

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2015

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields and subsequently Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon N. O’Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance. Mr. S. Coughlan, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community. Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Tourism Arts & Culture.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to hold this meeting in Committee, in light of disruptions to recent public meetings.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- The Sexton Family on the death of Sarah Sexton.
- The McSweeney Family on the death of Tommy McSweeney.
- The Kiniry Family on the death of Cathal Kiniry.
- The Stanton Family on the death of Eric Stanton.
- The Kelly Family on the death of Tony Kelly.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Thomas Twomey.
- The O’Connor Family on the death of Rory O’Connor.
- The Woods Family on the death of Mae Woods.
- The Quilter Family on the death of Maureen Quilter.
- The Cummins Family on the death of Patrick Cummins.

- The Walsh Family on the death of William Walsh.
- The Cotter Family on the death of Marian Cotter.
- The Moynihan Family on the death of Seán Moynihan.
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1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-
- Mark English on winning a silver medal in the 800 meter Indoor European Championships.
- C&S Blue Deamons on winning the men’s Premier League Championship.
- St. Frances College, Rochestown, runners up in the Harty Cup and Corn Uí Mhuirí

1.3 **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

- 1.3.1 An tArd-Mhéara informed An Chomhairle that she proposes to present 6 Civic Awards on the 4th June 2015 to the following persons:-

Brother Kevin Crowley

A Capuchin Franciscan Friar and a Cork Native. He founded the Capuchin Day Centre in Bow Street, Dublin in 1969 to help relieve hardship endured by homeless people and to help those in need. When the centre opened it fed 50 people a day. In 2014 that number has risen to 800. In addition the centre gives food parcels to those in need, and currently 1,800 a day receive parcels to help feed their families. The centre also provides shower areas, medical services, advice and information clinics. Br. Kevin had devoted over 45 years of his life working in Bow Street Centre and was rightly awarded the Freedom of Dublin City this year.

Garda John Long – Bishopstown Garda Station

A long time serving member of An Garda Síochána, John epitomises what the Garda Charter says on Community Policing – a commitment to honesty, accountability, respect and professionalism in all Garda dealings with members of the community.

Dymphna Ryan

Has worked tirelessly on a voluntary basis for 26 years to promote Curraheen Family Centre which is a community based Social and Educational Centre. Dymphna is a founder member and director.

Joanne O’Riordan

Born without limbs – Tetra-Amelia Syndrome. Despite her obvious disability she achieved very well in her life and is a great ambassador for people with disabilities. Her attitude is “it is what one can achieve rather than what one can’t that counts” and her motto is “no limbs – no limits”. She has addressed the United Nations and discussed technology with Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a view to designing a suitable robot to assist people who have physical disabilities. She is now a student in UCC studying criminal law and has been named Cork Person of the Month and Young Person of the Year.

Donncha O’Dulaing

Is a veteran broadcaster for over 50 years is a Corkonian from Doneraile who is known countrywide and among the Irish around the world for his cultural and traditional music programmes. His broadcasting career began when he joined Radio Eireann in 1964. His ‘Highways and Byways’ radio series on RTE One became hugely popular as did his series on RTE Television. He received a specially commissioned sculpture from President Higgins in August 2014 in recognition of his contribution to Irish Culture.

Sean O’Shea

Native of Bantry – born into an Irish speaking family immersed in traditional music and song. He studied at the Cork School of Music under John T. Horn and has a long association with Sean O’Riada. In recent years he has toured extensively all around the world with Comhaltais and as well as being an outstanding singer and promoting Irish Culture he is now recognised as a very humorous storyteller who captured the Real Cork Wit very successfully.

1.3.2 An t-Ardmhéara indicated her intention to hold the following Civic Receptions and An Chomhairle approved same.

- Civic Reception for Bishop John Buckley on his retirement and Golden Jubilee
- Civic Reception for the Cork footballers and hurlers on the 25th anniversary of winning the All Ireland Double.

1.3.3 **VISIT OF AN LEAS ARD- MHÉARA TO BRUSSELS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed for An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn to attend the Measuring & Improving Environmental Performance in EU Cities Seminar in Brussels on the 24th March 2015.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

1.4.1 **CORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW SUBMISSION**

An Chomhairle noted the submission of Cork City Council to the Cork Local Government Review Committee.

1.4.2 **SPECIAL EVENT – ST. PATRICK’S DAY FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 9th March 2015, in relation to the holding of a Special Event – Cork St. Patrick’s Festival 2015.

1.4.3 **CORK VISION CENTRE AND CORK CIVIC TRUST**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive’s report on the Cork Vision Centre and Cork Civic Trust.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following minutes.

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 23rd February 2015, An Chomhairle noted Comhairleoir D. Cahill was in attendance at this meeting.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 2nd March 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **ADAPTION GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY SCHEME**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:

Under the Scheme for Adaption Grants for Older People and People with Disability Scheme to Cork City Council housing stock;

- a) How many applications in total are awaiting programme of works to our own housing stock in regards to Adaption for Older People and People with Disability Scheme?
- b) How many applicants are priorities in this scheme?
- c) How are priorities decided in order of illness/ Disability, please give details?
- d) What policy is in place to keep applicants up to date on their application?
- e) How often are applicants given a written up date on their applications progress?
- f) How much capital would it take to clear this waiting list?
- g) How long would it take with current funding level from the department to clear this waiting list?
- h) How many priority 1's programme of works have been completed in 2011,2012,2013,2014?
- i) How many priority 2's programme of works have been completed in 2011,2012,2013,2014?
- j) What is the longest length of time applicants are waiting on our priority 1list, on our priority 2 list currently?
- k) What level of funding has been spent in 2011,2012,2013,2014?
- l) What level of funding has been grant aid from central government regarding work to our own housing stock under this scheme in 2011,2012,2013,2014 and 2015

REPLY

- a) 58 no. Minor Adaptation Works
57 Applications awaiting Extension Works
- b) EXTENSIONS: 45 no. Priority 1's, 8 no. Priority 2's, 1 no. Priority 3 and 3 no. applications awaiting assessment.
MINOR ADAPTATIONS: 40 no. Priority 1's, 5 no. Priority 2's, 2 no. Priority 3's and 11 no. applications awaiting assessment.

- c) There are 3 general levels of medical priority identified by the Grant regulations

Priority 1

Terminally ill or fully/mainly dependant on family or carer; or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate discharge from hospital or alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the future;

Priority 2

Mobile but needs assistance in accessing washing, toilet facilities, bedroom etc; or where without the alterations/adaptations the disabled person's ability to function independently would be hindered;

Priority 3

Independent but requires special facilities to improve the quality of life, e.g. separate bedroom/living space.

- d) Applications/Public Representatives making written enquiries are replied to in writing with an up-date on the application in question. Applicants/Public Representatives making enquiries via telephone are given an immediate up-date on the application in question.
- e) Once an enquiry is made by either the applicant/Public Representative every effort is made to reply to same as soon as possible.
- f) No definite amount could be given to undertake all these works as each application may vary due to the type of property/works to be carried out. For an extension of bathroom/bedroom extension, level access etc., an approximate estimate would vary from €70,000 - €90,000 on each application at a cost of €3,990,000 - €5,130,000. For minor adaptation works an estimate of €15,000 on each application at a cost of €870,000.
- g) We currently do not have an allocation of funding for 2015. The Council are notified of our funding allocation annually. In 2014 we received an allocation of €361,204.
- h) **EXTENSIONS:**
Priority 1's Completed:
2011: 5 (1 no. overcrowding extension)
2012: 1
2013: 3
2014: None
- MINOR ADAPTATIONS: All Priorities**
2011: 93
2012: 68
2013: 78
2014: 70
- i) Extensions: None. All Priority 1 applications are dealt with prior to Priority 2's. Minor adaptations dealt with in response to (h) above.

- j) **EXTENSIONS:**
Priority 1: 8 Years
Priority 2: 8 years

MINOR ADAPTATIONS:
Priority 1, 2 & 3: 2 Years

- k) **EXTENSIONS:**
2011: €316,971
2012: €75,000
2013: €224,398
2014: N/A

MINOR ADAPTATIONS:
2011: €530,095
2012: €370,645
2013: €489,834
2014: €313,377

- l) **EXTENSIONS:**
2011: 90% Grant Funded
2012: 90% Grant Funded
2013: Internal Capital Receipts
2014: N/A

MINOR ADAPTATIONS:
2011: 90% Grant Funded
2012: 90% Grant Funded
2013: 90% Grant Funded
2014: 90% Grant Funded

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community.**

3.2 **ONGOING PREPARATION WORK FOR MAHON LIBRARY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:

To ask the CE for an update on the ongoing preparation work for Mahon Library?

REPLY

Members will be aware that the building at Mahon formerly occupied by Abode is in the Council's possession and has been identified as a suitable location for a new library facility for this area, in the absence of central government funding to develop a facility on a green field site.

To that end, the City Architect's Department has developed a design and the Part VIII process is now complete. The project will shortly proceed to detailed design stage, requiring procurement of a design team in the first instance, to compile full co-ordinated technical design documentation for tender and subsequently construction. The cost of the project must be borne by the Council, but it is a priority that a permanent library facility be provided in the Mahon area as soon as is practicable.

**Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs**

3.3 **REGENERATION OF BOYCES STREET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:

Could the CE please update the Council of plans regarding the regeneration of Boyces Street and the surrounding area?

REPLY

An application for funding of the project has been made recently to the DECLG to renovate the Existing Blocks of Flats, 12 No. additional infill units and additional remedial work to the 24 No Bungalows at an estimated cost of approximately €4.0 million.

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community.**

3.4 **MONIES SPENT ON WATER, DRAINAGE WORKS PROGRAMMES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

What monies were spent by Cork City Council in the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 in water and drainage works or programmes? (both national and local funding).

REPLY

The following table sets out the expenditure on water and drainage capital works schemes in the years 2001 to 2010 inclusive. The large expenditures in the earlier years relate primarily to Cork Main Drainage which had commenced in 1998 and reached practical completion in 2004. As part of this scheme watermain replacement in the City Centre was carried out. The costs of this are evident in 2005 when costs from various Main Drainage schemes were reallocated.

Year	Water	Drainage
2001	1,010,133	70,254,547.0
2002	570,396	81,091,839.0
2003	615,836	70,627,780.0
2004	506,085	23,140,249.0
2005	9,561,928	5,631,241.0
2006	1,207,976	20,910,795.0
2007	442,802	2,086,576.0
2008	1,305,870	4,872,743.0
2009	1,719,345	348,136.0
2010	1,028,946	133.0
	17,969,317	278,964,039.0

Jim O Donovan
Director Of services
Environment and recreation

3.5 **MAYFIELD LIBRARY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the CE please advise as to why the Mayfield Library is closed every Thursday?

This is a very busy library, widely used by the nearby schools and members of the Community of all ages.

No other Library in the City is being hit with cuts as badly as the Mayfield Library. This is grossly unfair.

If cutbacks are necessary, can these cuts be shared equally and fairly across all the City libraries. For example, instead of closing every Thursday in Mayfield, deploy resources from another library and if absolutely necessary, cut hours across the board in all the other libraries in order to minimise the adverse impact that these unfair closures are having, and specifically on the Mayfield Community.

The Frank O'Connor Library Mayfield has been operating on reduced hours since the summer of 2014 because of the loss of two staff, one on retirement, the other on maternity leave. This is a temporary measure and the Council expects that the Library will return to full hours during the course of 2015.

All libraries operated by the City Council have seen reduced hours over the period since 2009, and Mayfield has not been affected unfairly. The Mobile Library service in the South East Ward has been suspended indefinitely; service in the Local Studies Library has been reduced from six days to four; other libraries have also experienced reduced opening hours. The Council is hopeful that the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government will allow the Council to fill some vacancies in the context of the LGMA

Libraries Workforce Plan, which would enable the resumption of full opening hours across the board.

**Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services
Corporate & External Affairs**

3.6 **2015 BUDGET FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the CE provide a detailed breakdown of the 2015 Budget for Housing Maintenance in the city?

REPLY

A0101 - MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

	Adopted Budget 2015
General and Planned Maintenance	5,664,200
Fire Services - Maintenance in Flats	25,600
Vacant Dwellings	1,463,700
Boiler Servicing	700,000
Security of Dwellings	161,200
Electrical	281,800
Central Heating	1,207,800
Plant and Machinery	699,500
Public Access Lights	80,200
Waste Disposal	165,900
Local Property Tax	706,500
Liability Insurance	527,700
TOTAL SERVICE A0101	11,684,100

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community Directorate.**

3.7 GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive report on the current status of the Gus Healy Swimming Pool Douglas to include:

1. Any recent hygiene issues at the facility and actions taken to address such problems.
2. The funding made available for the upgrading and maintenance of this facility in the last five years and an itemised breakdown of what this money was spent on?
3. Future plans; if any; for the maintenance & upgrading of the facility and what funding is required?
4. An update on when approved works for the car park of the swimming pool are going to commence?
5. An update on the utilisation of the pool and average numbers of individuals, groups & clubs who use the pool.

