the Council.

- (iii) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated 14th May, 2026 in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd April, 2026.

The Chairperson’s report was noted by the Council.

- (iv) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 30th April, 2026, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 30th April, 2026.

The Chairperson’s report was noted by the Council.

Recommendation

That Limerick City and County Council Housing Department continues to acquire residual units in partially sold developments in settlements outside of the Limerick City Metropolitan District subject to:

- ***Value for money (i.e. independent market valuation).***
- ***Ensuring last units purchased of a scheme are for either Incremental Sale or Affordable Sale subject to funding approval and AHF eligibility to ensure an ownership model overall within the small scheme.***

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Recommendation was agreed.

- (v) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 14th May, 2026, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 7th May, 2026.

The Chairperson's report was noted by the Council.

Recommendation

That the Progress Report of the Limerick Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 be approved by Full Council.

Members queried the removal of mature trees during Active Travel works and the Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing agreed to revert in this regard.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
And Resolved:

"That, the Progress Report of the Limerick Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, as circulated, be and is hereby adopted.

18. Foreign Travel

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings dated 15th May, 2026, seeking the Council's approval for attendance and participation by a delegation from the Council to visit Tallinn (via Helsinki) from 10th – 12th June, 2026.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
And Resolved:

"That, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to foreign travel in respect of attendance and participation by a delegation from the Council to visit Tallinn (via Helsinki) from 10th – 12th June, 2026".

19. July Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon, the date of the July Meeting of the Council was re-fixed to Monday, 13th July, 2026 at 3pm.

20. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

Details of a Conference “Changing Landscapes Conference, 2026” held in Ennistymon, Co. Clare on 14th May, 2026 had been circulated electronically to the Members:

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon, the Council approved the attendance of the following Members at Conference already approved:

“National Young Carers Conference 2026”, UCD, Dublin (7th March, 2026) - Councillors Kilcoyne, Teskey and Ward.

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

Circulated, reports by Members who had participated at Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event.

The report was noted by the Council.

ADJOURNED NOTICES OF MOTION

21. 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.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

Members emphasised the need to expedite the flood relief scheme in Athea. In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin requested that the flood relief scheme for Abbeyfeale also be included. This was agreed, and the Motion, as amended, was subsequently adopted.

22. 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.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O’Mara.

In supporting the Motion, Members highlighted the risks to road users and the animal welfare concerns associated with the illegal racing of sulkies.

23. 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.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Conway and seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan (T).

Members agreed that all rental properties, in particular HAP properties, should be brought up to an acceptable living standard, including compliance with fire regulations. Members cited example properties and requested that they be inspected immediately, and a report be circulated to the Members for the July Plenary Meeting.

24. 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.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara.

25. 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.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan.

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors M. Donoghue, U. Gavan, T. Hartigan, J. O'Donoghue, E. Ryan, J. Scanlan, E. Secas, B. Teehy (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.*

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Protocol Committee.

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

27. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor for an update on the actions and progress of the Transport Sub-Group in relation to the ongoing delays to the BusConnects programme in Limerick. To ask specifically:

- Whether the Minister for Transport and NTA has attended, or has been invited to attend, any meeting of the Transport Sub-Group to discuss the delays and future delivery timelines for BusConnects in Limerick; and

- Whether any progress has been made in relation to my request, raised at the September 2025 meeting of Limerick City and County Council, for Bus Route No. 1 to service the Mulcair Road area.

REPLY: BusConnects is part of the agreed work programme of the Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Transport Sub-Group, which meets quarterly and has had BusConnects as a substantive agenda item.

The NTA is a member of the Sub-Group, and at the meeting of 12 February 2026, gave a direct update on BusConnects, confirming no change to the programme since the previous meeting. They advised that some design work would begin earlier than planned, and that, due to a lack of funding, no new bus services could be delivered in Limerick in 2026, with new services possible in 2027 subject to funding. Delays and

delivery timelines have therefore been discussed directly with the NTA at Sub-Group level.

The Minister for Transport is not a member of the Sub-Group and has not attended a meeting to date, but has accepted an invite to attend the meeting in December.