REPLY

The Gus Healy Pool at Douglas , constructed in the mid 1970’s, has been extensively upgraded by the Council in the past few years, with over 80,000 visits recorded last year. The facility is in good physical condition, looks well despite the limitations of design compared to modern leisure facilities and is managed by Leisureworld on the Councils behalf.

1. There have been no hygiene issues outside of normal operating issues which would occur at any swimming pool.
2. The Council was successful in 2011 and 2012 in attracting total grant aid of € 400k From the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under its Energy Upgrade Scheme, which funded the following works

New roof finish with high performance insulation and roof lights	€ 85k
New double glazed windows	€ 60k
New condensing boiler replacing original boiler	€ 51k
Various mechanical upgrades including new BMS Unit, Air Handling Unit, voltage optimisation units, installation of variable speed valves	€122k
New hoist for those with a disability	€ 11k
New pool cover	€ 12k
Miscellaneous ancillary works	approx € 70K

In addition, the Council has also spent a further € 140k in the past few years carrying out electrical, painting, tiling works etc throughout the complex. This investment has been reflected both in the very positive feedback from users of the pool and in the attendance figures.

3. The pool filtration system needs to be replaced, with tender process underway at

present for same. Normal routine maintenance will be carried out during the year.

4. The car park and road serving the pool and park are in need of resurfacing. It had been hoped to carry out preparatory works by Parks Capital Section but it has now been decided because of traffic management issues to have all works tendered. Tender documents should be finalised in the coming weeks with a view to having works carried out by Summer, minor repairs being done already to the roadway .
5. The pool is in use 7 days of the week, being open from 7am to 10pm Monday to Friday , from 8am to 4pm on Saturdays and during Sunday mornings . The primary users are clubs (52000 attendances in 2014), schools (19500 in 2014) and the public (9616 in 2014)
As can be seen, the pool is used extensively, with income increasing in recent years from € 146k in 2011 to € 200k last year.

Jim O Donovan
Director Of services
Environment and Recreation

3.8 **CURRENT STATUS OF ESTATES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

To ask the Chief Executive on the current status of:

1. Coppingers Acre,
2. All of the Mt St Joseph's Estates.
3. Hollyhill Lane Lower
4. Hollyhill Heights.
5. Monastery Avenue, Terrace.
6. Ard Sionnach
7. Mile Stream
8. Beechtree Avenue

in terms of taking these estates in charge and what correspondence has been communicated to the government or other relevant parties to ensure that these estates are finally completed to the satisfaction of Council and the residents.

REPLY

The following estates that (except Mt St Josephs) have been taken in charge:

- Outer part of Mount St Joseph's Close has been taken in charge on 13/10/2014.(private)
- All of the Monastery Avenue / Close / Green has been taken in charge on 10/06/2014.(Part 8)

The remaining estates have been developed through the part 8 process are also in the process of being taken in charge but have not been formally taken in charge as yet. However, the main issues in the delays in taking in charge are due to lack of resources:

1. Where works are required there is no funding available due to contactor liquidations
2. Shortage of Housing staff to progress and pursue the process.

However, issues which are arising such as Public lighting have been addressed on an ongoing basis.

Funding is not available from the DECLG for any outstanding works.

Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development

3.9 MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

According to the Cork City Council budget 2015, page 34, CCC expect to collect €27,230,200 in rents from houses (incl RAS). On page 35 maintenance of local authority housing it is expected that €11,684,100 will be spent in total. Out of that only €5,664,200 is going on general & planned maintenance.

1. Does the CE think this is sufficient to cover the housing maintenance needs of its tenant's?
2. Does the CE feel tenants of CCC are getting value for money?
3. Is the CE aware of the slow rate of response to housing maintenance requests?
4. How many housing maintenance staff is there in Cork City Council?
5. How is that broken down?
 - (A) South side of the city
 - (B) North side of the city.
6. What has the number of reductions being like in these crews since the staff embargo has been brought in?

This is not a criticism of the staff of the housing maintenance but rather in support of them. They are the front face of all the complaints from tenants, yet I feel we are tying their hands by not giving them adequate resources to do their job.

We need to be better in responding to the housing maintenance requests & we need to let the tenants know that their complaints are heard & will be acted on.

REPLY

1. The budget for housing maintenance is approved by Council each year.
2. Yes.
3. The CE is aware that the response to requests vary depending upon their categorisation of emergency, urgent or routine.
4. 127
5. (A) South side of the city (including centre & joinery workshop) = 61
 (B) North side of the city = 66
6. The number of staff has reduced by 34 (21%) from 161 staff in 2008.

Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive.

3.10 **DETAILS OF SPECIFIC WORKS PAT MURPHY AND SONS ARE CONTRACTED BY THE COUNCIL TO DELIVER**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Barry, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the Chief Executive provide Council with information as to the specific work Pat Murphy and Sons are contracted by the Council to deliver?

REPLY

Pat Murphy and Son are contracted by Cork City Council to supervise the domestic central heating repair contracts.

3.11 **REGULATIONS GOVERNING NOISE POLLUTION AND DISTURBANCE IN URBAN AND SUBURBAN AREAS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

To ask the Chief Executive what are the regulations governing noise pollution and disturbance in urban and suburban areas, who has responsibility for the monitoring and regulation of these regulations, has Cork City Council initiated any action in relation to noise pollution/disturbance and the outcome of those actions, what are the planning guidelines on noise with respect to deliveries/commercial activities and time of operation, what role does City Council have with regard to the time of operation of refuse trucks and the issuing of licences for same?

REPLY

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) allows for the consideration of noise in the assessment of planning applications by regulating that a planning authority may, when granting planning permission, attach conditions to that permission requiring of measures to reduce or prevent...

- (i) *the emission of any noise or vibration from any structure or site comprised in the development authorised by the permission which might give reasonable cause for annoyance either to persons in any premises in the neighbourhood of the development or to persons lawfully using any public place in that neighbourhood, or*
- (ii) *the intrusion of any noise or vibration which might give reasonable cause for annoyance to any person lawfully occupying any such structure or site;*

Noise and vibration are also issues specified in Schedule 6 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to be assessed in environmental impact statements. The Regulations also contain particular noise provisions for certain micro-renewable energy systems on both domestic dwellings and commercial and industrial buildings. Furthermore, certain Ministerial guidelines refer to the issue of noise, such as the Urban Design Manual which accompanies the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns and Villages) Guidelines for Planning Authorities published in 2009, which refers to the fact that noise conflict issues can arise in mixed-use developments

where, for example, cafés are located close to residential uses, and suggests controls such as the installation of sound insulation in the residential units above the recommended minimum standards.

Planning conditions are usually attached on a case-by-case basis to large-scale developments in relation to either or both of the construction phase and the operational phase, for example in relation to operating hours or delivery times. These conditions may also include particular noise thresholds. Where a planning condition is attached to a decision, the planning authority may take planning enforcement action should it be necessary.

However, if no planning condition is attached, noise is not an issue that can easily be addressed under planning legislation. It is generally governed by the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act(Noise) Regulations 1994, which provides for complaints to be made by an individual to the District Court in relation to noise giving reasonable cause for annoyance. A Guide to the Noise regulations was produced by the Environmental Information Service dated March 2004. Detailed information on noise nuisance including noise from commercial premises, processes or works, environmental noise, domestic noise, transport and workplace noise, aircraft noise, rented dwellings and dogs is available on the website of the Citizens Information Board. A small number of complaints are received annually and these are resolved in consultation with the parties involved .

A Noise Action plan has been prepared By Cork County Council and Cork City Council for the Cork Agglomeration for the period 2013 to 2018 in accordance with EU directive 2002/49/EC commonly referred to as the END Directive and SI 140 of 2006 commonly referred to as the Environmental noise regulations .The purpose of the Action plan is to act as a means of managing environmental noise , and to meet the aim of the Directive of preventing and reducing where necessary , environmental noise through the implementation of the plan. The Plan is available on the cork national roads office website corkrdo.ie

With regard to the operation of refuse trucks, any waste collection contractor may do so in accordance with a valid Waste Collection Permit as issued by The National Waste Collection Permit Office which is administered by Offaly County Council. There are no specific time restrictions for collection of waste placed on these permits.

Anyone who is alleging nuisance noise from the operation of refuse trucks is entitled to take a case to the District Court as outlined above.

**Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.**

**Jim O'Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation**

3.12 **MONIES SPENT DELIVERING THE CITY NORTH-WEST QUARTER
REGENERATION MASTERPLAN IN 2014**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the Chief Executive outline the monies spent delivering the City North-West Quarter Regeneration Masterplan in 2014? Was all the funding available from the Department of Environment drawn down? If not what were the issues involved? What elements of the Regeneration Masterplan are due to be delivered on in 2015 and is the Chief Executive confident that all the necessary resources, staff or otherwise, will be in place so that these projects are delivered on schedule?

REPLY

The amount claimed for City North-West Quarter Regeneration in 2014 is €2.8m.

Not all the funding available was drawn down. A budget of €10m was allocated by DECLG for all regeneration (including Glen 2) in August 2014 when it was very likely that the budget could not be spent based on the progress of the programme for the projects and which was partly due to significant delays in getting approvals from the DECLG.

The following are programmed to be completed in 2015:

- Phase1A – Completion of 23 No. new homes.
- Phase 1B – Completion of the Design and Part 8 Planning process for 29 No. new homes
- Phase 2A – Decant of residents to new homes in Phase 1a or to other homes in the vicinity.
- Hollyhill Lane Closure – Permanent closure associated and ancillary works

There are a number of additional projects, including the tendering and construction of Phase 1b, which are presently approved for funding but on hold pending the allocation of staffing to the CNWQR core team which is deficient of a number of staff including project architect, project engineer, project technician and assistant project administrator. There are also other projects which as yet are unapproved by the DECLG and are subject to staff resourcing as above and a timely approvals from DECLG.

An application has been made to the DECLG, at their request, for staffing for this project along with other staffing requirements for the Social Housing Strategy 2020. Approval in principle has been received and detailed applications are currently being made to the DECLG.

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community.**

3.13 **LEASE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL PLANT / VEHICLES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

Can the C.E.O. inform the Council.

1. When is the lease for the City Council Plant / Vehicles due to go out for retendering.
2. Who makes the final decision on who is the successful tender in this process.
3. What was the decisive reason / reasons used for awarding Holden's of Killkenny the winning tender on the last occasion that this went out for tender.
4. Why are the present City Councils Leased Vehicles Registered in three different counties. [Killkenny / Waterford / Cork]

REPLY

1. The current Cork City Council vehicle lease contract specifies a 3 year contract duration with an option to extend the contract for a further 2 years. This allows for a maximum contract period of 5 years prior to retendering.
2. The contract was advertised through the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU and complies with procurement guidelines. The tenders were analysed by City Council officials and a recommendation was made to the City Manager. The previous City Manager approved the contract award.
3. The current contract was awarded on the lowest pricing over a combination of vehicle categories.
4. The vehicles are not owned by Cork City Council and are supplied by the contractor on lease to the City Council. The vehicles are registered by the contractor. The contract is silent as to the place of registration of vehicles. However all vehicles must comply with Cork City Council's technical requirements.

**Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.**

3.14 **HOUSING UNITS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

- A. How many housing units were returned to Cork City Council in 2014.
- B. Of the housing units returned in 2014 how many were allocated back out in 2014.
- C. Has Cork City Council Housing Maintenance Department stopped the procedure of returning housing unit to the original design.
e.g. remove built in units Kitchen, bathroom & bedroom, fireplaces and other changes that may have been made to a housing unit.

REPLY

- A. 261 properties were returned to Cork City Council in 2014 from the void recovery programme.
- B. There were 258 Allocations to Local Authority homes in 2014.

- C. The Council does not have a policy of returning vacant social housing units to their original design prior to re-letting.

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community.**

3.15 **LIST THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE CAR PARKS WHERE CLAMPING IS IN OPERATION**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated as outlined below

To ask the CE to list the public/private car parks where clamping is in operation.
Are there any other sites in the city where clamping is in operation?
Under what legislation do they operate?
Has City Council any role in monitoring their activities?

REPLY

Cork City Council does not operate a clamping system in its car parks.

The law relating to the immobilisation of motor vehicles on public roads is contained in Section 101B of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as inserted by Section 9 of the Dublin Transport Authority (Dissolution) Act 1987) as amended by Section 49(1) (j) of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and the Road Traffic (Immobilisation of Vehicles) Regulations 1998’

The Vehicle Clamping Bill 2014 has been drafted to regulate the operation of the clamping industry and proposes to make the regulation of clamping activities a function of the National Transport Authority (NTA). Cork City Council has no role in monitoring clamping activities.

**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.**

4. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 REGISTER REF. 14/36189 - UNIT 1A MAYFIELD BUSINESS PARK, MAYFIELD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle referred this Item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate dated 5th March, 2015 on the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 as varied in respect of development at Unit 1A, Mayfield Business Park, Mayfield, Cork.