The main cause of delay is funding: the November 2025 NDP Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport identified €500m–€1bn for the region but no specific funding for BusConnects infrastructure in Limerick. As a result, bus services are being delivered on a phased basis and the dedicated bus corridor infrastructure is currently delayed to 2030. In relation to Bus Route No. 1, the BusConnects Service Planning Section of the National Transport Authority (NTA) has undertaken a high-level review of the provision of Bus Route 1 services directly to the Mulcair Road area.

Arising from this assessment, it has been determined that further detailed modelling is required. This modelling will examine both local service provision and the potential impacts on the wider network redesign.

The NTA Design Team will progress this additional analysis and is expected to provide an update on the completion of the initial modelling stages in the coming weeks.

Councillor O'Donovan welcomed the response and noted the confirmation that the NTA had undertaken a review of the provision of Bus Route 1 services to the Mulcair Road area.

Members expressed concern regarding delays in the rollout of BusConnects, particularly the deferral of the bus corridor infrastructure works until 2030.

The Mayor emphasised the importance of cross-party support for the delivery of BusConnects in Limerick. It was agreed that the Mayor's petition seeking the accelerated delivery of BusConnects would be circulated to Members.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore taken as having been dealt with:

28. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that a full breakdown of expenditure on legal advice incurred by Corporate Services and the Office of the Mayor since June 2024 be provided in tabular format, to include the name of each legal service provider, the date of engagement, the subject matter or general purpose of the advice, the department or office requesting the advice and the amount paid or committed.

REPLY:

Expenditure on legal advice incurred by Corporate Services from June 2024 to date as follows:

Legal Service Provider	General purpose for advice	Amount excluding VAT €
Leahy Reidy Solicitors	Professional Fees in relation to Local Election 2024.	5000.00
Leahy Reidy Solicitors	Professional Fees for all General Advice in 2024 in relation to Local Government Legislation.	5300.00
Leahy Reidy Solicitors	Professional Fees for all General Advice in 2025 in relation to Local Government Legislation, which included advice in relation to the Mayoral Act.	6000.00
O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors	Professional Fees for advice on Data Protection issue 2024.	142.07
O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors	Professional Fees regarding use of Public Sector Information including personal data 2024.	994.45
O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors	Professional Fees for Data Protection work 2024.	639.29
O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors	Professional Fees regarding CCTV and Data Protection 2025.	2648.80
Leahy Reidy Solicitors	Professional Fees for Senior Counsel in respect of the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor of Limerick City and County Council 2025.	7500.00
Leahy Reidy Solicitors	Professional Fees for Senior Counsel in respect of Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC 2024.	10000.00

29. **Question submitted by John Moran, Mayor of Limerick**

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a list of the top [10] third-party suppliers, by value, to Limerick City and County Council from 2023–2025 in respect of construction and building services (including, for example, road building, national road projects, housing construction and related works), including a breakdown of expenditure on new national roads and new housing developments and the suppliers engaged for those works, and additionally to provide the top 30 suppliers by value for all non-construction-related services, including professional services such as architectural, engineering and consultancy services.

REPLY:

The Top 10 third-party suppliers to Limerick City and County Council for the years 2023 - 2025 in respect of construction and building services are as follows:

Top 10 Suppliers	Year2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
1	SORENSEN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED	SORENSEN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED	JOHN SISK & SON (HOLDINGS) LTD & SORENSEN CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD
2	K&J TOWNMORE CONSTRUCTION	K&J TOWNMORE CONSTRUCTION	WILLS BROTHERS LTD
3	ROADSTONE LTD	PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LTD	WARD & BURKE CONSTRUCTION LTD
4	JADA PROJECTS LTD	P & D LYDON PLANT HIRE LTD	P & D LYDON PLANT HIRE LTD
5	GLENMAN CORPORATION LIMITED	JADA PROJECTS LTD	M FITZGIBBON CONTRACTORS LIMITED
6	P & D LYDON PLANT HIRE LTD	SHARERIDGE LTD	AMS CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTANCY LIMITED
7	PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LTD	JACOBS ENGINEERING IRELAND LTD	PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LTD
8	SSE ALTRICITY ENERGY SERVICES LTD (KN HOME & ENERGY SERVICES	AMS CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTANCY LIMITED	GAS NETWORKS IRELAND
9	Martins Construction Ltd	SSS PUBLIC SAFETY LIMITED	LYNKEO CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD
10	M FITZGIBBON CONTRACTORS LIMITED	LYNKEO CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD	J B BARRYTRANSPORTATION LTD

The Top 30 third-party suppliers to Limerick City and County Council for the years 2023 - 2025 for all non-construction-related services including professional services are as follows:

Top 30 Suppliers	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
1	LIMERICK TWENTY THIRTY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DAC	JACOBS ENGINEERING IRELAND LTD	J B BARRY TRANSPORTATION LTD
2	J B BARRY TRANSPORTATION LTD	OVE ARUP & PARTNERS IRELAND LTD T/A ARUP	JACOBS ENGINEERING IRELAND LTD
3	OVE ARUP & PARTNERS IRELAND LTD T/A ARUP	LIMERICK TWENTY THIRTY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DAC	AECOM IRELAND LTD
4	LEAHY REIDY SOLICITORS LLP	J B BARRY TRANSPORTATION LTD	OVE ARUP & PARTNERS IRELAND LTD T/A ARUP
5	MASON ADVISORY LTD	LEAHY REIDY SOLICITORS LLP	LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY-LGMA
6	MRG CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED	PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LTD	LIMERICK TWENTY THIRTY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DAC
7	JACOBS ENGINEERING IRELAND LTD	LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY-LGMA	LEAHY REIDY SOLICITORS LLP
8	LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY-LGMA	MRG CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED	MRG CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED
9	STANTEC IRELAND LIMITED	STUDIO PKA LIMITED	STANTEC IRELAND LIMITED
10	MURPHY GEOSPATIAL LTD	MURPHY GEOSPATIAL LTD	MASON ADVISORY LTD
11	MICHAEL J WALSHE & CO LTD	MASON ADVISORY LTD	MOYROSS COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CENTRE CLG
12	MCAHON O BRIEN TYNAN SOLICITORS	JACK KEANE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD T/A PMI	SOUTHERN ADVERTISING (LIMERICK) LTD
13	MALACHY WALSH & CO LTD T/A MALACHY WALSH & PARTNERS	MOTT MACDONALD IRELAND LIMITED	STUDIO PKA LIMITED
14	DONAL O BUACHALLA LTD T/A AVISON YOUNG	MICHAEL J WALSHE & CO LTD	EGIS ENGINEERING IRELAND LTD
15	SOUTHERN ADVERTISING (LIMERICK) LTD	TETRA TECH IRELAND LTD	MHL & ASSOCIATES LTD
16	STUDIO PKA LIMITED	SOUTHERN ADVERTISING (LIMERICK) LTD	MICHAEL PUNCH & PARTNERS LTD
17	PROVIDENT CRM LTD	PROVIDENT CRM LTD	PROVIDENT CRM LTD
18	TETRA TECH IRELAND LTD	CLANDILLON CIVIL CONSULTING LTD	ATKINSREALIS IRELAND LTD
19	JACK KEANE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD T/A PMI	ATKINSREALIS IRELAND LTD	PRIORITY GEOTECHNICAL LTD
20	MHL & ASSOCIATES LTD	STORM TECHNOLOGY LTD	WILSON HARTNELL PUBLIC RELATIONS LTD
21	MICHAEL PUNCH & PARTNERS LTD	STANTEC IRELAND LIMITED	TOM MC NAMARA & PARTNERS LTD
22	Irish Archaeological Consultancy Ltd (IAC)	CHANDLER KBS	JACK KEANE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD T/A PMI
23	JBA CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS LTD	MHL & ASSOCIATES LTD	MALACHY WALSH & CO LTD T/A MALACHY WALSH & PARTNERS
24	SPRINGBOARD PR & MARKETING LTD	O DONNELL ENVIRONMENTAL LTD	MURPHY GEOSPATIAL LTD
25	MOTT MACDONALD IRELAND LIMITED	METROPOLITAN WORKSHOP LLP	ADVANCED SAFETY MANAGEMENT LTD.
26	CLANDILLON CIVIL CONSULTING LTD	MALACHY WALSH & CO LTD T/A MALACHY WALSH & PARTNERS	JBA CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS LTD
27	REDDY O' RIORDAN STAEHLI LTD	VODAFONE IRELAND LTD	KPMG
28	ROBERT SHANAHAN ARCHITECTS	MICHAEL PUNCH & PARTNERS LTD	TETRA TECH IRELAND LTD
29	Fehily Timoney & Company Ltd	ALLIES I MORRISON LLP	G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (IRELAND) LTD
30	FEENEY MCMAHON ARCHITECTS LIMITED	ROBERT SHANAHAN ARCHITECTS	PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LTD

NOTICES OF MOTION

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council look at ways of preventing unnecessary disposal of bottles and cans in Council bins on our streets and ways of mitigating the effects of scavenging in bins for these cans and bottles.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery and seconded by Councillor Collins (M).