5. **ITEMS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 23rd FEBRUARY 2015**

5.1. **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

5.1.1 This Item was taken at 1.3.1

5.2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

5.2.1 This Item was taken at 1.4.1

6. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following minutes.

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 9th February 2015
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 9th February 2015

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD SEE A WASTE COLLECTION COMPANY HAVE ITS PLANNING PERMISSION REVOKED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Collins, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Chief Executive advise on the exceptional circumstances that would see a waste collection company have its planning permission revoked by Cork City Council?

REPLY

The 'revoking' of a planning permission under section 44 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) can only occur (a) if a permission no longer complies with the objectives of the development plan and (b) where the permission has not yet commenced, or if commenced, has not yet been completed.

Section 46 of the abovementioned Act of 2000 relates to the removal or alteration of a structure or the discontinuance of a use "in exceptional circumstances". There is no definition of the term 'exceptional circumstances' in the Act of 2000 or in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended). While the circumstances of each individual case is considered on its merits, there is an exceptionally high burden of evidence required for circumstances to be considered 'exceptional circumstances' in the context of section 46 of the Act of 2000.

For the circumstances to be 'exceptional' they would need to be more serious and extensive than one would normally expect and be something that could be shown to be out of the ordinary. Ultimately, the determination of what are 'exceptional circumstances' in the context of the proper invocation of section 46 of the Act of 2000 would be a matter for the Courts in the event that the Council made a decision to invoke section 46 and the decision was challenged by the owner or occupier of the land or structure concerned. It would be necessary for the planning authority to be able to identify and provide evidence of the

circumstances relied upon as constituting the particular ‘exceptional circumstances’ warranting its decision to serve notice under section 46.

It is noteworthy that the planning authority, in deciding whether to confirm a notice, is required under section 46 to *inter alia* consider the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the provisions of the Development Plan and any other relevant provision of the Act of 2000 or the Regulations of 2001.

Serving a notice under section 46 on a structure or use for which planning permission has been granted would require a serious, or indeed ‘exceptional’ change in circumstances that would render such a structure or use so inconsistent with the Development Plan and with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area so as to be unforeseen – and not addressed in any grant of planning permission relating to the structure or land in question – and which results in serious, irreparable damage to, for example, the environment, and for which no other remedy is available.

By definition, ‘ordinary’ circumstances, such as for example a breach of a planning condition, cannot be ‘exceptional’ as a remedy exists in Part VIII of the Act of 2000 which relates to enforcement. Furthermore, matters relating to other codes, such as environmental legislation, are not matters to be addressed under the planning code.

Also noteworthy are sections 196 and 197 of the Act of 2000 which relate to compensation with regard to notices under section 46. The planning authority is liable to pay to any person with an interest in a structure required to be removed or altered, or a use required to be discontinued, compensation of the amount of the reduction in value or the amount of damage suffered by such a person in being disturbed in that person’s enjoyment of the structure or land in question.

**Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.**

7.2 **COST OF SECURITY FOR BALLYVOLANE /SPRING LANE HALTING SITE
SINCE 2000-2015**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Collins, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Could the CE please inform Council of the cost of security for Ballyvolane /Spring Lane Halting Site since 2000-2015?

Could the CE define the terms of contract and procedures with regard to providing security for the site?

REPLY

Cork City Council is in a commercial contract with Four Seasons Promotions Ltd. trading as Animal Collection Services. Part of this Contract allows for a limited security provision when required on Cork City Council Traveller Specific Accommodation Types. The value of the contractual commitment is commercially sensitive. It must be noted Cork City

Council does not provide full time security on any of the City Traveller Specific Accommodation Types.

The aforementioned Contract does allow Cork City Council to access the services of Four Seasons Promotions Ltd. trading as Animal Collection Services if there are illegally parked touring caravans / mobile homes on City Council owned Traveller Specific Accommodation Types.

**V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.3 **UPDATE THE COUNCIL OF THE ONGOING WORKS AT THE SPRING LANE HALTING SITE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the CE update the Council of the ongoing works at the Spring Lane Halting site, especially the cliff face stabilization?

REPLY

A Building Contractor completed securing the area at the base of the cliff face on Thursday the 5th of March 2015. Cork City Council intends appointing an electrical contractor to conduct an electrical upgrade of the electrics on the site in the immediate future. However, Cork City Council are at present being prevented from progressing the required works, as Members may be aware from recent media coverage. Cork City Council are in the process of appointing a Consultant to design a long term solution to restabilise the Spring Lane cliff face.

**V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.4 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE FLATS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Is there any funding in Cork City Council for the refurbishment of the flats in

- a) Noonans Road
- b) Fort Street
- c) Deane Street
- d) St. Finbarrs Road

Has any application been made by Cork City Council in regard to securing funding from Central Government to the refurbishment of the above local authority housing (Energy Efficiency, Retrofitting voids energy upgrade)

REPLY

At present there is no funding available for the refurbishment of the flats in Noonans Road, Fort Street, Deane Street and St. Finbarrs Road.

An application has been made to the DECLG to secure funding for

- a. The Fabric Upgrade Program (attic and cavity wall insulation)
- b. “Bringing back into productive use” of vacant properties program where applicable in the above named areas.

**V. O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.5 **POSITION ON THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES ARISING OUT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES REFORMS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CE what is her view and position on the proposed amalgamation of the City and County Library services arising out of the Public Library Services Reforms?

REPLY

The Chief Executives of City Council and County Council are in discussions with the Department of the Environment, Community, and Local Government following the publication of the *Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services* document in October 2014.

Both the City and County Councils are in discussion with the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government as to the aspects of the proposals in that document which are not appropriate to the Cork Services. It is not expected that any fundamental changes will take place in respect of library services in either City or County in advance of the Report on the Cork Local Government Review, nor in advance of those discussions being finalised.

**Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.6 **PARK AND RIDES SITES ACROSS THE CITY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on plans to design, develop and deliver Park and Ride sites across the city; the average number of people using the Black Ash Park and Ride

for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014; and what plans are in place to progress tourist and coach services and parking in the city?

REPLY

The provision of a bus based Park and Ride facility is one of a range of transport planning tools that can be used to ensure fast and convenient access to the City. The Black Ash Park and Ride has been operated successfully for a number of years and it is the Council's policy that other such facilities be developed. A feasibility study was carried out for a train based Park and Ride facility at Dunkettle and it is hoped that the feasibility of a bus based facility will be examined as the Dunkettle Interchange proposals are advanced. Cork City Council explored the provision of a Park and Ride facility at Banduff but this scheme did not progress. The Council also prepared plans for a Park and Ride facility on Carrigrohane Road and is seeking grant funding for same from the NTA.

The €5 fee for the Black Ash Park & Ride facility includes for parking plus the bus fare for the driver and up to 4 passengers. The numbers of vehicles and pedestrians (i.e., customers who are dropped to the Black Ash Park & Ride facility and use the bus service only) for the period 2011 to 2014 inclusive, is as follows:

Year	Vehicle Total	Pedestrian Total
2011	141,588	3,577
2012	131,111	4,802
2013	123,544	4,843
2014	133,257	7,346

Within the city centre, the existing coach parking and bus stops for privately operated scheduled bus services are located mainly on St. Patrick's Quay and a section of Popes Quay. There is also a new coach stop on Bishop's Street, adjacent to St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. As part of the City Centre Movement Strategy, Cork City Council is currently preparing a high level review of tour bus and coach parking in the city centre which will identify suitable locations, as well as facilities needed for the various type bus services being provided. These include designated stop points for privately operated scheduled bus services, drop off/ pick up stops for hotels and tourist day trip services and overnight/ long term parking locations for coaches.

The coach parking review once completed will be presented to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for their consideration.

**Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.**

7.7 FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME 2015

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the C.E.O. inform the Council of the following.

In relation to the Fabric Upgrade Programme 2015. Phase One.

1. Has Cork City Council been allocated the funding for this Project from the relevant Dept. to proceed with this programme to completion.
2. How many contractors have been given tenders to carry out this work.
3. What has the response been from Electric Ireland in relation to their capabilities of carrying out pre/post works assessments on these properties.
4. How many of our properties have had this work carried out since January 2015.
5. In relation to Batch No's 90. and 92. Cherry tree Rd. Vicars Rd./Court. Togher Rd. when do City Council envisage this type of work being carried out in these areas.
6. Some of our properties have single/standard block walls how will the tenants of these properties have their insulation carried out.

REPLY

1. Funding for the Fabric Upgrade Scheme in 2015 has not been allocated yet by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.
2. Four contractors have been appointed to carry out the works.
3. Negotiations with Electric Ireland are ongoing in relation to the volume of pre-works assessments they will carry out.
4. Between the 01st January 2015 and the 28th February 2015 (a) 1165 tenants have been notified that the property they are renting is to be surveyed for inclusion in the scheme (b) 563 properties have had Fabric Upgrade works completed on them.
5. In relation to batches 90 and 92, letters informing tenants of the commencement of the scheme in their areas were issued on the 27th February 2015.
6. Properties having single/standard block walls (e.g. no cavity) will not have their walls insulated under phase one of the fabric upgrade scheme. This work may be done under phase two of the project. Phase two will not commence until phase one is complete.

**V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.8 AMALGAMATIONS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Chief Executive report on the proposed amalgamations of the City and County Library services and the implications for staff and service delivery?

REPLY

The Chief Executives of City Council and County Council are in discussions with the Department of the Environment, Community, and Local Government following the publication of the *Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services* document in October 2014.

Both the City and County Councils are in discussion with the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government as to the aspects of the proposals in that document which are not appropriate to the Cork Services. It is not expected that any fundamental changes will take place in respect of library services in either City or County in advance of the Report on the Cork Local Government Review, nor in advance of those discussions being finalised.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.

7.9 **FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN CORK CITY COUNCIL OWNED FLAT COMPLEX AND DUPLEX PROPERTIES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Cunningham, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Chief Executive outline the fire safety regulations that govern Cork City Council owned flat complex and duplex properties?

Are these properties inspected regularly to ensure they meet health and safety guidelines?

REPLY

The Fire Safety Regulations governing Cork City Council owned flat complex and duplex properties are those contained in Part B of the Building Regulations (1997-2014).

In this regard the Council is guided by the Building Regulations, the Residential Tenancies Acts and the Housing Acts rather than health & safety legislation (which relates to the workplace)

The Council carries out regular inspections & maintenance of the fire alarms and other electrical systems in the public areas of the flat/apartment complexes under its care.

**V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

7.10

OUTLINE THE POSITION OF CORK CITY COUNCIL; IN TERMS OF LIABILITY & RESPONSIBILITY; IN THE EVENT OF DAMAGE TO VEHICLES CAUSED BY POTHoles & POOR ROAD SURFACES WITHIN THE CITY

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir N O'Keeffe, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the CE please outline the position of Cork City Council; in terms of liability & responsibility; in the event of damage to vehicles caused by potholes & poor road surfaces within the city?

How many cases of such damage were reported to city council in the last 3 years?

How many of these claims were successful?

If compensation is applicable in such cases how much was paid out over the last 3 years?

REPLY

- The City Council has a certain immunity under the Civil Liability Act 1961 in that it cannot be held legally liable for damages arising from any failure to maintain a public road under the principle of non feaseance. Generally claims for damages arising from wear and tear place no liability on Cork City Council.

However, claims for damages arising from negligent repair & maintenance come under the principle of mis feaseance and liability can be placed on Cork City Council in these instances.

Liability arising from negligent repair & maintenance arising from licensed contract works by Contractors or Utility Companies are offset by the City Council and placed on the Contractor or Utility Companies and/or their Insurers under the principle of third party liability.

- Not all reports of damage result in compensation claims. Generally there would be more reports/complaints registered than claims.

The total number of Compensation Claims registered for vehicular damage during the period 1st January 2012 to 3rd March 2015 amounts to 103.

- Of the 103 Claims Registered the following is the current position:
A total of 49 Compensation Claims have been closed and subject to payment.
A total of 27 Compensation Claims have been closed and not subject to payment.
A total of 27 Compensation Claims remain open and not subject to payment to date.
- For the period 1st January 2012 to 3rd March 2015 total compensation paid in respect of vehicular damage claims amounts to €9,591.22.

**TIM HEALY
HEAD OF FINANCE**

8. **CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE – 16nd FEBRUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee from its meeting held on 16th February 2015.

8.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S STATUTORY REPORT ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013 AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT UNDER SECTION 121 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Local Government Auditor's Statutory Report on the Annual Financial Statement 2013 and the Audit Committee's Report under Section 121 of the Local Government Act.

8.2 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Audit Committee Annual Report 2014.

8.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously agreed to adopt the Audit Committee Charter.

8.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously agreed to adopt the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2015.

8.5 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2014.

8.6 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Financial Statement to 31st January 2015.

9. **STRATEGIC PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –16th FEBRUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee from its meeting held on 16th February 2015.

9.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

REPORT ON VISIT OF LORD MAYOR TO CHINA

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of Paul Moynihan, Senior Executive

Officer, Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate dated 12th February 2015 on the visit of the Lord Mayor to China in October 2014.

9.2 **REPORT ON VISIT OF LORD MAYOR TO RENNES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Mary Shields dated 12th February 2015 on her visit to Rennes in January 2015.

9.3 **TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the report entitled Planning Policy Statement 2015 from Environment, Community and Local Government.

9.4 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 12th February, 2015 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2014 to 31st December, 2014.

9.5 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 12th February, 2015 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

9.6 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 12th February, 2015 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2014 to 31st December, 2014.

9.7 **MOTIONS**

9.7.1 **EXTENSION OF CORK CITY BOUNDARY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That with regard to the proposed extension of Cork City Boundary, the CEO of the City Council continues the process started by her predecessor, using the proposals designed by former City Manager Tim Lucy and his team as the starting point for deliberations with the new CEO of Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/412)

The report stated that the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government has established the Cork Local Government Committee under Section 28 of the Local Government Act 1991.

The Committee shall be independent in the performance of its functions and shall stand dissolved on submission of its final report to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

In accordance with Section 32 and 33 of the Local Government Act 1991, the Committee is hereby required to carry out an objective review of local government arrangements in Cork City and County, including the boundary of Cork City, the local government areas and the local authorities for such areas, and to prepare a report making recommendations for improvements in such arrangements with respect to:-

- [a] whether the boundary of Cork City should be altered and if so, recommends with respect to the alteration of the boundary; or
- [b] whether Cork City Council and Cork County Council should be unified; and
- [c] any further related matters on which the Minister may request the Committee to make recommendations during the course of its review.

9.7.2 **FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE PROPERTIES AND SITES ON THE DERELICT SITE REGISTER IN THE SOUTH EAST WARD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council produce a full and comprehensive report on the properties and sites on the Derelict Register in the South East Ward and outline what measures are being undertaken to remediate this ongoing problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/414)

The report stated that

Derelict Sites Files in the South East Ward, January 2015

On the Derelict Sites Register

	Site ID	Location	Details
704	Site Opposite 6 – 10 Mahon Terrace, Rope Walk		Site works for construction of semi-detached houses (14/36099) have commenced.
1303	Site at South Douglas Road		No active permission; c. .14 ha



Rope Walk



Site at South Douglas Road

Houses and Cottages

Site ID	Site Address	Process Status
1736	1 Evenus Ville, Albert Road	Ownership investigation underway.
1478	17 South View, Ballinlough Road	Abandoned; allegedly vacant for 30 years.
1568	4 Convent Road	Boarded up since 2011.
1507	Emyville, Ballinlough Road	Permission for demolition/ construction of 6 no. houses granted in August 2014 but no works underway yet.
1620	35 Victoria Avenue	Property recently sold; to be monitored.
1314	1 Elizabeth Terrace, Albert Road	Painted and stabilised but remains boarded up.



1 Evenus Ville, Albert Road



4 Convent Road



35 Victoria Avenue



17 South View



1 Elizabeth Terrace



Emyville, Ballinlough Road

Commercial

Site ID	Site Address	Process Status
25	Springville House Blackrock Road	In receivership; for sale.
1464	Former butcher shop at Boreenmanna Road, Wallace's Avenue	Vacant since at least 2007; tidied and boarded up but no current planning permission or other plans to renovate.



Wallace's Avenue/ Boreenmanna Road

Sites

Site ID	Site Address	Details
1470	Shell Cottage, Skehard Road	No active permission; c. 570 sq m
1498	Site between Ballyoon and 9 Ashwood	No active permission; c. 900 sq m
1640/ 1641	11 & 12 South Douglas Road	No active permission; c. 100 sq m. Permission 06/30927 refused; no action since. Remains of cottages on site.
1184	Site adjacent to 2 Ashton Cottages	No active permission; c. 130 sq m.
1229	Site at junction of Wallace's Avenue and Boreenmanna Road	No active permission. Permission for retail building granted under 08/33487 expired in April 2014.
1235	79 Douglas Road	No active permission. Permission for house (09/33737) expired in 2014. Site for sale in January 2015.
1547	Greenbanks, Lands adjacent to 53 Well Road, Douglas	Permission for detached houses granted in November 2014 (14/36068).
1539	Site at junction of Avonlea Court and Church Road	Application for three dwellings pending (14/36216)



Shell Cottage, Skehard Road



Site between Ballyoon and 9 Ashwood





11 & 12 South Douglas



Site at junction of Wallace's Avenue and Boreenmanna Road



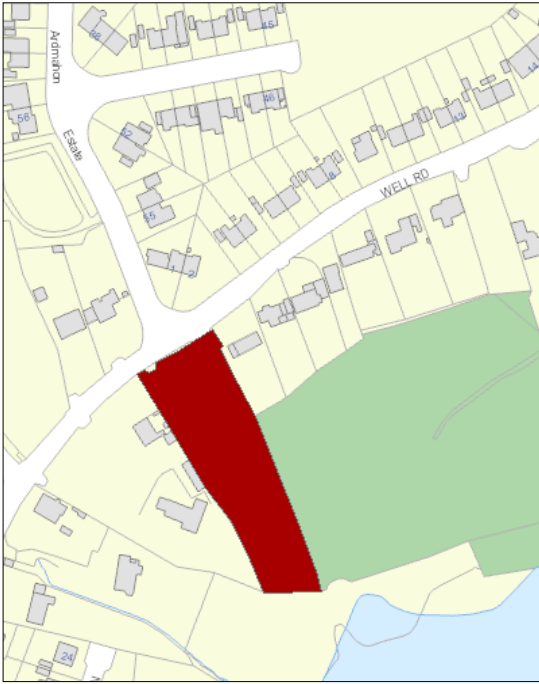
Location of site adjacent to 2 Ashton Cottages



Site adjacent to 2 Ashton Cottages



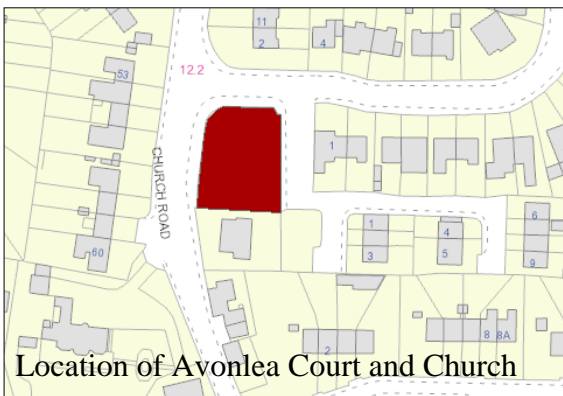
79 Douglas Road



Location of "Greenbanks", lands adjacent to 53 Well Road



"Greenbanks", lands adjacent to 53 Well Road



Location of Avonlea Court and Church



Avonlea Court and Church Road

9.7.3 **DEELISH, WESTERN END OF BOHERBOY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately demolish the derelict remains of Deelish located at the western end of Boherboy Road as it is a dangerous structure and a health hazard. The cost of demolition should be levied on the property owner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/001)

The Report state that building Control have inspected this property at the request of Strategic Planning & Economic Development and report“while the property is derelict, it is not our view that the property warrants demolition at the present time”.

9.7.4 **RETAIL STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In light of the recent closures of many retail shops, mostly long established old Cork businesses, and the fact that the long awaiting retail strategy for the City Council has as yet not come to Council.

Would the Council facilitate a public meeting for all the business owners in the City, primarily to outline the retail strategy and also to take concern directly from the ratepayers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/020)

The report stated that a Joint Retail Strategy for Metropolitan Cork was prepared in 2013 and incorporated into the Draft City Development Plan 2015-2021. It is mainly a strategic document which supports the City Centre as the primary retail centre in the region and sets out targets for future development. The Draft City Plan also includes more detailed policies to support retailing as a primary function of the city centre. The Retail Strategy has been through two periods of public consultation – in its own right as a draft retail strategy in 2013 and as part of the Draft Development Plan consultation in 2014.

Retailing as been going through difficult times nationally and internationally in recent years but there are some positive trends emerging in recent months in relation to reoccupation of vacant retail outlets in the main shopping streets. However, it is recognized that on-going support will be needed to further strengthen and support retail and other businesses in the city centre.

As members are aware, a City Centre Strategy for the revitalization of the city centre was completed in 2014 and a Plan for its implementation is in preparation. The Strategy includes recommendations on how to strengthen retailing in the city centre and these will be addressed in the implementation plan. In the meantime many of its actions are already being implemented. These include measures to support retail and other businesses in the city centre and working with traders and business groups, to improve their areas as well as with

City Business Association and Cork Chamber. Grant aid has been provided for building refurbishment and branding, and public realm and traffic management and access improvements are on-going. New partnership structures for working with city centre stakeholders are also being investigated and will include representation from retail and other businesses.

10. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th FEBRUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 16th February 2015.

10.1 **PART 8 REPORT ON THE MARINA PARK MASTERPLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved Part 8 Report on the Marina Park Masterplan was considered by the Committee.

The Part 8 Report on the Marina Park Masterplan was considered by the Committee. The report stated that the Part 8 Application for the development of Marina Park (Area A) gives detailed proposals for the development of this area of the park. These proposals were outlined in broad terms in the Marina Park Masterplan approved by Council in July, 2013. Area A includes the western end of the park (Showgrounds) from Monahan Road to the western edge of the Atlantic Pond including Pairc Uí Chaoimh and, The Marina from Shandon Boat Club to Blackrock Harbour.

The entire proposed Marina Park including the Stadium and All Weather Pitch measures approximately 32ha. It is bounded by a natural escarpment to the south and the River Lee on the northern boundary. Area A (excluding Stadium & All Weather Pitch) measures approximately 13.5Ha and area B measures 9Ha. Area B (east of the Stadium including Atlantic Pond) is already laid out in the manner in which it will continue for the foreseeable future and will only be subject to minor improvements works and revised maintenance schedules over the next five years, due to the scarcity of resources. Should there be proposed major changes for the area during this period, these will be reported to Council for consideration.

The development of Marina Park as the main public open space in the Docklands is seen as the key economic driver and catalyst towards the regeneration of the South Docks area. The development of an iconic park will provide considerable additional amenities for the local community but equally provide facilities for future residents and workers in the South Docks and visitors to the City.

The key objective for Area A is to transform the existing landscape and Showground site into an iconic park landscape with several distinct attractions including the upgrading and enhancement of existing features. The spatial concept for Area A centres around a number of important routes and areas, each with an individual character. The Central Axis follows the central axis of the park from the entrance plaza at Monahan Road via the new pavilion and through the permeable zone between the Stadium and All Weather Pitch to the Atlantic Pond. The Blue Marina represents the southern route and follows the movement of water from the Docklands through the new water course and water gardens to the Atlantic Pond.

The Valley represents the northern route and consists of ornamental features, flower gardens, amphitheatre and a series of play areas. The proposed pedestrianisation of The Marina will add considerably to the appeal and enjoyment of the park and will provide a safe and vehicle-free promenade for walking, cycling and informal play. The park will play an essential role in the delivery of flood relief for storm water run-off, not just in the park, but more importantly for the surrounding residential areas and future Dockland development.

The design addresses and satisfies the requirements as set out in the CFRAMS's report for flood protection. The water storage areas form an integral part of the park design and will be used for everyday park use and informal recreation, however, during periods of prolonged rainfall these areas will provide temporary storage for storm water runoff.

The design has achieved a balance between the objectives of the Park with those of the Stadium and GAA Centre of Excellence. Permeability and cohesion of the park through the provision of physical and visual linkages between the eastern and western sections of the park and, between the Stadium and All Weather Pitch has been achieved. Physical and visual linkages north of the Stadium and south of the All Weather Pitch have also been achieved. The Stadium and All Weather Pitch will be sensitively integrated into the park setting by appropriate landscaping, tree planting and earth mounding and these structures will therefore be seen as elements within the park providing sport and recreation opportunities rather than stand alone entities.

Proposed landscape treatment will have a positive visual and ecological impact within the park and on the surrounding residential and docklands areas. Landscape details including hard and soft elements will add interest, diversity and seasonal characteristics and contribute to the visual appeal and attractiveness of the park.

The existing Showgrounds site is presently enclosed by a three metre high wall and populated with unsightly derelict buildings and hard surface areas. It is proposed to remove the boundary walls, buildings and hard surface areas and open up views of the new park, The Marina and the sylvan slopes of Montenotte.

The imaginative creation of access routes and pathways through the park and the provision of distinct spaces will facilitate a wide range of opportunities for informal recreation, play, leisure activities, socializing and outdoor events. A number of buildings and other structures are proposed to compliment and add to the enjoyment of park users.

As part of the consultation process a series of meetings and presentations were held with stakeholders and resident groups to establish a clear understanding of site specific issues and local needs and requirements and how these could best be addressed and resolved in the design and layout of the park. An interactive consultation forum was held in The Atrium (City Hall) on Wednesday April 9th, 2014.

The Part 8 Application was advertised in the Irish Examiner on 28th March, 2014, in accordance with Article 81 of the Planning regulations 2001 – 2012 with the following submissions received by 4.00pm on 28th May, 2014.

This report was scheduled for submission to this committee for consideration on 25th September, 2014.

During the week preceding that meeting, An Bord Pleanála -received a representation requesting them to consider, in accordance with its powers under article 120 (3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, whether the Council should prepare an environmental impact statement in respect of the development of Marina Park. An Bord Pleanála requested that the scheduled report to this committee be suspended to allow them consider the representation and determine on same.

An Bord Pleanála determined on the 19th December, 2014 in regard to the representation that the proposed Marina Park would not have significant effects on the environment and therefore, that an environment impact statement was not required.

Submissions were received from the following :

Name	Address
David Barry	33 Beaumont Drive, Ballintemple, Cork.
Save Marina Park C/O Denis O' Regan	21 Maryville, Ballintemple, Cork.
Bill Wade	Belmont Cottage, Boreenmanna Road, Ballinlough, Cork.
Greg O' Neill	31 Albert Road, Cork.

Issues as follows:

Topic	Issue	Response
1. All Weather Pitch:	Open with no physical structure	Pitch will be enclosed by a three metre high weld mesh fence.
	1,000 capacity Viewing Stand	Viewing Stand is elevated and part of the south stand.

Topic	Issue	Response
2. Permeable Zone:	Stadium and All Weather Pitch would be de-facto a single entity/campus. Preference for no access restrictions. Marina Park separated from Atlantic Pond.	The Stadium and All Weather Pitch are separated by a 13 metre wide open plaza under the control and management of City Council. Some limited access restrictions will be necessary on big match days to facilitate safe access and egress to and from the stadium. This arrangement will be covered by licence between the GAA Cork County Board and the City Council. The Park and Atlantic Pond are connected both physically and visually by the 13 metre wide open plaza between the Stadium and All Weather Pitch.
Right of Way	Right of Way from Monahan Road to Atlantic Pond will be controlled by GAA CCB.	This access will be open at all times and under the full control of the City Council, some limited access restrictions may be necessary on big match days to satisfy Health and Safety requirements.
Access/Egress to Stadium	Access/Egress to stadium is restricted.	This issue is addressed under the Stadium Redevelopment planning application – TP 13/35808.
Security	Anti-social behaviour at Park Avenue. Marina Park partly hidden giving rise to potential for unsocial activity.	Issues addressed in the Plan Park is open plan and clearly visible from Monahan Road and all surrounding areas. It is proposed to remove all existing boundary walls to provide clear views from the south and west.

Topic	Issue	Response
Trees	<p>Number of trees to be removed at Atlantic Pond, Park Avenue and Monahan Road has not been quantified.</p>	<p>All trees adjacent to Atlantic Pond have been identified and quantified and listed in section 3.7 – Park Planting.</p> <p>The majority of trees/shrubs to be removed are in poor condition and over mature, their removal is necessary to facilitate realignment of Atlantic Pond for drainage reasons.</p> <p>New planting of over 150 semi-mature trees and over 2000 smaller trees and shrubs is proposed.</p> <p>Trees at Park Avenue and Monahan Road are covered under the Stadium Redevelopment planning application – TP 13/35808.</p>
Parking	<p>Remove Temporary Match Day Parking.</p> <p>Sensitive design of proposed parking area along access road to Shandon Boat Club</p>	<p>Temporary match day parking is proposed at the South East Corner of the park at the request of the CCB GAA.</p> <p>CCB GAA have now withdrawn their request for this facility and therefore this proposal will now be deleted from the plan.</p> <p>Proposed parking at this location will be sensitively integrated among the existing trees to regularise the existing practice of parking in this area.</p>

Atlantic Pond	Changes to shape and size of Atlantic Pond have not been properly assessed.	Changes to the western edge of the Atlantic Pond have been fully assessed to satisfy aesthetic drainage requirements.
Boundary Wall	Boundary wall on southern boundary removes visual linkage.	The existing boundary wall will be removed on completion of the park.
Foul Water Sewers	Encroachment on Interceptor Foul Sewer	Issue being addressed under the Stadium Redevelopment planning application – TP 13/35808

Topic	Issue	Response
Water Management	Concern that Storm Water Flooding will contaminate open green areas.	A water management plan will form part of the detailed design for these areas and will address this specific issue.
Soil Contamination	Concern about the release of substances .	One area of contaminated soil was identified on site, the soil was removed and received appropriate treatment in accordance with the relevant guidelines and regulations.
Anoxic and Hypoxic Water	Existing water bodies are both anoxic and hypoxic and there are no plans to address this.	It is proposed to aerate all water within the park by circulation, cascades and fountains.

The proposals for Marina Park – Area A are in accordance with the proper planning objectives and aims for this area as outlined in the Docklands Development Strategy (2001), South Dock Local Area Plan (February 11th 2008, amended 5th October 2009) and, Cork City Development Plan 2009 2015 (including Variation No 7 , April 2012).

On completion of the Part 8 process, initial works will be phased in order of priority in line with available resources. It is intended to undertake low cost elements of the plan as part of the Gateway Project Programme. The estimated cost of phase 1 (areaA) is of the order of €3.5 m.

Proposed works will form part of the overall capital budget of Council. Funding for the park development will be sourced in different ways including Development Contributions , proceeds from sale of land to Cork County GAA Board , Government grants etc.

10.2 **BASKETBALL COURT AREA ON STEPHEN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a report be issued on the plan to turn the basketball court area on Stephen Street (now derelict) into a recreational area - for children or allotments - with controlled access for local residents adjoining the location only’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/330)

The report stated that an option of providing a separate entrance to former basketball area at St. Stephen's Street for nearby residents has been examined and deemed not practical requiring construction of new entrance way and appropriate access ramp due to differing ground levels, which would prove costly and service a very small community. An approach has been made to the Council by a local community based organisation to use the space for a garden project and this option will be explored further in the coming weeks.

10.3 **GREEN RECYCLING FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

The following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle was considered:-

‘That Cork City Council would provide green recycling facilities in the city for gardening contractors and landscapers who operate in the city area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/415)

The report stated that for a number of years Cork City Council facilitated a contractor to accept Green Waste and Timber waste from contractors and landscapers in the Cork Region. The green waste was composted for reuse and the timber waste was chipped for reuse in the production of chipboard/timber bricks etc.

These facilities were located on 2 large Concrete slabs at Kinsale Road Landfill. The recent landfill remediation works required by the EPA resulted in the discontinuation of landfilling and more recently timber and green waste processing on the site. It is not possible to recommence these works here as there is no space available on the site.

Furthermore these operations would not be compatible with the provision of a Public Park. The cost to the Council of providing such a facility elsewhere would be prohibitive. It should be noted that that Council accepts green and timber waste from the general public at the Civic Amenity Site.

It is understood that there are commercial facilities being made available to facilitate the Green and Timber Wastes in the Cork region

10.4 **INVESTIGATION DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON'S COAL YARD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton's Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

1. Operating times
2. Environment impact on the locality
3. Noise and dust levels

4. 4EPA Licence infractions, if any.
 5. Suitability of their locations.
- (Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

The report stated that a full report on the matters raised in the motion is currently being prepared and will be presented to the next meeting.

10.5 **EXTENSION OF THE CEILI PLATFORM**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the plans for the extension of the Ceili platform at the Lough be examined and accelerated.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/434)

The report stated that there is no provision in the 2015 Budget to provide extra paving at the Lough. However, a sum will be provided in the 2016 Capital Works Programme to pave the area in addition to other areas at the amenity.

10.6 **REPLACEMENT OF FALLEN TREES IN THE MARINA AND ATLANTIC POND**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a plan be implemented for the replacement of fallen trees in the Marina and Atlantic Pond area.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/435)

The report stated that a detailed tree survey of all trees within the Marina Park area has been completed and is being assessed to prepare a schedule of arboricultural works in line with the recommendations of the tree survey report. Replacement tree planting, where appropriate, will follow these works and will be an essential element of the Marina Park development works.

10.7 **CUTTING BACK OF THREE TREES IN BLACKWATER GROVE IN FRONT OF NOS. 28 TO 30**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the cutting back of three trees in Blackwater Grove in front of Nos. 28 to 30.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/443)

The report stated that the three trees at the entrance to Blackwater Grove will be added to the schedule of tree works for remedial pruning.

10.8 **LOUGH RECREATION SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would publish a strategy on the development of the Lough Recreation site, the current environmental condition of the Lough, fish stock numbers, the type and effects of fishing at the Lough and meeting the needs of different users.’

The report stated that the Lough is one of Cork’s main amenities attracting hundreds of visitors weekly and is a wildlife sanctuary with a large variety of birds and a large fish stock.

Water Quality

Following an outbreak of botulism at the Lough in 2009 whereby a number of swans died, the Council introduced a number of measures which have greatly improved the water quality at the lake.

(i) **Feeding of Bread**

The feeding of bread to birds at the amenity is prohibited, with educational signs erected advising of appropriate feed and the negative impact of bread both on the water quality and on the digestive system of the birds. The policy is generally respected by the public, this measure alone having a very positive impact.

(ii) **Barley Straw**

Each Spring, the Council places barley straw around the perimeter of the island in special netting. The decay product of barley straw assists with suppression of algae bloom.

(ii) **Water fountains**

Water fountains have been installed which help to aerate the water at critical times such as in summer months. New more powerful pumps which avail of night rate electricity supply were installed in September.

(iii) **Readings**

Regular readings are taken at various points at the Lough of dissolved oxygen levels, acidity levels, temperature etc. These readings are very useful especially in summer months when dissolved oxygen levels could be low.

(iv) **Fishing**

The Lough is one of the foremost carp fisheries in the country. In 2010, in the interest of best fish hygiene practice, the Council prepared a Bio-security Plan/Fish Health Management Plan for the lake which was subsequently approved by the Marine Institute.

The Institute granted a licence to the Council to operate a Put and Take fishery at the Lough. The Institute also carry out annual inspections at the amenity in relation to fish health management, with all reports satisfactory to date.

The Council has also designed and installed Fish Net Rinse Units at the lake representing best practice in terms of good hygiene for fisheries, being one of the first local authorities in the county to do so. All landing nets, unhooked mats or other equipment that comes into contact with the water must be disinfected in the Fish Net Rinse units before and after fishing at the lake. This measure is essential if the spread of diseases such as KHV or hazardous invasive species within the country is to be effectively controlled.

The Council, Parks & Recreation staff liaise regularly with Cork Carp Anglers Association in relation to the amenity.

The seating at the Lough has been upgraded in recent years with over 15 new seats installed. It is also planned to renew the existing public lighting and provide additional paved areas within the next year or so. The amenity has a full time Caretaker responsible for daily maintenance.

10.9 **REVAMP AT FITZGERALD'S PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To get a report on the next steps of revamp at Fitzgerald’s Park, especially on the proposed kitchen garden and the new playground.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/004)

The report of the Director of Services dated 12th February 2015 was also considered. The report stated that the tender submission deadline for the construction of the all-inclusive playground at Fitzgerald’s Park is Wednesday 18th, February 2015. Works are scheduled to commence late March/early April with an estimated completion date of late June/ early July.

Due to budgetary constraints, there are no plans to advance the development of the kitchen garden at present.

10.10 **PRUNE THE PUBLIC TREES ADJACENT TO 88 WILLOWBANK, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council prune the public trees adjacent to 88 Willowbank, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keefe 15/007)

The report stated that the above trees are scheduled for remedial pruning in early March, 2015.

10.11 **OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ALONG THE BLACKROCK CASTLE WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council explores the possibility of placing outdoor exercise equipment along the Blackrock Castle Walkway and that Cork City Council provide picnic facilities for the enhancement of this great local amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keefe 15/008)

The report stated that the Council is currently looking at the feasibility of outdoor exercise equipment both in relation to usage elsewhere as experienced by other local authorities, maintenance and costings. Depending on the findings, a pilot project may be introduced on a phased basis at a suitable location.

Picnic tables unfortunately would tend to bring attendant anti-social behaviour problems in unsupervised settings.

10.12 **RECREATION AND AMENITY PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would publish a list of all recreation and amenity projects commenced since 2011 in the South West, South Central and South East wards, the level of funding committed to the projects and the current status of the project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/009)

The report stated that the following is a list of large projects, other routine minor works also being carried out annually.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Status</i>
<u>Clashduv Park</u> Path improvements, drainage	€95,000	Ongoing
<u>Lee Fields, Car Park</u>	€50,000	Complete 2014
<u>Murphy’s Farm</u> Carpark, paths, entrance road	€150,000	Ongoing

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Status</i>
<u>Lough</u> Seats, path improvements, fountains, crib	€7,000	Complete Additional works 2015/2016 Lighting/paving
<u>Leisureworld, Bishopstown</u> Energy grant works	€396,000	Complete 2012
<u>Mardyke Gardens</u>	€2.6millon	Complete 2014

<u>Fitzgerald Park</u>		
<u>Gus Healy Pool Douglas Energy/General upgrade</u>	€490,000	Complete 2012
<u>School Path, Glasheen Footpath upgrade works</u>	€45,000	Complete 2014 Additional works planned
<u>Bishop Lucey Park Incorporate Lane into park</u>	€98,000	Complete 2013
<u>Marina Pontoon</u>	€450,000	Due for completion end March 2015 ongoing
<u>Kennedy Park Ballinlough Park Path network upgrade</u>	€150,000	Complete 2013
<u>Ted McCarthy Municipal Golf Course Mobility works paths, safety netting</u>	€45,000	Complete 2014
<u>Marina Park Masterplan</u>		Part 8 Report to Functional Committee 16/2/15
<u>Monahan Road Enhancement Scheme</u>		Part 8 complete Going to tender 2015
<u>Sports Grants Various grants to clubs for enhancement works 2012-2014</u>	€350,000 +	
<u>Tramore Valley Park</u>		Due for completion Autumn 2015

The above list, comprising a portion of the City only reflects the strong commitment of Council in enhancing recreational provision in tight economic circumstances. Capital improvement works are carried out throughout the city's parks based on assessment of need and maximizing available resources. Further works are planned across the city for delivery in 2015/2016.

10.13 **EXTRA RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH ANY LITTERING ISSUES IN THE FARRANREE AREA AS THEY ARISE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Following the publication of a number of Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) reports, Cork City Council will ensure extra resources are available to deal with any littering issues in the Farranree area as they arise.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/011)

The report stated that two reports by Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) on the Farranree area were published for 2014 which described Farranree as a litter blackspot. It is fundamentally unfair of IBAL to compare and grade large cities such as Cork with populations of over 100,000 with towns of populations of 15,000 to 20,000. Cork City has a

variety of areas some of which have difficulty topography and less social and economic resources than others. The Director of Services advised the Environment and Recreation Function Committee at their meeting held on the 29th September 2014 that the areas highlighted in the 18th August 2014 report will be tackled over the coming year by various sections of the City Council subject to financial and staffing resources being available. It is intended to continue the same procedure as outlined in his report with regard to the areas highlighted in his report of the 5th January 2015. These procedures include:-

1. Litter wardens and community wardens supporting local communities, schools and business in tackling litter issues. This includes visits to schools and assisting in clean ups organised by community and residents associations.
2. Investigation of dumped material and issuing of proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 where evidence is found.
3. Provision of community maintenance grants in 2015 to community and residents associations to assist in their anti-litter activities.
4. Using a Gateway Project Team to assist with clean ups.

10.14 **RESURFACE ACCESS POINTS FROM SKEHARD ROAD ONTO THE BLACKROCK AMENITY WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the access points from Skehard Road onto the Blackrock amenity walkway will be resurfaced as promised by the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Also the signage be removed or changed to promote the walkway as promised also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/019)

The report stated that resurfacing works on the access paths to the above amenity walk are scheduled to commence during September, 2015. The signage will be addressed as part of these works.

10.15 **CORK CITY MARATHON**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will consider holding the Cork City Marathon on an alternate day to the Bank Holiday Monday over the June long weekend, such a move could increase the numbers participating in the marathon and encourage many to stay in Cork over the weekend.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/027)

The report stated that the Cork City Marathon has been very successful since launched in 2007, attracting over 7,000 participants last year, from full marathon runners, to half marathon (introduced 3 years ago) and relay runners. The route commences and finishes at Patrick Street and over 26 miles goes through City Centre street as well as Blackpool, Tivoli, the Tunnel, Mahon, South Ring road, Model Farm Road etc.

Options in relation to holding the Marathon on alternate days have previously been considered by the Organising Committee.

Having the race on the Saturday would have a big impact on City Centre trade due to the number of street closures required and would also impact on the Ocean to City Race traditionally held on this day. Again due to required road closures, holding the event on the Sunday would impact on a minimum of 13 churches and their congregations and on any GAA fixtures within the city.

The Council/Organising Committee is constantly reviewing the operation of the Marathon to maximise its potential in terms of benefit to the City.

10.16 **DOG LITTER BINS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would erect Dog Litter [Deposit Bins] on all our walkways across the city. Presently there are none on the following Walkway's.

Carrigrohane Road to Model Farm Road.
Bandon Road to Sarsfield Road.
Sarsfield Road to Togher Road.
Togher Road to Kinsale Road.
Curraheen Road to Model Farm Road just the ONE.
All these walkways are very popular in the western suburbs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/031)

The report stated that the Dog Litter Bins were erected along all the walkways throughout the city at various times in past years, however, most were vandalised and had to be removed for safety reasons. A review of reinstating some bins (in line with available resources) at less vulnerable locations on the above walkways will be carried out in the coming weeks.

10.17 **TREES IN HARLEY WOOD COMPLEX TO BE CUT DOWN OR TRIMMED**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th February 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That immediate attention be given to the Residents of 1 to 14 Arrigdeen Lawn and Togher road in their request for the Trees in Harley Wood complex to be cut down or trimmed . These trees are on private property and are causing huge problems for years for these residents,
a commitment was given to residents that contact would be made with the owner to rectify this problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/032)

The report stated that the attempts are continuing to trace the owners of the Harley Wood complex to request them to carry out pruning works.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from the Department of Finance dated the 13th February 2015
- Letter from Limerick & City County Council dated the 13th February 2015.
- Letter from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Community dated 13th February 2015.

12. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Members at the Association of Irish Local Government “In Service” training dates for Elected Members of Council 2015 as per correspondence dated 13th February 2015 from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

15.1 **RESURFACE THE ROAD AND FOOTPATH IN DOYLE ROAD, TURNERS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the road and footpath in Doyle Road, Turners Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/037)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **RESURFACE THE JUNCTION OF FRIAR’S ROAD AND CONGRESS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the junction of Friar’s Road and Congress Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/038)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 **NAME THE BLACKROCK CASTLE WALKWAY**

‘That Cork City Council would officially name the walkway at Blackrock Castle. In order to do so, I propose that Cork City Council would invite suggestions from members of the public that could then be considered and approved by council. This is a fantastic amenity in the city and it would be fitting to name it appropriately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/055)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.4 **DOG FOULING COMMITTEE**

‘That Cork City Council would form a sub-committee of Council to look specifically at the issue of Dog-Fouling throughout the City. An action committee tasked with looking solely at this issue would be able to widely consult with members of the public, interested parties and think up creative solutions to tackle this problem once and for all. The ultimate aim of this committee should be to report back; within a specific time period; with a list of clearly defined actions that could be undertaken to address the problem once and for all. This report could also be used as leverage for extra funding from Central Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/056)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.5 **CLASHDUV PARK, TOGHER**

‘Can we get the signs in Clashdub Park, Togher, for dog fouling & litter offences replaced. While there are a lot of signs at the entrances to the park, they have all faded so badly no one can read them anymore. Also can we get extra signs posted in the car park on the Ilen Court, Togher side? This is where a lot of people walking their dogs enter the park and there are no signs advising people of their responsibility.’

Would it be possible for the dog warden to take a visit to the park to discuss with people walking their dogs their responsibility, just a gentle reminder as people often respond better in this way.

Would it be possible to get the dog foul bin that was taken down @ the park in Murphy’s Farm, Bishopstown, put back up please? There is a lot of work going on in this area so I can only presume it was taken down due to this work but a lot of people walk their dogs & use this bin and it is badly missed.

The summer is coming and more families are going to be using our parks. It is imperative we tackle the dog fouling issues sooner rather than later. We want to encourage families to be out playing with their children in the parks, but this will open happen if the dog fouling is sorted out.’

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney 15/057)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.6 **ERECT THE PROCLAMATION OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC IN A PRIME CITY CENTRE LOCATION**

‘That this council erect the Proclamation of the Irish Republic in a prime city centre location ie The old grand parade hotel to mark 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 14/061)

Party Whips

15.7 **REMOVE THE CONCRETE PIPES THAT ARE LINED UP ON THE FOOTPATH ON KILLMORE ROAD LOWER**

‘Can Cork City Council remove the concrete pipes that are lined up on the footpath on Killmore Road lower and a more appropriate type of bollard be installed as it is unsafe for people to use this footpath due to the size of the pipes.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/062)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **VACANT HOUSES**

‘That Cork City Council would set up a fast track & incentive scheme to prevent housing units becoming vacant by allocating housing units before the people living in the houses move out. If Cork City Council knew in advance when tenants were leaving they could have new tenants ready to move in immediately. Tenant leaving could receive a rent rebate from one to three months dependant on the condition the property being handed back.

Where a housing unit needs necessary works that Cork City Council would fast track the work and ensure its completion and allocation with three months of the house becoming vacant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/063)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.9 **CLEAN UP THE JOHN BURKE ART WORK ON THE WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

‘That the John Burke art work on the Wilton roundabout be painted and cleaned up.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 12/064)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **REPAIR ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF GEORGE’S QUAY AND PARLIAMENT BRIDGE**

‘That the Road at the intersection of George's Quay and Parliament Bridge be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr K.McCarthy 15/065)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **BYE-LAWS TO REGULATE TAXI-RANKS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce Bye-Laws to regulate taxi-ranks in the City Council administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/066)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **REPLACE THE WINDOWS AND DOORS AT BAKER'S ROAD FLATS**

‘That Cork City Council will replace the windows and doors at Baker's Road flats which have been in place for many years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/067)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.13 **BONFIRES**

‘That City Council would make contact with companies in all Industrial Parks across the City requesting that any materials that may be used for bonfires would be secured / locked away at night and weekends in a closed locked compound thus preventing any future damage to public property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/068)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.14 **REPLACE WHITE STOP LINES AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AT UAM VAR ESATE**

‘That City Council would replace all the [White Stop Lines] at junctions where there are [No Stop Signs] erected within Uam Var Estate and that the single and double yellow lines that have been eroded around the whole estate would be replaced thus preventing the parking situation in certain parts of this estate being abused.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/069)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.15 **RESTORE THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN JERRY O SULLIVAN (COLMCILLE) PARK**

‘To ask council to restore the public lighting in Jerry O Sullivan (Colmcille) Park as a matter of urgency’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/070)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.16 **MEETING REGARDING THE REGENERATION OF BOYCES STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would arrange a meeting between the Housing Department Directorate, members of the North Central Ward and community representatives as a matter of urgency to discuss the ongoing issues and the regeneration of Boyces Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/071)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.17 **GATES AT UPPER AND LOWER JOHN STREET**

‘In light of the numerous cases of anti-social behavior in the area and due to the unanimous support of local residents and businesses, that Cork City Council would consider the erection of 8 gates between Upper and Lower Johns Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/072)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16. **PARTY WHIPS – 2nd MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held on 2nd March 2015.

17. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 2nd March 2015.

Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald took the Chair

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting to 8.30 p.m.

An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields retook the chair.

17.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 26th February, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of the freehold interest in No. 30, Fr. Dominic Road, Ballyphehane, Cork to Frank Looney and Nancy Looney, c/o Colm S. O’Riain & Co., Solicitors, No. 4 Washington Street West, Cork for the sum of €6.35, together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.

- b. Disposal of interest in an area of land adjacent to No. 56, Park Court, Ballyvolane, Cork to Sean & Mary O’Callaghan c/o Diarmaid Ó Catháin Solicitors, No. 30, South Terrace, Cork for the sum of €250.00, (plus VAT if applicable), plus costs of €1,200.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.
- c. Disposal of an area of ground situated at the former laneway at Hollyhill Lane, Hollyhill, Cork to Cork Diocesan Trustees and Rev. Dr. Thomas Deenihan, c/o Diarmaid Ó’Catháin Solicitors, No. 30, South Terrace, Cork for nil consideration. On the proposal of J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.

17.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for February 2015.

17.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT ARDMORE AVENUE/KILLINEY HEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 26th February, 2015 in relation to development at Ardmore Avenue/Killiney Heights, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposed development consists of 29 Residential Units at Ardmore Avenue/Killiney Heights, Knocknaheeny, Cork, plus ancillary site works on a site measuring area 1.77 acres, which is in the ownership of Cork City Council comprising of:

- 20 no. 3 bedroom 2 Storey dwellings
- 3 no. 2 bedroom apartments
- 6 no. 2 bedroom duplex apartments

The report also stated that it is proposed to construct a new 2 storey terrace consisting of 9 no. 3 bedroom dwellings at Killiney Heights, which will front on to the new housing of Phase 1A (immediately to the North of the proposed development). Another 2 storey terrace of 3 bedroom dwellings is proposed along Ardmore Avenue. The corners will be bookended by 3 storey buildings which will be comprised of 2 bedroom ground floor apartments with 2 no. Duplex units overhead. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were forwarded to the Electoral Members of the North West Area for their attention. Plans and particulars including the Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed development were available for public inspection until 30th January 2015 and invited submissions and observations to be made in writing before 4.00 p.m. on 13th February 2015. Site notices were in place at the proposed site area for the prescribed period.

The report further stated that submissions were received from Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, the Roads and Transportation Directorate and the Environment & Recreation Directorate. These submissions contained observations and recommendations relating to road and pavement materials, public lighting, speed limits, mobility issues and designs relating to the water and drainage infrastructural layout. These submissions will be taken into account and incorporated into the design and construction of the works. Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald also

requested that the City Council revisit proposals to include apartments within the development. The CNWQR project team intends to review proposals in relation to housing mix (including apartments) for the whole Regeneration Area as part of the Tenure Strategy. This Tenure Strategy is currently being drafted. No submissions were received from the public.

The report also stated that the proposed development, including the recommendations and observations is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan.

17.4 **CAPITAL ADVANCE LEASING FACILITY & MORTGAGE TO RENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 26th February, 2015 in relation to the Capital Advance Leasing Facility and the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) was introduced by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DOECLG) in June 2011 to assist Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to access finance from the Housing Finance Agency and other private lending institutions for the provision or construction of properties for social housing purposes under the leasing initiative. AHBs can apply to the DOECLG for financial assistance in the form of a capital equity injection which can then be used to access private finance. This model is a significant element of the Government's Social Housing Strategy for the delivery of social housing units by the Voluntary sector leveraging "off balance Sheet" private finance.

The report also stated that essentially, the facility works by providing AHBs (where approved) with a small capital advance in the form of a loan, that will be made available by the DOECLG through Local Authorities to AHBs. The granting of a loan to an Approved Housing Body is a reserved function of Council. The facility is only made available as part of a leasing project where the AHB makes units available under a Payment and Availability (P&A) agreement to nominees of the housing authority for a set period of time. Repayments on the loan (capital advance) will not be required during the term of the P&A agreement but the amount will remain outstanding at the end of the agreement. The purpose of this, and indeed the whole facility, is that the capital advance will assist AHBs in securing finance to purchase/construct units and make projects more viable for AHBs from a liquidity or cash flow perspective in the initial years of the project.

The CALF operates in accordance with the following terms:

- Up to a maximum of 30% of the value of the property or construction cost of a project will be considered by the DOECLG in terms of the capital advance.
- The AHB must be approved for finance from the HFA or be able to demonstrate access to private finance.
- The capital advance will be paid as a loan that would accrue interest at a fixed rate of 2% per annum. The loan including the interest accrued will be repaid at the end of the lease term. However, where at the end of the term there was agreement to renew the lease, the repayment of the loan could be offset against future lease payments.
- The lease payments will be set at the standard rate of 92% of market rent (80% of market rent plus 12% for maintenance and management costs).

- The terms of the lease would be the same as the standard voluntary terms, i.e. the lease/availability agreement would be for a period of between 10-30 years. The AHB during this time will be obliged to charge tenants a rent in accordance with the Local Authority's differential rent scheme.
- The AHB will have to liaise with the local authority concerning the allocation of the leased units. All units are to be occupied by households in need of social housing support who are on the authority's waiting list.
- Nominations of persons from the local authority housing list will be treated as an offer of social housing support in the same way as for properties owned by the housing authority or for properties under the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

Cork City Council have progressed one project under the CALF scheme with Galton Housing Association for the provision of 8 units at Greenvale, Boreenmanna Road.

Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Scheme

The report further stated that Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Scheme was piloted in 2012 and is a government initiative to help homeowners who are at risk of losing their homes and who are engaging in the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP) with their lender. Under the scheme, a customer will voluntarily surrender ownership of their home to their lender who sells it to an AHB. The customer then becomes a tenant of the AHB. The AHB uses the same funding features under CALF to acquire the property. An initial capital advance is provided and a P&A agreement is signed with the Local Authority where the lease payments will be made at 92% of the market rent.

Key Features of the MTR Scheme:

- An eligible household voluntarily surrenders ownership of their home to their mortgage lender.
- An approved housing body buys the home from the lender.
- The family continues to live in it as a social housing tenant.
- They pay a rent based on their income.
- They no longer own the home or have any financial interest in it.

Households availing of the scheme will become social housing tenants, paying a differential rent which is calculated on the basis of their household income.

Qualifying Households must:

- have had their mortgage position deemed unsustainable under a MARP (as provided for under the Central Bank's Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears);
- agree to the voluntary repossession of their home;
- not have significant positive equity in their home;
- qualify for social housing support from the local authority and an application must be made for social housing support to the local authority.

The property concerned must be valued at less than €220,000 and must be suitable for the needs of the household. The purchase of the property is part financed using loan finance generally obtained from the initial mortgage provider and the Exchequer.

The Local Authority has two roles in the MTR scheme:

- Confirm demand for the property type and expected market rents in the area

- Provide the CALF funding to the Approved Housing Body on signing of the Capital Advance Agreement and the P&A Agreement.

The report further stated that Cork City Council currently has 4 properties signed up with AHBs under the MTR scheme with a further 2 properties in the process of finalising their CALF and P&A agreements with AHBs. In February 2014, funding was put in place to introduce a MTR scheme for local authority borrowers called the Local Authority Mortgage to Rent (LAMTR) Scheme. The LAMTR Scheme allows local authorities to purchase their borrowers property at market value with the household, where appropriate, remaining in the property as local authority tenants and paying a differential rent to the local authority. The criteria to qualify for LAMTR are the same as the MTR Scheme. Cork City Council is currently reviewing the loan accounts of householders that are engaging in the MARP with a view to progressing a number of properties under LAMTR in 2015.

17.5 DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would publish a report on the number of disabled persons grants which have been approved since 2011, the type of works approved, the average grant approval the total expenditure on these grants on an annual basis and if there are any plans to change or modify the scheme with regard to eligibility or criteria.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/010)

The report of the Director of Services gave a breakdown of approvals under the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme since 2011:

2011:	587
2012:	478
2013:	351
2014:	270

The grant approvals are broken down into three areas and works:

Adaptation – Bathroom, extensions, ramps, stairlifts
 Elderly Aid – Bathroom, heating, insulation, rewiring, windows & doors
 Mobility - Minor works to bathrooms, hand rails, ramps and stairlifts

Average Grant Approvals

Year	Grant	No. of Applications	Total Value of Approvals -€	Average - €	Comment
2011	Adaptation	133	1,283,368	9,650	Incl. 21 extensions Average cost €24,679
	Elderly Aid	352	1,493,679	4,243	
	Mobility	23	97,915	4,257	

	Council Properties	79			No grant value as works are undertaken by Housing Maintenance and claimed directly from DOECLG
2012	Adaptation	114	882,558	7,741	Incl. 12 extensions Average cost €18,127
	Elderly Aid	290	1,308,743	4,512	
	Mobility	25	129,806	5,192	
	Council Properties	49			No grant value as works are undertaken by Housing Maintenance and claimed directly from DOECLG
2013	Adaptation	130	1,163,957	8,953	Incl. 23 extensions Average cost €22,500
	Elderly Aid	192	869,418	4,528	
	Mobility	16	66,871	4,179	
	Council Properties	13			No grant value as works are undertaken by Housing Maintenance and claimed directly from DOECLG
2014	Adaptation	62	501,540	8,089	Incl. 8 extensions Average cost €19,464
	Elderly Aid	198	792,052	4,000	
	Mobility	7	29,643	4,234	
	Council Properties	3			No grant value as works are undertaken by Housing Maintenance and claimed directly from DECLG

The report also stated that Cork City Council has claimed the following monies from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to fund grants:

2011 €2,675,306
2012 €795,073
2013 €1,850,408
2014 €1,570,056

The Council has claimed the following monies from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to fund works to Council properties:

2011 €847,066
2012 €445,645
2013 €714,232
2014 €313,377

These monies are allocated from the Department on an annual basis following a request for submission of works that will be undertaken within the year.

RECENT CHANGES TO THE SCHEME

Statutory Instrument 104/2014 – Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 came into operation on 27th February, 2014. Under these regulations, the following changes were made to the Disability Grant Scheme:

Adaptation Grants

- Maximum Grant remains at €30,000.
- The maximum Household Income has been reduced to €60,000 Gross (i.e. Before Taxes).
- The Calculation of Household Income has been changed to include the gross income of all adults living in the Property (i.e. all those over 18 (or 23 if in full time education))
- The Income Bands have been revised as follows:

a) Up to €30,000	95%
b) €30,001 – €35,000	85%
c) €35,001 – €40,000	75%
d) €40,001 – €50,000	50%
e) €50,001 – €60,000	30%
f) Over €60,000	No Grant payable.
- No extension works can be approved unless all less costly alternatives have been considered.
- An Occupational Therapist should confirm that the works recommended are fit for purpose and represent the most economic means of meeting the needs of the applicant.
- All applicants must supply proof that they are compliant with the Local Property Tax.

Mobility Aid Grants

- Maximum Grant remains at €6,000.
- Calculation of Household Income has been changed to include the gross income of all adults living in the Property (i.e. all those over 18 (or 23 if in full time education)).
- Households with Income in excess of €30,000 do not qualify for Grant Aid.
- All applicants must supply proof that they are compliant with the Local Property Tax.

Housing Aid for Older People

- Maximum Grant has been reduced to €8,000.
- Eligibility Age Limit has been increased to 66 years.

- The maximum Household Income has been reduced to €60,000 Gross (i.e. Before Taxes).
- Calculation of Household Income has been changed to include the gross income of all adults living in the Property (i.e. all those over 18 (or 23 if in full time education)).
- The Income Bands have been revised as follows:

a) Up to €30,000	95%
b) €30,001 – €35,000	85%
c) €35,001 – €40,000	75%
d) €40,001 – €50,000	50%
e) €50,001 – €60,000	30%
f) Over €60,000	No Grant payable.

17.6 **COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to upgrade its existing housing stock to comply with current fire safety regulations!’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/015)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council strives to comply with the building regulations including the fire safety regulations. All properties owned by the Council complied with the fire regulations in place at the time of construction. All properties when refurbished are brought into line with the current fire regulations. New regulations do not apply retrospectively. Discussions have taken place with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government with regard to undertaking a housing stock survey which would be necessary to determine what, if any, upgrades would be required to comply with current fire safety regulations. Once a decision has been made a further report to Members will issue.

18. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held on 2nd March 2015.

18.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 26th February, 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended February, 2015.

18.2 **2015 REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence regarding the 2015 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

18.3 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

18.3.1 **SIGNAGE ON THE NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork Council would erect signage on the North Ring Road in the Ballyvolane, Pynes valley and Ballyvolane shopping area, advising oncoming traffic of both sides of resident’s traffic. Due to the extreme increase of accidents, that has occurred on the North Ring Road over the last 12mths in those particular areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/018)

The Report stated that, it should be noted that the intersection of the North Ring Road (NRR) with the Ballyvolane shopping area is signalised as is the intersection of the NRR with Riverview Estate and the intersection of the NRR with Pynes Valley/ Ballyvolane Road.

Non statutory signage is often not observed or obeyed and non enforceable. From a road safety point of view it can also be the case that drivers get distracted by signage and miss what is actually happening on the road itself.

The erection of non statutory signage, on the NRR in the Ballyvolane, Pynes Valley and Ballyvolane shopping area, to advise traffic on both approaches of the NRR, of residents traffic is not appropriate.

18.3.2 **REDRAW ROAD MARKINGS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To redraw the lines, arrows etc at the important junction opposite Aldi’s entrance, the turn-off to Mahon Point from Skehard Road. The markings are faded, some cannot be seen and have led to near car collisions.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/021)

The Report stated that, the condition of the road markings at the intersection of Blackrock Avenue/Skehard Road/Mahon Link Road will be examined. Any necessary painting works will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be carried out subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

18.3.3 **OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the stretch of road between St Josephs Church and The Library on Old Youghal Road in Mayfield be included in the Road resurfacing programme for 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/025)

The Report stated that, Old Youghal Road from St. Joseph’s Church to The Library will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

18.3.4 **SURVEY CHURCHFIELD TERRACE EAST**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council survey Churchfield Terrace East to determine if increased parking spaces can be provided to residents so as to alleviate issues with parking and allow easier access to the terrace.’

(Proposer: N. Cllr. M. Nugent 15/028)

The Report stated that, Churchfield Terrace East will be assessed regarding the feasibility of providing additional car parking spaces. However the provision of such spaces will be dependent upon consensus among the residents and adequate funding becoming available.

18.3.5 **CLEAN ROAD SIGNS AND PUBLIC SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer this item back to Committee

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertake a comprehensive programme to clean road signs and public signage throughout the city. A build up of dirt on some signs has rendered them illegible which can be hazardous for road users and pedestrians alike. In addition having some of the public signage in such a condition is a poor reflection on the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/029)

18.3.6 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OR APPROPRIATE PAINTED ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE MAHON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide a pedestrian crossing or appropriate painted road markings and signage on the road outside Mahon Community Centre. Currently, there is no differentiation between the footpath and the road leading into the Community Centre, which is a significant hazard for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/030)

The Report stated that, the road outside Mahon Community Centre will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist there, in order to identify the most appropriate mitigation measure that can be provided.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

18.3.7 **RESURFACES THE ROAD AND FOOTPATH IN O'GROWNEY CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface the road and footpath in O’Growney Crescent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/035)

The Report stated that, the roads and footpaths in O’Growney Crescent will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

18.3.8 **RESURFACE NUN’S WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface Nun’s Walk and carry out a study of the footpaths with a view to re-instatement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/036)

The Report stated that, the roads and footpaths in Nuns Walk will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

18.3.9 **BICYCLE STATIONS BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO CIT CAMPUS IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Bicycle stations be installed adjacent to CIT campus in Bishopstown to facilitate students and staff.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/043)

The Report stated that, there are currently thirty one Bike Share Stations located within the city centre and immediate environs. The location and number of stations is based on the demand in the area and the movement patterns between the stations. Experience in other

cities has shown that the best results are obtained by starting in the city centre and working out from the core. As the numbers using the scheme grow, it is likely that further stations will be added including stations at CIT.

18.3.10 **MONTENOTTE PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertake to Resurface the estate roads within Montenotte Park. This includes the cul de sacs within the park, which are namely, St Christophers Road, St Christophers Walk, St Christophers Avenue, Clifton and Clifton Avenue. This estate road has deteriorated over the years and badly needs to be resurfaced. The footpaths in the Park are also very much in need of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh, T. Brosnan 15/044)

The Report stated that, the roads and footpaths in these areas will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

18.3.11 **STREET SIGNAGE FOR THE MARDYKE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That street signage for the Mardyke be erected; currently the road is not marked by street signs. Historic style signage showcasing the importance of the routeway could be created.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy15/046)

The Report stated that, the Mardyke is part of the University or ‘green’ walk, which is one of four urban colour coded heritage walks, within the City, known as the Cork Walks. The route of the ‘green’ walk brings you from the shared start point for all four walks, namely Daunts Square, westwards through UCC. From here it leads you to Mardyke Walk via Ferry Walk and eastwards to the City centre via Slí Cumman na m Ban. Two heritage signs are located along this section of Mardyke Walk. Additional heritage information for the route is detailed in the brochure for the walk and this is available through the Fáilte Ireland office on Grand Parade or through the City Council website.

Notwithstanding the above, it is understood that the Corporate Affairs Directorate, and in particular, TEAM, is in the process of procuring a distinctive wayfinding system for the City as a whole. Therefore this motion will be forwarded to them for their attention.

18.3.12 **ENTRANCE ARCHWAY BE CREATED AT THE TOP AND LOWER END OF OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As per one of the suggestions in the Colliers Report that an entrance archway be created at the top and lower end of Oliver Plunkett Street, to denote it a city street quarter.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy15/047)

The Report stated that, the creation of an entrance archway at the top and lower end of Oliver Plunkett Street is not within the remit of the Roads & Transportation Directorate. The motion will be forwarded to the Planning Directorate for their consideration.

18.3.13 **RESURFACE THE OLD SCHOOL PATH ADJACENT TO THE OLD GLASHEEN SCHOOL OPPOSITE CLASHDUV RD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would resurface the old school path adjacent to the old Glasheen school opposite Clashduv Rd and in the event of it been put on the resurfacing programme for 2015 that the huge potholes there presently be filled in the intervening period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/051)

The Report stated that, the Environment & Recreation Directorate has advised that Parks Capital ungraded the Old School Path in the past 18 months and also carried out some remedial work to pot holes at the entrance roadway. A new water main is expected to traverse the route in 2015 and appropriate reinstatement works should be carried out at that stage

18.3.14 **UAM VAR ESTATE IN THE RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would include Uam Var Estate in the resurfacing programme for 2015 and that in the meantime remedial work would be carried out in certain sections of this estate due to the terrible condition of the roads in particular parts.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/052)

The Report stated that, the roads in Uam Var Estate will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

18.4 **TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

18.4.1 **SPEED LIMIT OF 30KM/HR ON THE CROSS DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 26th February, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would introduce a speed limit of 30km/hr on the Cross Douglas Road. The residents on this road have long requested that speed ramps would be installed to reduce the speed that traffic travels in what is essentially a residential area. In the recent past there have been two significant RTAs on the Road and in a measure to reduce the speed of traffic, I propose that the speed limit here would be reduced to 30km/hr’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 14/446)

The Report stated that, speed limits need to be appropriate for the road in question so that it gains respect from all road users. The reduction of speed from 50kph to 30kph can bring a marked reduction in the severity of the outcome of a road collision. However, it should also be noted that it is important that the speed limit is not put in place in isolation, rather that it is an area wide speed limit.

A speed limit of 30kph on the Cross Douglas Road can only be introduced through the making of a Special Speed Limit Bye-Law. In addition to the bye-law, physical or ‘hard’ measures such as the narrowing of the road width are also needed so that that the lower speed limit will be self enforcing.

The area in the vicinity of the Cross Douglas Road will be assessed to determine the appropriateness for a 30kph zone.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Offaly County Council dated the 24th February.
- Letter from Department of the Environment and Local Government dated the 24th February 2015.
- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated 13th February 2015

20. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

- Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll- Sustainable Tourism Development- Galway – 20th – 21st February 2015.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin – MABS and the Insolvency Service of Ireland – Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 11th – 13th April 2014.

21. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences/Seminars tabled on the night:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin - Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd Annual General Meeting – Dublin - 1st May 2015
- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon – AILG 2nd Annual Seminar 2015, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan – 12th – 13th March 2015.

22. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Training tabled on the night:-

Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, S. Martin at the LAMA Spring Training Seminar – Tuam, Galway - 10th – 11th April 2015.

23. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

23.1 **RESURFACE FR. MATTHEW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Fr. Matthew Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/039)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.2 **RESURFACE TORY TOP LANE**

‘That Tory Top Lane be resurfaced’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/040)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.3 **OUTDOOR CINEMA AT FITZGERALD'S PARK**

‘That the possibility of an outdoor cinema at Fitzgerald's Park be explored for this summer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn (15/073))

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

23.4 **COUNCIL ENHANCE THE PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING ON CONVENT AVENUE**

‘Can Cork City Council enhance the public street lighting on Convent Avenue, Sunday's Well adjacent to the tourist attraction that is Cork City Gaol, the lighting there is quite poor currently.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/074)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.5 **ADEQUATE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN GLENVANNIG, SUNVALLEY COURT & DRIVE, LOWER FAIRHILL.**

‘That Cork City Council provide adequate public lighting in Glenvannig, Sunvalley Court & Drive, Lower Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/075)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.6 **DOG FOULING BINS & SIGNS, THE GREEN TRAMORE ROAD BALLYPHEHANE**

‘Would it be possible to get more dog fouling bins & signs placed around “The Green Tramore Road Ballyphehane” there is 1 bin there already but for such a large area 1 bin is not sufficient enough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/076)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

23.7 **SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON DOUGLAS ROAD AND SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘In light of recent car collisions on Douglas Road and South Douglas Road, that speed limit signs be erected on these roads.’

(Proposer: K. McCarthy 15/077)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.8 **FULL RESTORATION OF SERVICES AT THE FRANK O’CONNOR LIBRARY, MAYFIELD**

‘This council calls for the full restoration of services at the Frank O’Connor Library, Mayfield to their 2013 levels, including the return of Thursday opening, the late opening on Wednesdays and the re-establishment of the Chess Club on a formal basis under the auspices of Cork City Council library staff. While this chess club was saved through the good offices of volunteers it should be formally restored. It is an established fact that libraries are very important services which have a vital role to play in the social and educational life of the community. The Frank O’Connor library has been central to the life of Mayfield and the wider North East ward area for four decades and it would surely be a poor reflection on this city to have a library named after one its greatest literary figures lying

closed for half the week. Such facilities should be absolutely protected against cutbacks and in particular it is time for an end to the ongoing public sector embargo which has devastated some of the most important services of Cork City Council and certain services such as libraries in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan, 15/078)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

23.9 **COUNCIL MINUTE**

‘In an attempt to save paper Cork City Council should only print out minutes to each committee meeting once and only send them out once in the Councillor's packs. Stop reprinting them for every meeting. It is the responsibility of members to make sure they have the copy they receive for the meeting. Also in an attempt to save paper council should stop sending out in councillor’s packs every week a vote of congratulations & vote of sympathy sheet of paper. Councillors can collect them from inside the council if & when they need them.

There is quite a large waste of paper generated within council and we should all have an aspiration to stop this wastage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/080)

Party Whips

23.10 **MARKETING FUND TO SUPPORT NEW EVENTS IN 2016**

‘That a marketing fund be included in the 2016 estimates to support new events that have a tangible benefit for the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin 15/082)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

23.11 **SURVEY OF ALL DECRAMASTIC ROOFS IN THE HOUSES AT SYCAMORE PLACE, TOGHER**

‘That a survey of all decramastic roofs in the houses at Sycamore Place, Togher, be carried out and that a report will be prepared for Council on the matter which will include previous replacements and warranties provided by the installer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 15/086)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

23.12 **CITY HALL CAR PARK**

‘That City Council would request that the operators of the City Hall Car Park would erect [No Entry Signs] above the two openings that cars exit from to prevent confusion to drivers who regularly try and enter the car park through the exit openings causing huge traffic hold ups on Eglington Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/091)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.13 **CLEAN UP OF INCHAGAGGIN LANE MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council in conjunction with County Council do a complete clean up of Inchagaggin Lane Model Farm Road as this Lane is being used as a dumping ground and is in terrible / unsightly state at present due to the amount of litter and materials dumped there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/092)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

23.14 **INSTALL A YELLOW HATCH BOX AT THE ENTRANCE OF KILCOLMAN LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow hatch box at the entrance of Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road. The residents of this estate have significant difficulty trying to merge onto the South Douglas Road from the estate as the road is continuously blocked by traffic. A yellow box would allow the residents to exit and enter the estate safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/093)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

23.15 **INSTALL A YELLOW HATCH BOX AT THE ENTRANCE TO CLOVER HILL ESTATE, SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of providing a yellow hatch box at the entrance to Clover Hill Estate, Skehard Road. The residents have difficulty exiting the estate at peak traffic times, particularly as its entrance is located in the direct vicinity of the Mahon Industrial Estate’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/094)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

24. **MOTIONS**

24.1 **RETAIN 25% SHARE IN AER LINGUS**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the government to retain its 25% share in Aer Lingus in the national interest and in the interest of the thousands of workers directly employed by Aer Lingus, those working in the airports and the thousands of down-stream jobs directly dependent on Aer Lingus. This company was built up over the past 80 years with the support of Irish taxpayers and the efforts of tens of thousands of workers. Aer Lingus is a source of great pride to the Irish nation and to Irish people worldwide and it would be a very serious setback to this country to see it disappear like Irish Shipping or become a shadow of its former self. Given the vital strategic nature of the airline selling it into the hands of a foreign private company would leave the country vulnerable to the very real threat of asset stripping in the years to come, leaving our island nation completely at the hands of purely corporate interests for international transportation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/079)

24.2 **ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The council further commits to writing the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent, H. Cremin, S. O'Shea, S. Cunningham 15/085)

24.3 **JUNIOR MINISTER FOR DRUGS**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign calling on the Government to appoint a Junior Minister for Drugs. The Council further commits to writing to the Taoiseach on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/088)

24.4 **INTERNSHIPS**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That this Council calls on the Government to introduce a fair, innovate and participant-focused model for internships that promotes educational prospects and serves to facilitate getting people back to work that provides a decent wage and real opportunities for all participants.

This model should be formed through a multifaceted cross-sector consultation process that engages with trade unions, employers and other relevant parties to avoid a repeat of previously failed one-size-fits-all approaches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 15/089)

24.5 **LIBRARY STRUCTURES AND SERVICES**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the view that no changes are made to the current Library structures and services until, at a minimum, the report from the Local Government Committee is issued in September 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 15/090)

25. **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 23rd FEBRUARY 2015**

25.1 **NATIONAL DIASPORA CENTRE**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council expresses its disappointment at the decision of the Government to withdraw support for a National Diaspora Centre and resolves to continue to explore ways of developing an attraction of this kind in the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 15/060)

25.2 **YES VOTE IN THE MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls for a YES vote in the marriage equality referendum this May.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 15/058)

25.3 **ANTI WATER CHARGES CAMPAIGNERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council believes that the decision to arrest dozens of anti water charges campaigners in Tallaght, Dublin, including at least 5 people under the age of 18, is unacceptable. Council believes that there should be an end to political policing of this kind, that these arrests should be stopped and that no prosecutions should ensue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 15/059)

25.4 **ANTI WATER METER CAMPAIGNERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council opposes the jailing of anti water meter campaigners in Dublin and calls for the immediate release of those jailed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry, T. Tynan, M. O’Sullivan, L. O’Donnell 15/084)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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