In moving the Motion, Councillor Slattery referred to the 'Bin Surrounds' initiative introduced by Dublin City Council and the need for measures to address the issue of litter.

REPLY: The Council is currently investigating a number of service options to address the unintended consequence arising from the introduction of the Re-turn Scheme whereby there is a monetary value attached to the disposal of recyclable bottles and cans in public litter bins. To date the following actions have been taken:

- The Cleansing Section has been replacing out of date and damaged street bins in the city centre and as part of this programme has ordered 15 new street bins with a more robust locking mechanism. These 15 new bins will be delivered in the coming weeks. As existing street bins are refurbished or replaced, the locking system is being strengthened and improved to restrict unauthorised access.
- The City Centre Response Team has trialled, with Re-turn, the “Give Take Return” bin surrounds (details of which were circulated to the elected members at a Metropolitan District meeting) to address what is described as ‘on-the-go recycling’.
- Separately, the Litter Management Section has appointed consultants to advise on Waste Management solutions in the City Centre (under the Mayoral Programme) and will pursue actions arising from the recommendations of this report

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that Garryowen Rugby Club be designated as the preferred location for a Community Centre for Raheen / Dooradoyle and that the Council immediately engage with the Club to progress and develop this location through a licence agreement or other suitable mechanism.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Kilcoyne and seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon.

In moving the Motion, Councillor Kilcoyne noted that a suitable site for a community centre in the area had yet to be identified. He highlighted the facilities available at Garryowen Rugby Club and called on the Council to engage with the Club to explore the potential for developing a community centre at the location.

REPLY: Any future consideration of community facility locations would require detailed assessment, engagement and consideration by the Council, including delivery and operational mechanisms for such community centres.

Arising from this Notice of Motion, the Community Development Department will engage with representatives of Garryowen Rugby Club to discuss their interest and proposals in relation to community facilities in the wider Raheen/Dooradoyle area. Any such engagement does not imply endorsement of, or preference for, any site. The identification and selection of suitable locations for community centre development will be subject to a broader strategic assessment process in the context of wider community infrastructure priorities across Limerick.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 4: The Príomh Chomhairleoir drew attention to the time which was approaching 5.30 p.m. and on the proposal of Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, Standing Order No. 4 was suspended in order to complete the agenda.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors E. Ryan and J. Scanlan

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council call on the Minister for Finance to abolish the Universal Charge with effect from January 2027

when presenting National Budget Legislation this October and that our sister Authorities nationwide be requested to support this motion.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Scanlan and seconded by Councillor Ryan (E).

In moving the Motion, Councillor Scanlan highlighted the effects of the cost of living crisis on households and stated that a review of the taxation system should be considered to increase disposable income.

Following discussion Councillor Sheahan proposed an amendment to the Motion as follows:

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council call on the Minister for Finance to review personal taxes and the Universal Charge with effect from January 2027 when presenting National Budget Legislation this October and that our sister Authorities nationwide be requested to support this motion.

This amendment was agreed.

It was also agreed that the Motion would be circulated to All Local Authorities for support.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Health with a letter of support for the National Ambulance Service (NAS) frontline staff in their action that the HSE implements recommendations from the 2020 independent report into paramedic and advanced paramedic roles and working conditions.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara.

In moving the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the life-saving care provided by National Ambulance Service frontline staff and stated that she believed they deserved to be supported.

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

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council write to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley to request that she share an update and timeline on the implementation of proposed legislation on a national ban on Conversion Therapy, an action that has been called for by both the European Commission and the UN.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan.

35. Correspondence

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

MAYOR/DIRECTOR GENERAL ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the Mayor or the Director General up to the date of the Meeting was available on Sharepoint for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, is available on SharePoint for inspection by the Members.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date:
