



**CORK CITY COUNCIL  
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2019**



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Cork City Council

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# Message from Chief Executive & Lord Mayor

As Lord Mayor & Chief Executive of Cork City Council it is a great honour and pleasure to introduce this Annual Report which records the progress of services delivered and achievements across the city in 2019. The backdrop to this years' Annual Report is a historic period of change which takes its authority from the Local Government Act 2019 and the expansion of the administrative boundaries of Cork City.

Cork City Council extended its boundary on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 which saw the city increase by five-fold. The population grew by 85,000 to 210,000 thus overnight cementing our status as Ireland's second city as a balanced counterweight to Dublin for those looking to invest, do business and live.

Not only were Local Elections held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, but also European Elections, a Referendum and a Plebiscite for a Directly Elected Lord Mayor. There was a huge Council-wide effort to ensure a smooth transition for Elected Members and their constituents due to the increase in population of the city and the restructure of electoral areas

Our aim is to deliver efficient, focused quality services in an effective manner to meet the needs of our citizens for our growing city. To modernise and better serve the public, our customer service unit was launched in June 2019 becoming a first point of contact for managing queries from the public. They have thus successfully dealt with 77,649 calls between June and December.

The Council also underwent a political transformation. Local Area Committees were established in June to reflect our new boundaries and our Council meetings were reorganised to best suit the needs of our communities. Our Council meetings also went paperless and this decision meant that Cork City Council meetings are more environmentally friendly, and it also represents better value for money.

Cork City Council was again recognised for excelling in public service when we won two Excellence in Local Government Awards. The first was an Innovation Award for Arus Mhuire Downsizing Project and the second was a Health & Wellbeing Award for the Cork Sanctuary Runners initiative. These are a testament to the hard work being put in by our dedicated staff.

In June, Cork City Council and the Inter-Departmental Marine Coordination Group (MCG) presented SeaFest. The festival acknowledged everything the ocean has to offer, which culminated in a weeklong celebration of Ireland's rich maritime heritage, at the annual Cork Harbour Festival.

The Corporate Plan 2019-2024 charts our goals and objectives for the years ahead. We want to lead Cork's development as world class city to live, study, work, invest and visit.

Keeping up the momentum behind the city we can achieve our goal which is to ensure that Cork City grows in a sustainable way and is always a great place to live and a place where people are valued. We are a resilient city with a vision and strategy in place to be agile, to innovate and ensure that we achieve the ambition set out for us.

We would like to thank Cork City Council staff and Elected Members for all their effort and commitment during the year. Ní neart go cur le chéile.



Lord Mayor, John Sheehan



Chief Executive, Ann Doherty

# Our Annual Report

Our Annual Report is one component of the City Council's integrated strategy and policy documents that details the performance of the Council's functions. The Annual report is a reserved function of Council and is set out in Section 221 of The Local Government Act 2001.

It provides our Elected Members, Management, staff and our community with operational and financial information about our performance against the priorities and service delivery commitments set out in the Corporate Plan and Annual Service Delivery plans.

The report is informed by the Council's Corporate Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan, Annual Budget and our monthly Chief Executive Reports. which reflects the City Council's decisions on specific objectives each year. The City Council's performance is recorded in monthly Chief Executive Reports, yearly National Oversight Audit Committee (NOAC) returns and performance reviews.

The work of the Council is overseen by a governance structure which comprises the Lord Mayor of Cork, the 31 Elected Members and the 6 Chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's).





# Mission, Vision & Values

Throughout 2019, extensive research was carried out during the development of the new Corporate Plan 2024. As part of this process, our mission, vision and values were reviewed, and the following were implemented after a series of workshops with staff, stakeholders and senior management.

## Our Mission

We deliver excellent public services to the people of Cork by working collaboratively with our strategic partners.

We are a city of ambition, working with our neighbourhoods, communities and businesses to support economic development and facilitate investment.

We value our culture and heritage and ensure that Cork continues to be successful as an attractive place to live, study, visit and work.

## Our Values

### Public Good

We provide high quality services and address peoples' needs in a manner that is both inclusive and equitable.



### Trust & Integrity

We act honestly, openly and fairly in all our dealings.



### Respect

We treat all people equally with due regard for their needs and rights.



### People Centric Approach

We engage with people in a fair, courteous and timely manner. We strive for continuous improvement.



### Responsibility

We are accountable and transparent and act responsibly in our dealings and decision making.



### Innovation

We continually seek progressive and creative approaches in the services we deliver.



## Our Vision

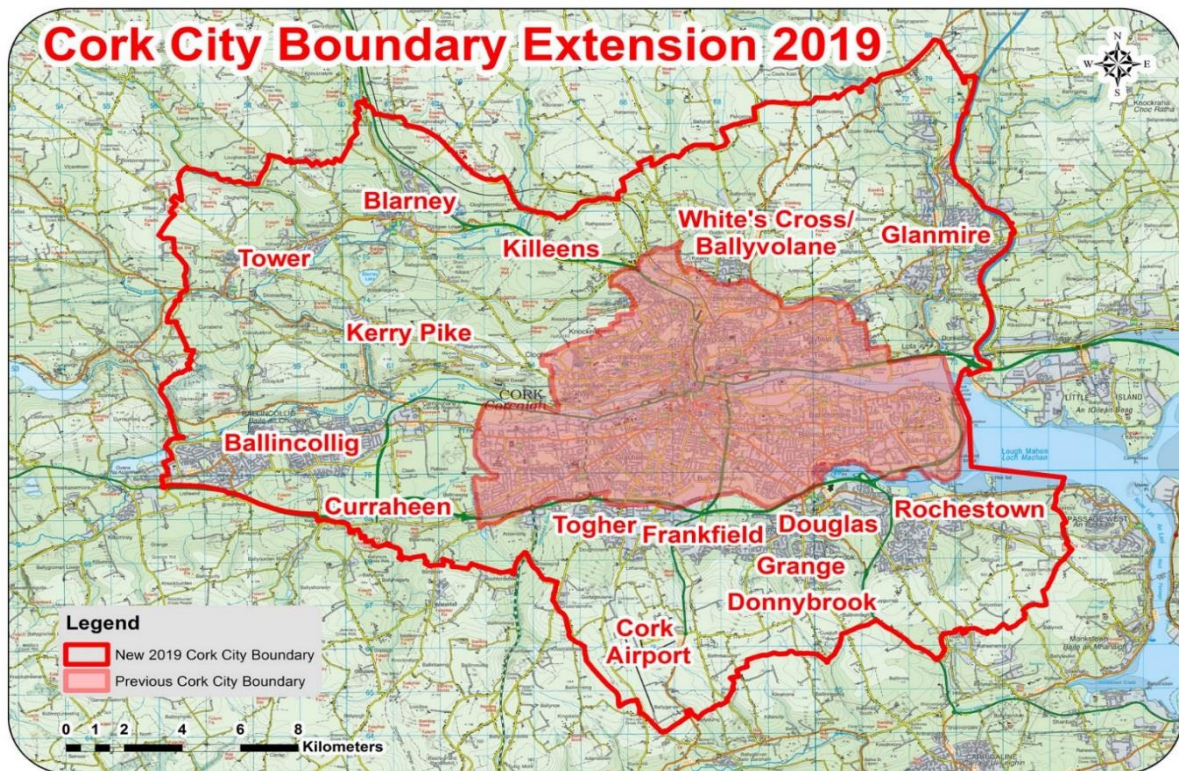
# Leading Cork to take its place as a World Class City



# Cork City Council Boundary Extension

Following the publication of the MacKinnon Report in April 2017, the new boundary of Cork City Council's administrative area was agreed in December 2017.

The boundary extension of 2019 was the biggest change to Cork City since 1965. It saw the population of the City increase by 85,000 people to 210,000, the geographical area increase by fivefold, 550kms of roads transfer to the city and over 200 staff transfer from the County to the City Council.



The map shows the extended area of Cork City Council post transfer date.

## Council Services

Following the Local Elections which took place in May 2019, Cork City Council welcomed new Councillors along with a change in the Council Services structure. The number of city councillors remained the same (31) and Functional Committees were replaced by a Local Area Committee structure for our 5 new Local Electoral Areas.

Council Meetings which used to take place twice a month were reduced to once a month in order to make room for the now monthly Local Area Committee and Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meetings. Six SPCs were established under the new committee structure.

Another significant addition to our committee structure was the establishment of the Climate Action Committee. Cork City Council was the first Local Authority to establish a committee specifically based around combatting climate change. This Committee was formed as an initiative of the newly elected Council in 2019. They implemented the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 which is a strategy

to help us increase our resilience against the impacts of climate change and was adopted by Council in September 2019.

Many thanks to our former Councillors Stephen Cunningham, Tim Brosnan, Lil O'Donnell, Mick Nugent, Marion O'Sullivan, Chris O'Leary, Laura McGonigle, Nicholas O'Keeffe, Shane O'Shea, Tom O'Driscoll, John Buttimer, Mary Shields and P.J. Hourican who gave excellent service to Cork City Council between the years of 2014 to 2019.

## Local Area Committees (LAC's)

Five Local Area Committees were established as part of the political redesign of Cork City Council on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The structure of the committees is made up of Elected Members, Directors of Service, Meeting Secretary, and Senior Staff members of various Directorates.

The purpose of our Local Area Committees is to discuss all things local pertinent to each area – service delivery to the area by Cork City Council, Local Area issues and local initiatives. In total, there were four meetings of each Local Area Committee held in 2019.





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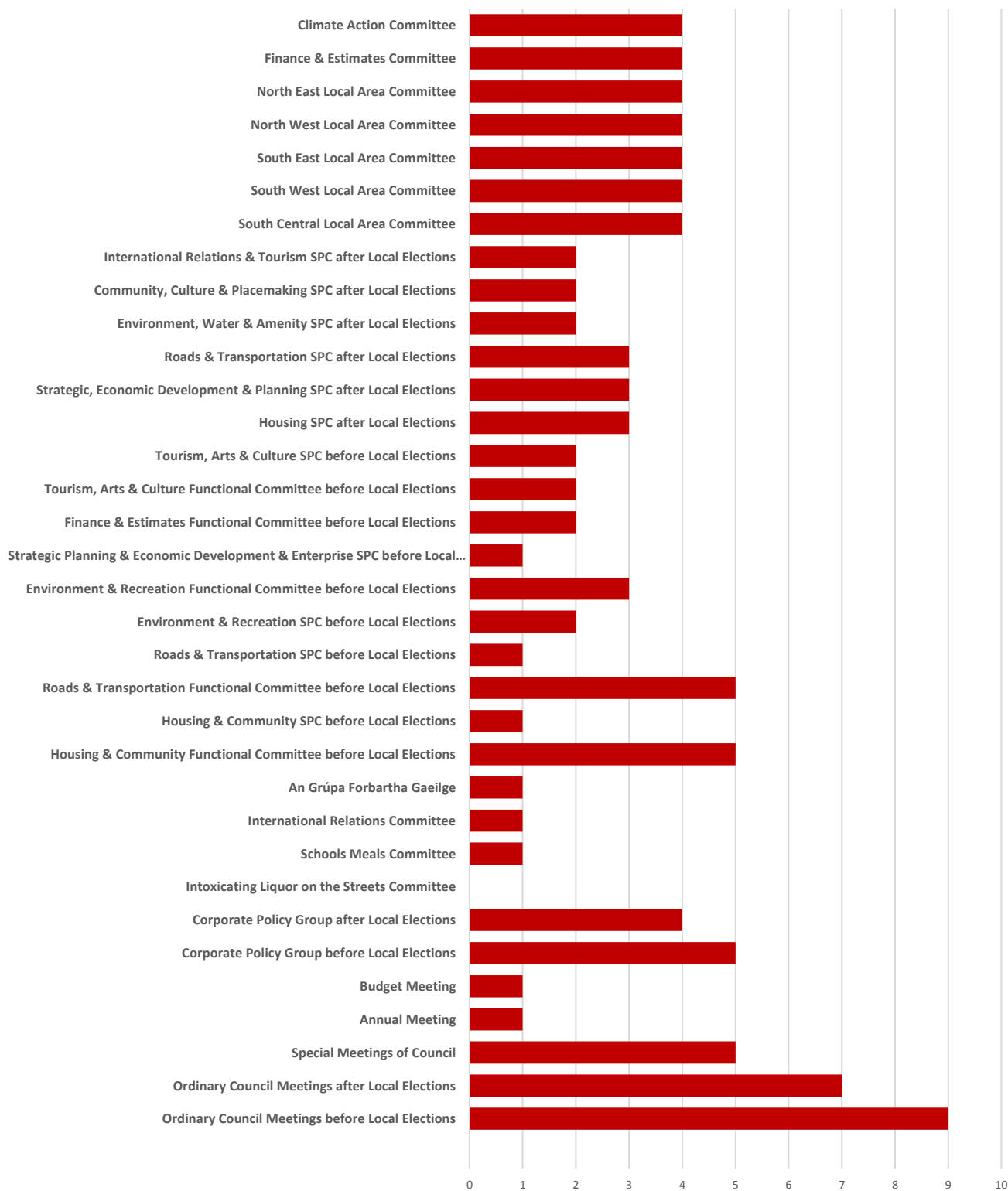


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# Council Meetings 2019





# Strategic Policy Committees June 2019

The SPCs are committees of council that advise and assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy of a strategic nature. The SPCs make recommendations to full Council, and final policy decisions rest with full Council. The SPCs are comprised of Elected Members of Council and sectoral representatives, which include representatives from trade unions, business and employers, community groups, and the agricultural sector, amongst others. In October 2019, following the May local elections and the historic boundary change, 6 new Strategic Policy Committees were established under Cork City Council's Adopted Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019-2024.

**Housing**



**Cllr Terry Shannon, Chairperson**

The work programme for this SPC includes:  
Formulation, development and review of housing policy around homelessness  
Strategic housing developments  
Adoption of new policy e.g. around affordability, housing allocation schemes and estate management policy.

**Roads & Transportation**



**Cllr Des Cahill, Chairperson**

The work programme for this SPC includes:  
Formulation, development and review of policy surrounding parking, speed byelaws, cycling and walking strategies.  
Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.  
The development of capital infrastructure, transportation planning, public transport issues.  
The Cork Road Safety Plan.

**Environment, Water & Amenity**



**Cllr Dan Boyle, Chairperson**

Formulation, development and review of policy around flood relief & flood defences.  
Environmental impact studies and waste management plans. Agriculture, burial grounds and cemeteries.  
Recycling, climate change, sustainable development. Street cleaning, litter control, drainage and wastewater treatment. Parks and open space public realm policy.

**Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning**



**Cllr Sean Martin, Chairperson**

The work programme for this SPC includes:  
Formulation, development and review of policy pertaining to the Urban Development Fund, local area plans/master plans/statutory area plans, city centre retail, Cork Area Strategic Plan, policy reports, protected structures, derelict sites.

The development of Cork's docklands, City Development Plan, enterprise development, planning enforcement policy, and the noise action plan.


**Community Culture & Placemaking SPC**



**Cllr Kenneth Noel Flynn, Chairperson**

The work programme for this SPC includes:  
Formulation, development and review of policies relating to the arts - Arts grants, community grants, sports grants, including The Creative Ireland Plan  
The library service, fire service and public safety & safety of structures and places.  
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP).  
Development of arts and culture, sports facilities, event management, street trading and markets, the development contributions scheme, UNESCO Learning Cities, and events including GLOW, Culture Night and SeaFest.

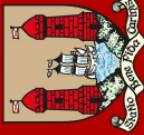
**Tourism & International Relations**



**Cllr Derry Canty, Chairperson**








The work programme for this SPC includes: Reports from Visits, Twinning requests, city partnerships, EU Funding Programmes, Tourism Development, Marketing, City Promotion.

Cork has a very productive range of cooperation with our sister cities in Cologne, Renne, Swansea, Coventry, San Francisco and Chinese cities including Shanghai, Hangzhou, Wuxi and Shenzhen.



# Cork City Council

## Strategic Policy Committees 2019-2024

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# Lord Mayors Community & Voluntary & Civic Awards 2019

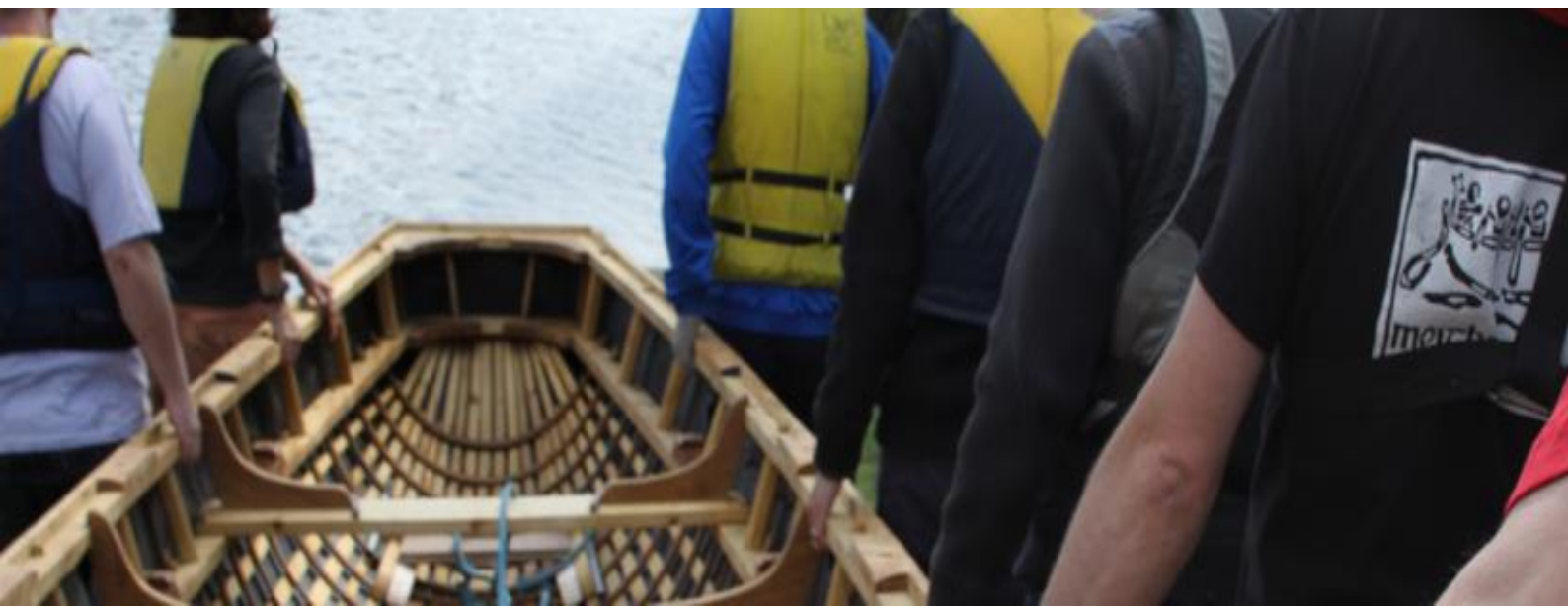
The 2019 Lord Mayor's Community and Voluntary Awards were held in City Hall, Cork on 24th April 2019. Over 650 people attended the Awards evening of celebration and appreciation of the on-going efforts our community and voluntary groups contribute to Cork city and its citizens.

Cork City Council received a total of 321 nominations for the Lord Mayor's Community and Voluntary Awards 2019 across five categories with over 100 individual groups and organisations being nominated. Following adjudication of all nomination forms, the following groups were shortlisted in 2019, with a category winner being announced on the night of the Lord Mayor's Community and Voluntary Awards Evening. The overall award for 2019 went to Meitheal Mara

Category	Runners Up	Winners
Arts, Culture, Recreation & Sport	Rebel Brass Rebel Wheelers Multi Sports Club	Mad About Cork
Community Development and Continuing Development	Deaf Enterprises The Dillon's Cross Project – Cork Prison	Churchfield Community Trust
Health and Wellbeing	Alzheimer's Society Bessboro Mayfield Men's Shed	Blankets of Hope
Social inclusion, Advocacy & Guidance	Cork City Centre Citizen's Information Service Meitheal Mara Sunday Tea Dance	Sanctuary Runners
Social Services, Charities & Environment	Cork City Missing Persons Search and Recovery Cork City Hospitals Children's Club	Children's Leukaemia Association

Meitheal Mara (meh-hal ma-ra) translates roughly as 'Workers of the Sea'. Founded in 1993, Meitheal Mara is a community boatyard in the heart of Cork City, a registered charity and training centre.

The boatyard community group specialise in wooden boats and help people get QQI qualifications in woodwork, teaching them about boat building, seamanship and woodcraft. Their one to three-year programmes helps build confidence while developing new skills and they help people find jobs once qualified.





# Lord Mayor Civic Awards

Each year six people receive Lord Mayor's Civic Awards in recognition of their efforts to improve the lot of the community.

**Christy Dooley**



In recognition of his lifetime involvement with and dedication to the GAA, including St. Finbarr's National Hurling & Football Club, the City Division and Sciath na Scol.

**Gráinne O'Connell**



In recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community of Ballyphehane, including great work in the areas of suicide prevention and drug misuse and as a stalwart of Ballyphehane Pipe Band.

**Dónal O'Broin**



In recognition of his commitment to volunteering in support of those less fortunate in society and on being nominated by his peers among hundreds of students in Cork City schools.

**John Looney**



In recognition of his commitment to Cork City Hospitals Children's Club and his leadership of a dedicated team of volunteers making dreams come true for sick and vulnerable children

**Nora McCarthy**



In recognition of her commitment to the young people of Cork in her role as a youth worker with Foróige, helping to keep young teenagers on track and to save lives

**Sr Jane Murphy**



In recognition of her work for those less fortunate in society, for her dedication to services provided by Edel House





Celebrating 100 years of school visits, Lord Mayor, Cllr John Sheehan visited 133 schools in the city in 2019. For some schools it was their 100<sup>th</sup> visit, for others their first after joining the city on 31 May 2019.

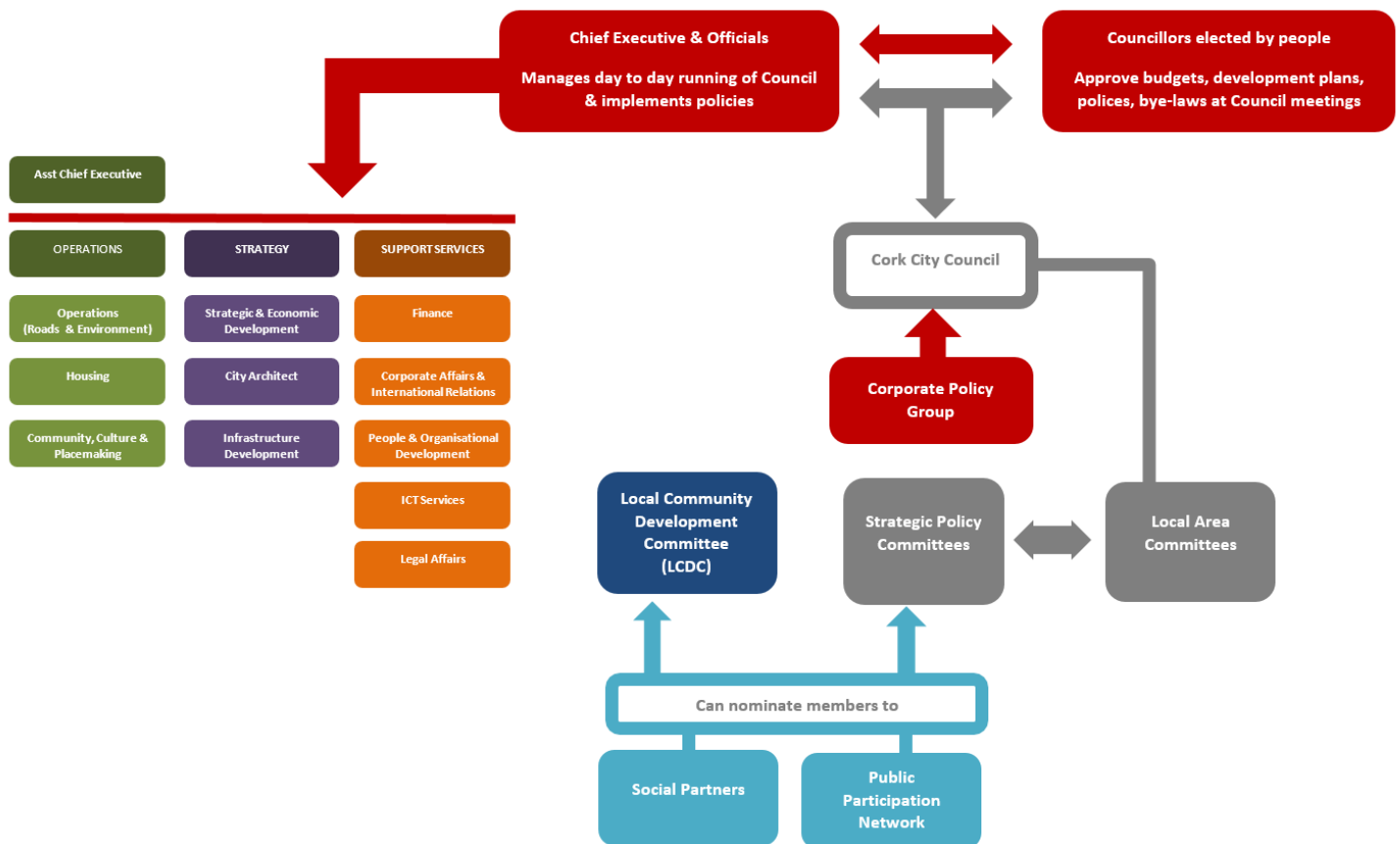
# New Organisation & Staff Structure

The Council structures were reorganised from a functional based organisation to an area service delivery model during 2019 to meet the demands of the larger city in tandem with the historic boundary expansion.

In order to deliver the change required to govern this new expanded City administrative area two distinct but related bodies of work were identified:

- Reorganise Cork City Council from a functional based organisation to an area-based service delivery model.
- Integrate the services being provided in the transfer area, including the associated staff and financial resources, into the City Council.

The structure is centred around three pillars (all interacting and reliant on each other): Operations, Strategy and Support Services. The new organisation and political structures were implemented in 2019.





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# Climate Action and Cork City Council

Cork City Council was the first local authority to establish a Climate Committee. It was formed as part of the new council elected after the Local Elections in 2019. It comprises of 15 elected members and meets monthly.

The remit of the committee includes overseeing the Climate Adaptation Strategy and prioritising sustainable approaches to transport, energy and flood protection measures for the City.

A Climate Change Unit was established in Cork City Council to drive climate action on mitigation and adaptation.

Cork City Council's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 was adopted by full Council in September 2019 and the two main goals of the strategy are:

To make Cork city as climate-resilient as possible, reducing the impacts of current and future climate change-related conditions and events; and

To pro-actively engage with all citizens about climate action, such as climate change, climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation.

There was a public consultation process, including workshops for business, schools and the general public, run in parallel with climate action open days. The Strategy forms the basis for the implementation plan to deliver the 66 actions identified.

Cork City Council signed the 'Climate Charter' with DCCA to 'provide robust leadership' in addressing the impacts of climate change in November 2019.

The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2009-2020 (NEEAP) set an overall national goal of 20% improvement in energy efficiency by 2020, within which the public sector is committed to a 33% improvement in energy efficiency by 2020 from the NEEAP baseline year (2009). Cork City Council has improved its efficiency by 31.5% and is ahead of the target glide-path.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024

September 2019



We are Cork.



## Tramore Valley Park

The 70 hectare Park has been developed on the site of the former Kinsale Road landfill, which operated from 1963 to 2009.

Waste deposited at the facility included: municipal solid waste, commercial waste and non-hazardous industrial waste. It is estimated that 2.78 million tonnes were deposited here, with the main depository area being the raised dome, now the highest point of the park.

Phase 1 works included the provision of walkways and trails, an all-weather events/amenity area, a grass sports pitches, an international standard BMX Track, an outdoor gym, a sports pavilion, a wetlands area, provision of over 400 car park spaces, new public lighting and, a raised dome area - giving fantastic 360 degree panoramic views of the City.

Phase 2 works (as resources permit) will involve the provision of a pedestrian/ cycle access from Half Moon Lane, Grange/Donnybrook via Vernon Mount Valley and from the Park and Ride . These new access points will provide safe pedestrian/cycle access to and from all residential areas bounding the park. Additional facilities and attractions will include increased biodiversity, interpretation on the existing flora and fauna and the provision of a natural play circuit. Consultation will be undertaken with all residents and park users in regard to additional attractions and how these can be incorporated in a sensitive manner into the park.

The Park is open from 8.30am, 7 days a week. The Glen Resource Centre, who already manage the Outdoor Adventure Centre in the Glen, are engaged to manage the Park on a daily basis with provision of a park ranger service, liaise with park users and, manage events and activities on site throughout the year.

Cork City Council was also delighted to name the park's 2.5km looped walkway after Robert Heffernan, Bronze medalist in the London Olympics in 2012 and World Race Walking Champion 2013- 2015. Lord Mayor, Cllr Mick Finn said: "Irish across the world have derived great pleasure and pride from Rob Heffernan's success over the years. His achievements meant all the more to Cork people, as we often saw our hero out training on city walks and roads. I am confident that this re-use project will deliver social, environmental and economic benefits both locally and regionally. I know that generations of Cork people will derive great enjoyment and health benefits in availing of the amenity".





## **Cork City Council's Parks & Playgrounds**

Since the boundary extension, there has been several new parks that fall under the Cork City Council remit namely Ballincollig Regional Park, Clogheenmilcon Greenway, Blarney, Ballybrack Valley Greenway, Douglas Harbour Rochestown, Harty's Quay Workout Zone, John O'Callaghan Park Glanmire.

## **Community Maintenance Grant Scheme 2019**

Cork City Council Community Maintenance Grants Scheme was introduced in 2007. Details of the 2019 Scheme were posted to Community and Residents Associations early 2019.

The scheme allowed for funding for such things as plants and gardening equipment for residents' associations and Tidy Towns Committees in various communities throughout the city.



## Water Services

In addition to monitoring river levels, testing water quality and maintaining drainage, Cork City Council continued to operate water services on an agency basis, through a service level agreement with Irish Water. One Group Water supply scheme transferred to Cork City Council on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

## Flood Management

Cork City Council continued to work with the Office of Public Works in the progression and completion of Flood Relief Projects including the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme (LLFRS) and numerous Flood Relief Schemes for Cork city including Glanmire/Glashaboy, Douglas/Togher and Blackpool in 2019.

December 2019 also saw the completion of **the Atlantic Social Lab project mentoring initiative**. The aim of this project was to develop an area-based plan for the Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill area, using Planning for Real approaches. Through the Atlantic Social Lab project, Cork City Partnership and the local community association received the support of a community planning expert mainly in the form of advice/mentoring in relation to planning issues. This was particularly beneficial in this study area due to the large scale of proposed development for the area. The mentoring not only directly informed the development of the Area Action Plan but also how the local Community Association will take the report forward and how they will approach developers/planning proposals. It will also inform future area-based planning exercises carried out by Cork City Partnership where a similar context is found.

## Litter, Street Cleaning & Trees Service Requests 2019





# Housing





## Excellence in Local Government Awards 2019

On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the Annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards again recognised the efforts of Cork City Council’s Housing Directorate when they awarded them the Local Authority Innovation Award for the Arus Mhuire Housing Project. Arus Mhuire is a 30-unit sheltered ‘rightsized’ housing development built by Cork City Council. A mix of one- and two-bedroom homes, the development is largely aimed at over 60s considering downsizing from larger home, this frees up larger council and privately- owned homes to families on the housing waiting list. This is the second award for Arus Mhuire. In October it won the top prize in the ‘housing for older people’ category at the Irish Social Housing Awards. Cork City Council also won a further award for its collaborative work with Cluid Housing Association in acquiring a 78-unit city centre apartment block to fulfil local community requirements.



## HomeSwapper

Launched in 2019 was the HomeSwapper pilot initiative, a ground-breaking new website that allows City Council housing tenants swap with other tenants within Cork and Dublin City Councils. It gives power to tenants to proactively search for a house that better suits their needs and gives them greater control in the transfer process. It shows how Cork City Council are modernising and moving more of their services online to meet demands. The HomeSwapper scheme is open to tenants of Cork and Dublin City Council properties.



Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Sheehan welcomed the initiative, saying, “the Homeswapper scheme is a tenant-led approach to housing mobility, giving the tenant greater control in the transfer process. It’s a very progressive model in social housing.” Brian Geaney, Director of Housing said: “This innovative platform can only further empower tenants and further improve management of available housing stock; it is to be welcomed.”



The Choice Based Letting Scheme now includes suitable properties of Approved Housing Bodies.

Members of the Housing & Community SPC approved the Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements in April 2019



**304**

Housing Assistance Payment tenancies transferred to Cork City Council on 31 May 2019



**1,000**

Additional properties were added to the housing stock transferred to Cork City Council on 31 May 2019 bringing the total to over

**10,000**



## Boherboy Road – 1<sup>st</sup> affordable housing scheme in Ireland

On the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar was in Cork to ‘turn the sod’ for the Boherboy Road Housing Development. The €40 million value project on a 13-acre (5.13 hectare) site, assembled and being made available by Cork City Council, is the first affordable purchase housing scheme in the country.

Cork City Council partnered with Clancy & Lyonshall Ltd. and Rebuilding Ireland to deliver 153 new build homes in Mayfield, less than 5 kilometres from the City Centre. There will be a mix of one, two- and three-bedroom apartments and two, three and four bed houses and all will be built to maximise energy efficiency. A creche is also being built on site. A portion of the site is being made available for the building and management of 37 apartments for social tenure requirements.

## Deanrock Housing Estate

The €16 million Deanrock Housing Scheme, as part of Cork City Council’s Toghher Regeneration project, is one of the most significant social housing schemes in the country and will provide in total 65 new homes and a community facility in the southside suburb. Once completed, this new residential scheme will boast 32 three -bedroom houses, 24 two- bedroom houses, 4 two-bedroom maisonettes, 3 two-bedroom apartments and 2 four-bedroom homes. The houses are built sustainably to an A - energy rating which includes top quality insulation, air- tightness and photovoltaic panels; all to reduce heating and running costs for tenants.



## Homeless Persons Unit

In 2019, the council took over operational responsibility for the Homeless Persons Unit from the Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. A team is in place to provide a holistic focus on individual solutions and supports to those who need it. This team will move to a new purpose designed premises in early 2020. Cork City Council spent more than €4m to tackle homelessness in 2019.

## Housing Supply

### Social Housing Delivery 2019

Build	503
Acquisitions	158
Leasing	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>697</b>

### Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan

Total under construction at year end	733
Total in planning or about to commence	677
Total in pipeline	1033
LIHAF	600
Boherboy Road	147

### Private Housing Grants



#### Adaptation Grant

67 Approved - 85 Paid



#### Housing Aid

78 Approved - 69 Paid



#### Mobility

11 Approved – 9 Paid



**Community  
Culture and  
Placemaking**



## SeaFest

SeaFest, Ireland's National Marine Festival was successfully delivered on 7th, 8th and 9th June 2019, with up to 90,000 people in attendance over the three days in Kennedy Quay, Albert Quay and Port of Cork. There was an extensive programme of free events held at the Port of Cork as organisers delivered on Harnessing our Ocean Wealth – An Integrated Marine Plan for Ireland. The line-up included a seafood fair and market, seafood cookery demonstrations with celebrity chefs and seafaring family fun. Interactive exhibitions took place along with tours of the national research vessel the *Celtic Explorer*, a fishing trawler, the Commissioner of Irish Lights vessel the *Grannuaile* and an Irish Naval vessel. Those in attendance at the festival enjoyed several water activities and enjoyed a brilliant illustration of our unique and unrivalled maritime history.

## Culture Night

On Sept 20 last saw 255 events in 130 venues, with visitor numbers of nearly 42, 000. Print & Radio partnerships with RedFm and the Cork Independent, plus a high level of PR, achieved a combined 'Potential Reach' valued at €3.5m. National coverage from RTE included features in both the 6pm and 9pm news on the day.

Feedback from venues around the city was very positive with all reporting that the city was busy and buzzy.



## GLOW

The Switch on of the Christmas Lights took place on the 17th November, and 20, 000 people attended. Glow opened in late November, and runs for three more weeks. The numbers of visitors estimated through Bishop Lucey Park was estimated at 45,500, with an additional 53,000 through the on-street market.



## Lifelong Learning Festival

The 16th Cork Lifelong Learning Festival, which ran from 7th to 14th April, 2019. Promoting and celebrating learning in all its forms, across all age groups and interests. The festival raises awareness of the wide range of learning opportunities available in the city and seeks to target those who do not usually participate in learning by bringing opportunities out into the community with a range of free and accessible events. Since its inception, the festival has promoted integration and inclusiveness.

There were 560 individual events listed in the printed and online programme. This represented an increase of 34% on the 2018 figure of 416 festival events. The first day of the festival (Sunday 7th of April) was designated **Cork Play Day** in conjunction with the Cork Playful City project; using games and playfulness as a tool to break down barriers, engage and build barriers across all communities. Large scale games provided by Cork Sports Partnership and play was facilitated by volunteers at the Marina.



## UNESCO and OECD honours

Cork is a lead member of UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities and Cork Learning City co-ordinator Denis Barrett was nominated as the Network's sole representative to speak on the opening panel at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris for World Cities Day Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Denis presented on Corks continuing work to address the Sustainable Development Goals.

The New Director General of UNESCO hosted an event for **World Cities Day**, a day designated by the United Nations General Assembly to explore issues around global urbanization, encourage cooperation among countries and to contribute to sustainable urban development. The event involved all 8 of UNESCOs city-based networks and was attended by over 100 representatives worldwide.

UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning selected Cork alongside Osan, Korea, to **co-lead city of a Global cluster of 30 Learning Cities** on the topic of Learning for Health and Wellbeing in October 2019. Both lead cities are working closely with UNESCO to develop exchanges of good practice under this theme.

Cork Learning City was invited by the OECD to speak at the Local Development Forum in December 2019 in Antwerp on '**Right Skills Jobs and Places**'. The event was attended by over 200 national and city government and the OECD General Secretary.

## UNESCO 4th International Conference on Learning Cities.

Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr John Sheehan spoke at the opening ceremony of the UNESCO 4th International Conference on Learning Cities in Medellin, Colombia. The Colombian hosts arranged a private meeting between the first citizen of Cork and the President of Colombia, Iván Duque Marquez. Both men took the opportunity to strengthen connections between Ireland and Colombia. Cork is a world leader in embracing and promoting Lifelong Learning; one of only 38 global cities recognised to date by a UNESCO Learning City award.

## All Ireland Network of Learning Cities

The all Ireland Network of Learning Cities, established originally in Cork with Limerick, Dublin, Belfast and Derry as members, went from strength to strength in 2019. Shared work including meetings hosted by Dublin in January, Belfast in June, a Lifelong Learning Festival Week shared by Cork, Dublin and Limerick in April, a shared Network meeting with European and US Learning cities attended by UNESCO in Cork in April, and a Memorandum of Understanding signed across all five cities completed in Oct. Cork Learning City representatives spoke at events in Belfast, Limerick and Dublin during the year, concluding at a meeting at the Mansion House, Dublin in December 2019.



## Atlantic Social Lab

Cork City Council has been involved in the Atlantic Social Lab project since 2017. This project is funded by the Interreg Atlantic Area programme and in Cork aims to support the social economy and promote civic engagement.

In 2019 the project in Cork hosted a series of training and networking events for social enterprises in conjunction with the Irish Social Enterprise Network. Topics covered by these events included Storytelling, Procurement, Measuring Social Impact amongst others.

During this time period the project was also involved in the Cork Unheard Voices Initiative which focused on participatory grant making and part funded the development of an area-based plan in conjunction with Cork City Partnership.

## Africa Day

Africa Day officially opened in Fitzgerald's Park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This is a day designated by the African Union as an annual celebration of the continent's unity. It is an initiative of the African Union in association with Cork City Council which aims to celebrate African diversity and success as well as the cultural and economic potential of the continent. Some events that took place on this day was a screening of African Films, Seminars and discussions on multiculturalism within Africa-embracing unity and diversity and a family fun day in Fitzgerald's Park which included kids' activities, games and musical and dance performances.

## Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year Festival launched on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February in Nano Nagle Place. Cork City Council sponsored two free events heralding the New Year of the Pig. This marked Cork's first Chinese New Year Festival. The first event took place in Nano Nagle Place and included a Lions and Dragons dance followed by a performance of 1,000 light Dharma Rite. The second event took place in Cork City Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> February. This event showcased artistic diversity of traditional Chinese dance, arts and instrumental performances and featured acrobatics, Peking opera and the world heritage act of sword dance. This very successful event celebrated Cork's strong links with China and her sister city Shanghai.



## Cork Age Friendly City Programme in 2019

The Age Friendly Forum, where anyone over 55 can attend and raise issues of concern, welcomed presentations from a variety of Age Friendly interests including the Friendly Call Service, Shine a Light suicide support group, SHEP/Earth aware, Gold Seniors group and an Garda Síochána. Forum representatives participated in two city centre walkability studies which are linked into mobility and accessibility policy structures in Cork City Council and in other stakeholders who are part of the Age Friendly Alliance – working to make the Cork City an Age Friendly City.

A steering group to focus on the practical actions needed was reactivated and it will continue into the future linking the Forum and the Alliance.

Meetings of all three components of the Age Friendly structure are held quarterly. At May's quarterly meeting of the Age Friendly Alliance received a presentation on the SAFE (Study of Age Friendly Environments) Report. Among the recommendation made were that City Centre public spaces should be used to deliver an event to cork's older citizens. Cork Age Friendly City Programme and Cork City Libraries organised a very successful Heritage Week event in August 2019 in Bishop Lucey Park. Using the tag line ***In the Heart of the City*** this event held to coincide with Heritage Week featured themed talks from local historians Richard T Cooke and Liam Ó hÚigín and musical contributions from local group Coal Quay Shawlies and there was an intergenerational music and storytelling performance from Clann Chorcaí, a group comprised of three generations of one family. The event was well attended and was received in a very positive way. Its intended to hold similar events each year



Three Cork projects were shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Achievement & Recognition Awards in 2019, one of which, the Friendly Call project was also shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. We now have an Age Friendly Library in Hollyhill and more of our Libraries will be added in coming years

The Age Friendly highlight of 2019 saw Ireland recognised as the first country in the world to achieve Age Friendly Country Status. Cork Age Friendly City was well represented at the unique presentation, held in Slane Castle, County Meath. An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD and Alannah Officer from the World Health Organisation presented Certificates to mark the occasion.



## Trauma Sensitive City

In February, the Lord Mayor Cllr Mick Finn issued a call of support to deliver Trauma Training to frontline workers including family support workers, teachers, School Completion teams, justice services, social inclusion teams and community development projects. In April 2020 Cork City Council lead in the delivery of a 2-day free training to 400 frontline workers in partnership with CETB, HSE Social Inclusion & Public Health, TUSLA, UCC.

The training was delivered by Dr. Karen Treisman and focussed on upskilling the participants on Understanding the impact of relational and developmental trauma as well as providing Creative and expressive tools, techniques, and direct-working activities to support children and adolescents who have experienced relational and developmental trauma.

Lord Mayor Mick Finn also committed Cork as a City to establish a steering group that would develop a framework for Cork as a City to becoming a Trauma Sensitive City.



In October 2019 Cork City Council attended and presented at the inaugural WHO taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma in Oslo representing Cork City Council and Cork Healthy Cities and in November 2019 Cork City Council in partnership with CETB Youth Services were invited to present the inaugural Trauma In Care Conference in Dublin.

## Cork City Marathon

The Cork City Marathon officially started on Patrick Street on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Individuals of all fitness levels took part in the event on the day. Young adults across Cork and beyond also took part in the event through the Youth Challenge. This initiative, which is aimed at youths over the age of 16 and supported by Cork City Council, the Cork Education and Training Board (CETB), Cork Sports Partnership and the HSE, is not a race or competition, but rather an opportunity for our younger citizens to embrace health and fitness in a fun, engaging way. Jerry Forde from Blarney, a wheelchair athlete also completed the Cork City marathon marking his 450<sup>th</sup> marathon.





## St Patricks Day

The Cork St Patrick's Festival took place from Friday March 15th to Monday March 18th. Events took place during the festival weekend in venues throughout the City, such as music with The Lee Sessions, Trad Trail in bars around Cork City Centre, Live at St Lukes, exhibitions, workshops, tours and performances. The Parade was well supported, with up to 2,500 participants and 64 groups taking part; while in excess of 30,000 lined the route, with many more watching live online across the world. World Champion and Olympian Rob Heffernan was the Grand Marshall on the day.





# Library Services

There were two landmarks in 2019 in terms of metrics for the Library Service.

Firstly, on 31 May three new libraries, in Ballincollig, Glanmire and Blarney, joined the city network. This led to significant increase in membership and library usage overall.

Secondly on 31 August Douglas Library was forced to close following the major fire in Douglas Village Shopping Centre. Thus, the new network was functioning in its entirety for only 3 months of the year.

While the number of overall visits has continued to recover since the loss of Douglas – at 73,479 in November it is up on September and a little over 3,000 below the August figure – other key metrics are down: 56,692 items were borrowed in November compared to 65,416 in July and 64,841 in August. Membership overall, while below the high of 34,059 in July, is holding up reasonably well at 32,820.

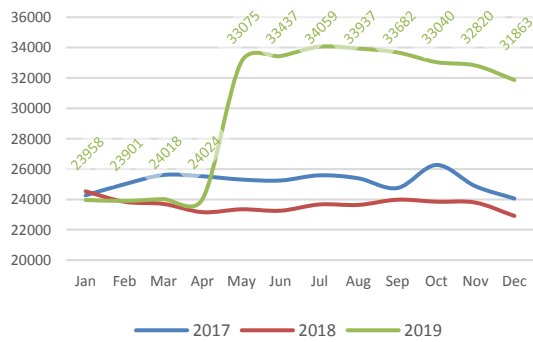


The Council opened a pop-up facility in Douglas Community Centre in order to maintain a link with the local community, and this has been well received, but numbers are modest.

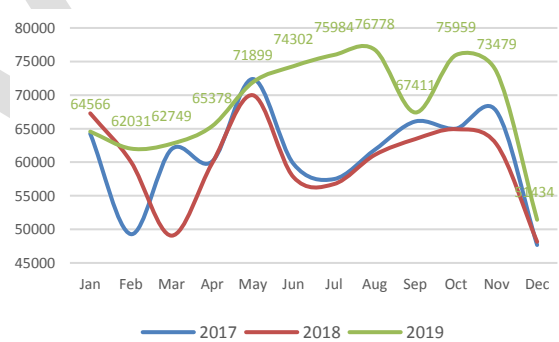
Digital services, not surprisingly, have not been impacted by the Douglas situation. Online usage shows a continuing positive trend. The number of online visits to Library websites – there were 277,649 visits January – November 2019 – is up over 3% on last year. The downloading of eBooks – 42,555 in the year to date – is up 50% on last year.

While the perception might be that most citizens have their own devices for accessing web etc., the usage of Council-owned PCs in libraries is also holding up.

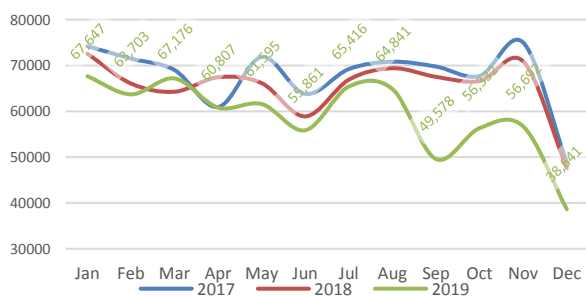
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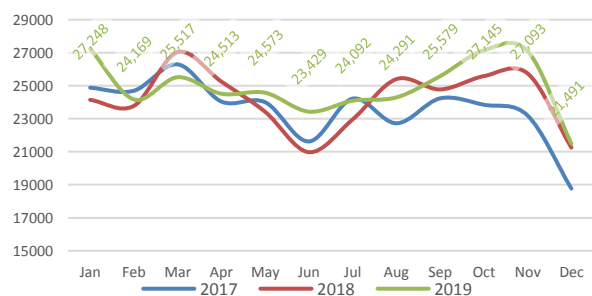
## Library Visits



## Items Borrowed from Libraries



## Online Library Visits





**International Relations  
& Tourism**





## Elizabeth Fort

Elizabeth Fort was awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence in June for the fourth consecutive year based on consistently great reviews. The good news was featured widely on social media. Elizabeth Fort welcomed 28,100 visitors to the Fort in June and July, predominantly German and Americans followed closely by French and Spanish.

## Cruise Ambassadors

Cork Cruise Ambassadors have been active during June and July boarding 32 ships in July with a combined passenger capacity of 65,474 on board. Cork City Council has been engaging with business interests in relation to the development of initiatives that will maximize the economic benefit in terms of retail, hospitality etc and encouraging innovation in this area.

## Tourism Kiosks

The 16 tourism kiosks located at strategic locations across the city generated almost half a million-page requests this year. The kiosks showcase the city to visitors as a vibrant, attractive destination brimming with live music, exhibitions, tours, theatres and cultural attractions. Each kiosk currently includes 898 active business listings and 95 festival listings to mention, 108 bars, 145 restaurants, 31 things to do and lists family fun, shopping, accommodation etc

## World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day took place on 27th September, Cork City Council featured for the second year as the only city outside mainland Europe to showcase our entry as appears here.





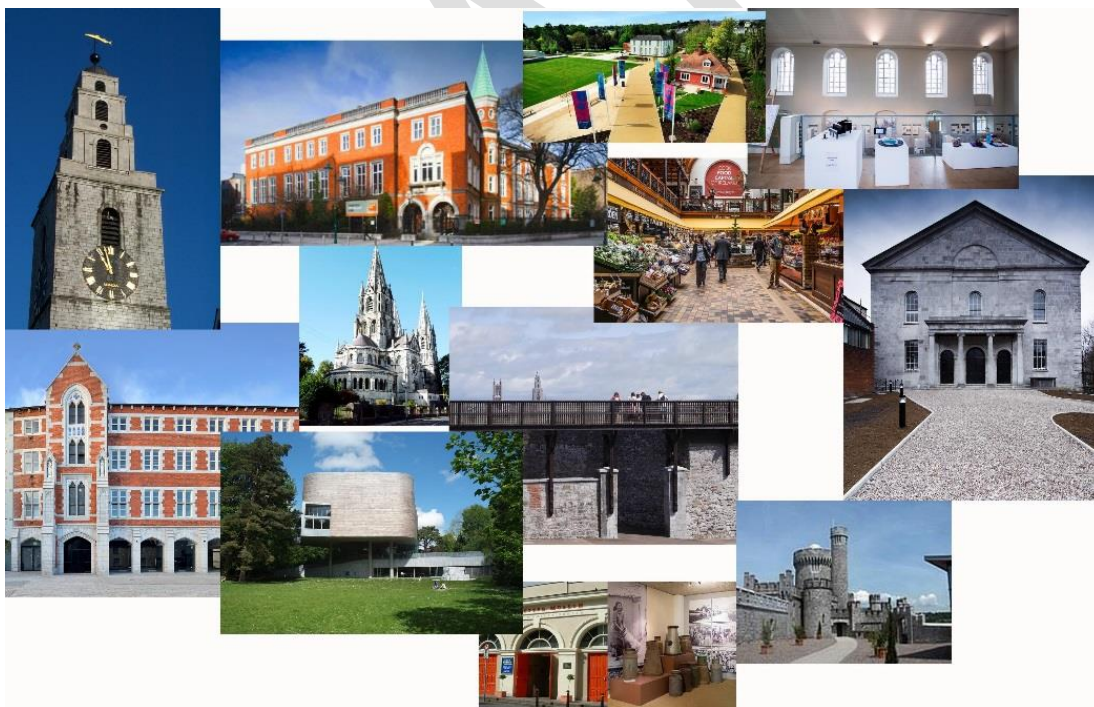
## Fáilte Ireland “Destination Town” Funding for Cork City

In December 2019 Fáilte Ireland announced details of cities and towns who were successful in their applications under its “Destination Town” funding scheme, which seeks to drive a greater regional spread of visitors and revenue across the country by helping to boost the tourism appeal of cities and towns. Each of the areas selected, including Cork City, will receive between €400 000 - €500 000 to support the implementation of their projects. The final amount of funding is expected to be confirmed shortly.

In Cork City the funding will support the development and roll out of a new visitor orientation and wayfinding scheme. This project will develop orientation and signage which is unique to Cork and imbued with a distinct sense of place. Visitors will feel welcome, and will find it easy to get around, understand what is available to them within walking distance, or by bicycle or public transport.

Key elements of the project will include:

- Establishing a network of highly visible information points throughout the City. Visitors will be able to easily determine their current location, their on-going journey and continue to explore with confidence.
- Introducing fingerposts will incorporate directional information with icons to indicate walking and cycling distances.



## Top Attractions

The Top Attractions in Cork City for 2019 was updated to include Blarney Castle and the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne and the Visitor Centre. A wide distribution was undertaken and continues on an ongoing basis, with brochures available from Tourist Information Offices, the Airport, Rail Station, Car Hire Companies, Visitor Attractions, hotels and at the many cafés and pubs around the city centre. It is also available on request from the Tourism Section at City Hall in English, French, German, Spanish, Polish and Simplified Mandarin.



# Twining

Cork City Council is twinned with six cities; Coventry, Rennes, San Francisco, Cologne, Swansea and Shanghai as well as several memoranda of understandings with other cities. Cork City Council would have supported these relationships through different events and programmes.

The highlight of the year for Cork City Council's international relations was the Lord Mayor leading a delegation comprised of research education and business interests to the China International Import Expo (CIIE). At this the Lord Mayor had the honour to be selected to address the Sister Cities Forum which he stressed the importance of international relations and the close links between Cork city and China.

The Lord Mayor's visit included attending the Ireland China Science and Technology association event, visiting medical facilities in Shanghai, the Shanghai writer's association as well as meeting a Senior Vice President of the Bank of China and the mayor of Shanghai Mayor Yongying.



## City Hall Dignitary Visits

There were 27 visits to City Hall by dignitaries during 2019. This included 23 ambassadors, the Dutch King and Queen of the Netherlands, the President of Ireland and Taoiseach and the Lord Mayor of Belfast.



## Lord Mayor of Belfast

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, John Finucane visited Cork City Council for a courtesy visit in October 2019 along with President of Cork Chamber, Paula Cogan. The Lord Mayor, John Finucane was presented with a portrait of two of Cork's former Lords Mayor Tomás MacCurtáin and Terence MacSwiney both of whom died in 1920 for the fight for Irish freedom. The Lord Mayor of Belfast then gave a public lecture at University College Cork's Centre for Executive Education on Brexit titled 'Brexit: A Belfast Perspective'. He took the opportunity to look at the potential for links, greater connectivity and collaborative working between our two great cities, especially in the context of Brexit.



## Columbian Ambassador

Following a visit by the Colombian Ambassador to Ireland Her Excellency Patricia Cortes hosted by Lord Mayor Cllr. John Sheehan, for the inaugural Daniel Florence O'Leary Day Commemorative Lecture and Exhibition, the Day included a reception in City Hall, with members of the O'Leary family, Lectures and a Panel Discussions, a VIP visit to Elizabeth Fort with the Barrack Street band and an evening reception in Triskel Christchurch featuring Colombian DJ and band.



## Latvian Ambassador

Ambassador of Latvia Mr Jānis Sīlis visited Cork City Council for a courtesy visit in December 2019 accompanied by Edīte Medne Councillor and Deputy Head of Mission. He was presented with a Letter opener with the Cork Coat of Arms emblazoned on it as a token of appreciation for his visit.







Roads &  
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## Parking Policy

Cork City Council introduced a free parking initiative from 8<sup>th</sup> October for the six weeks leading up to Christmas in the Paul Street and North Main Street car parks and introduced free on street parking in Ballincollig. This proved to be a successful endeavour in order to support retailers in the city centre.

An excellent parking initiative was also introduced in Douglas in September 2019 in order to encourage shoppers to shop local following the devastating fire on Douglas Shopping Centre. This parking policy introduced two hours free parking from Monday to Friday and all-day Saturday and Sunday.

## Cork's First Cycle Map

Cork's first cycle map was launched during Bike Week in June 2019. This map detailed Cork's best cycling routes featuring the city centre and surrounding areas. The map shows the best routes to popular destinations around the city. These include UCC, CIT, Kent Station, Bus Station, Fitzgerald's Park, and further afield to Mahon Point, Douglas, Bishopstown and Blackpool.

## Roads Resurfacing and Traffic Calming

Cork City Council published its road resurfacing contract in 2019. This contract covered 52 separate roads and estates that covers more than 136,000 square metres of road resurfacing. In addition to this, the placing of traffic calming ramps was carried out under the contract including streets and estates in the newly expanded city including Ballincollig, Glanmire, Rochestown and Blarney.

## Togher Road Project

Cork City Council introduced the Togher Road Project in 2019 which improved the pedestrian facilities by widening footpaths throughout to a minimum of 2 metres. This project aimed was at addressing the congestion issue along the route, both through re-design of the Togher Cross roundabout and addressing



# Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning





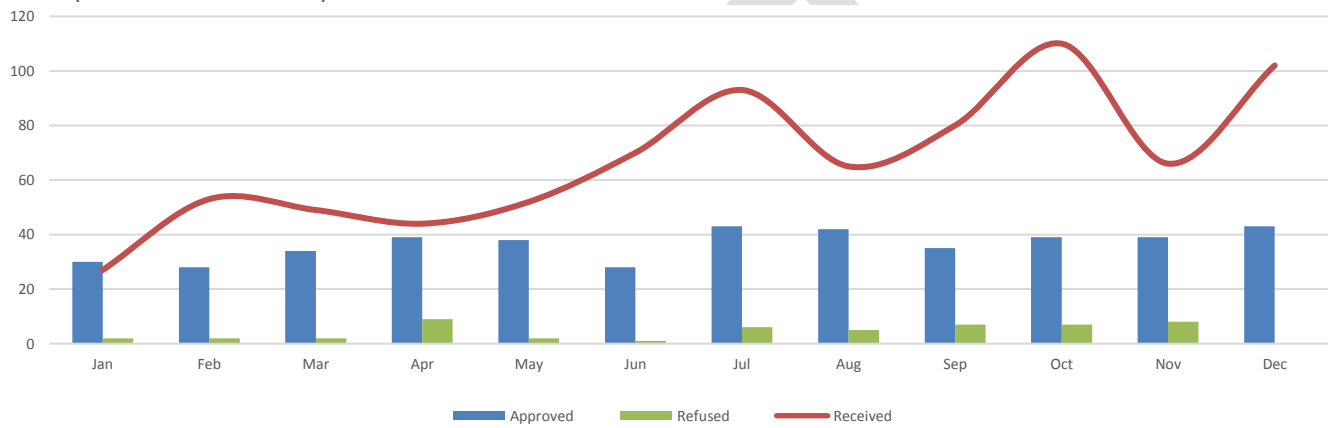
## Local Enterprise Offices (LEO)

Ballincollig Business Association won the Bank of Ireland National Enterprising Towns Award (Cities category) at the finals held in Kilkenny. The Victorian Quarter Traders Association won second place in the Munster category.



## Development Management

In 2019, 819 planning applications were received by Cork City Council, compared to 480 in total for 2018. From June to December 2019, 594 applications were received, compared to 278 for the same period in 2018 (an increase of 114%).



## Planning Enforcement Cases

Planning Enforcement Cases 2019												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
New Cases	8	10	15	5	15	7	20	12	15	8	9	8
Closed Cases	9	7	11	10	4	9	8	8	6	4	6	4
% Dismissed under Section 152(2)	0	14%	55%	50%	50%	89%	75%	71%	67%	50%	33%	50%
% Resolved through Negotiations	67%	29%	18%	10%	0%	11%	12.5%	0%	16.5%	50%	0%	25%
% resolved following Enforcement proceedings	33%	57%	27%	40%	50%	0%	12.5%	29%	16.5%	0	67%	25%



## Urban Development Fund

In June 2019 Cork City Council received confirmation from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government that funding had been approved for Cork City Council for two projects: -

- Cork Docklands €450,000: This is to contribute towards design of transport infrastructure, drainage planning and local area planning. Cork City Council has advanced the local area plan for Cork Docklands Designs for the transport are at tender stage and a strategy to address drainage has commenced.
- Cork City Centre €916,000: Towards public realm works and development of Bishop Lucey Park. The design competition of public realm works is dependent on the final design of the Events Centre.

## Cork Heritage Week 2019





# Corporate Performance

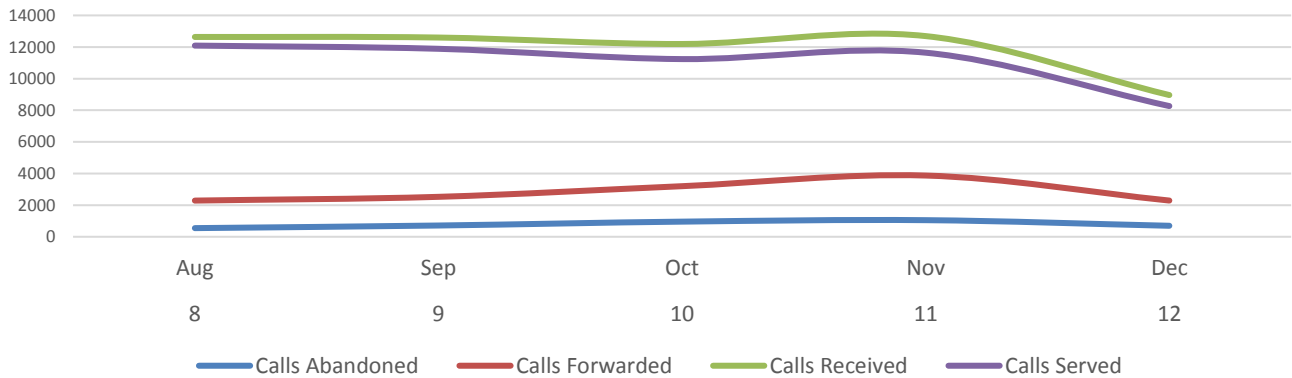




## Customer Service Unit

In order to improve the engagement of citizens and customers with Cork City Council, it was agreed that a new Customer Service Unit would be put in place in tandem with the establishment of the extended City on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The purpose of this dedicated unit is to provide a single point of contact for enquiries and information with the aim of providing a more streamlined interface and engagement with our customers.

Since launching the figures for calls received are averaging approx. 10,000 a month.



## Vote Initiative – Shape Your City

Cork City Council launched the ‘Shape Your City: Use Your Vote’ voter registration campaign which was aimed at foreign workers and immigrants new to Cork City. The programme aimed to highlight their voting rights, how to register for voting in the local and European elections and to outline the benefits of becoming active participants in civic life. In launching the Initiative in Voxpro, Mahon, Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Mick Finn gave a strong backing to the programme: “I think people who are new to the city – whether they are working with multinationals, such as Voxpro for a couple of years, or looking to make a permanent home here – make up an integral part of the multicultural nature of life in Cork City. What Cork City Council is doing here today is making it clear that the first step in greater involvement in Cork City is registering to vote. Have a say by registering today!”



The Shape Your City Initiative is supported by Cork City Council’s Atlantic Social Lab project which is funded by the EU’s Interreg Atlantic Area Programme.



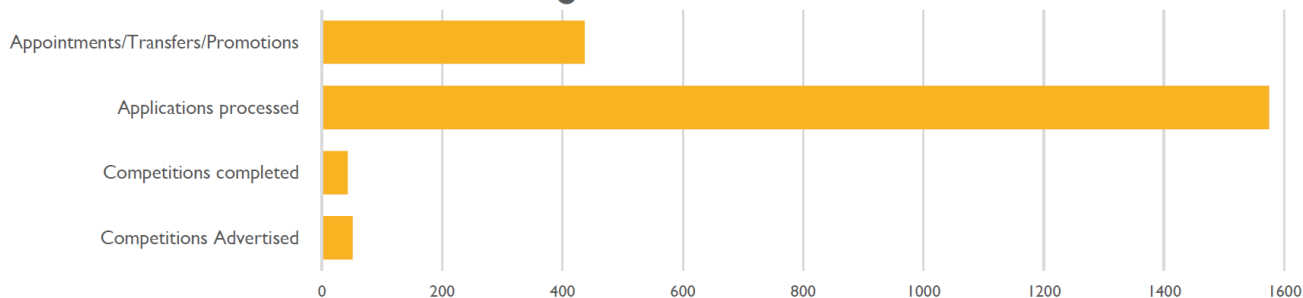
The Final Register of Electors 2019/2020 came into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ahead of the May Local Elections. The Register included a total of 62,567 voters transfer their votes from Cork County Council as a result of the Boundary Extension.



## Recruitment

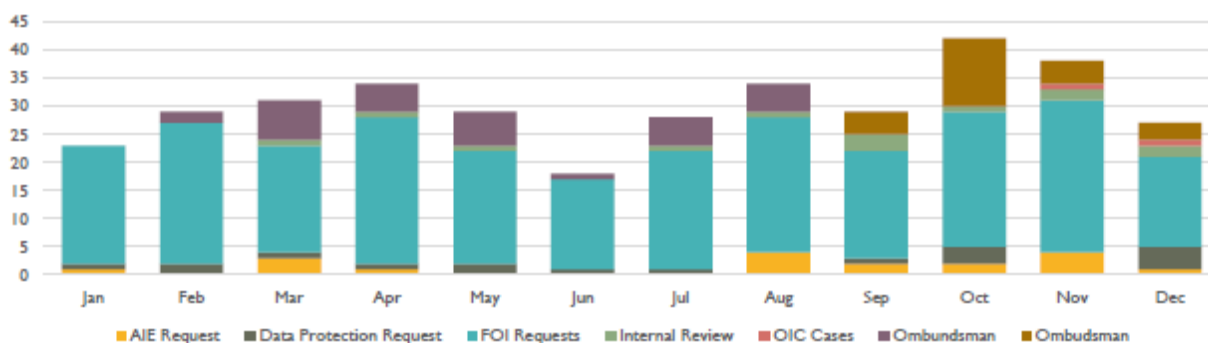
The figures below include the transfer of 207 staff from Cork County Council due to the boundary expansion in May 2019.

### Recruitment Statistics for 2019



## FOI and Data Protection

### FOI/GDPR/Reviews & Requests



257 FOI requests received  
 17 Data Protection Requests  
 0 Protected Disclosures to Cork City Council



## Communications



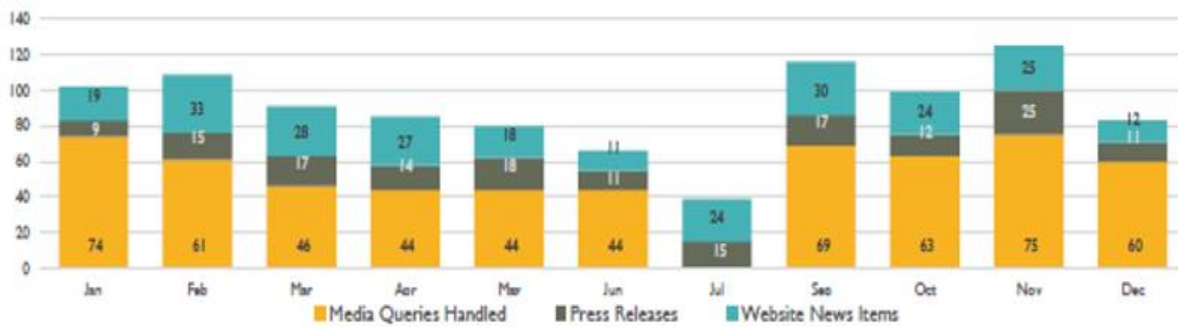
A joint communications leaflets was issued by Cork City and County Councils and delivered to every household in the boundary transfer area. A Cork City of Change publication was also issued also to highlight the vision of Cork and our achievements.

This was followed by four free 'Welcome to the City' family fun days in Ballincollig, Blarney, Douglas and Glanmire.

During the elections, the communications team updated social media, national press, the city council website and coordinated other media interests.



## Communications



### Social Media 2019



Facebook  
**1,953,632**



Instagram  
**6,020**



Twitter  
**4,554,256**



## Mary Elmes Bridge

The Mary Elmes Bridge, a pedestrian and cycle bridge linking Merchants Quay and St. Patrick's Bridge, was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Cork on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This bridge was named in honour of aid worker, Mary Elmes following a public vote which culminated in a vote by Cork City Council Elected Members. It was the first time this process has been used to name a piece of public infrastructure in Cork. Hailed as Ireland's Oskar Schindler, Cork woman, Mary Elmes is credited with saving the lives of hundreds of Jewish children during the Holocaust by hiding them in the boot of her car, so they escaped death camps.

Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Sheehan said: *"We must remember today that it was the ordinary people of Cork who decided to name this bridge after Mary Elmes. The general public and the City's Elected Members chose to honour Mary Elmes' unstinting courage, her values and her deep humanity. Already, the naming of this bridge after Mary has helped to spread the story of Mary Elmes in Cork and in Ireland and that is a wonderful achievement"*.

The bridge, which was delivered by the Strategic Infrastructure Directorate, will promote greater use of cycling and walking amongst people travelling between the City Centre and MacCurtain Street. It was funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and European Union Designated Urban Centre Funding from the Southern Regional Assembly.



## Conservation grants

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the Historic Structures Fund 2019 were launched in January with a deadline of 31st January. Cork City Council received 23 applications. The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht increased the budget for Cork City by €10,000 this year, the current grant aid amounts to approximately €90,000.



## PARK(ing) Day

PARK(ing) is a part of a global movement focusing on turning parking spaces into pop-up parklets for a day, on the third Friday in September, demonstrating the positive effect of greening up spaces in the city. Cork City Council coordinated and facilitated 5 no. parklets in the city.

The concept is growing among business communities across the city and the following parklets were developed for the day: Douglas St outside Cork Flower Studio (currently seeking semi-permanent status)); North Main St, outside Leaders; Douglas St outside Bia Blasta; South Mall outside Imperial Hotel; Western Rd, outside HSE Office





# Corporate Plan 2019 - 2024

Much of 2019 was spent carefully planning and compiling the Corporate Plan for Cork City Council. This plan is an overarching document to guide our planned achievements up until 2024 and it is Cork City Council's key strategic document. It is implemented through the Annual Service Delivery Plans and Annual Budget which reflects the City Council's decisions on specific objectives each year. The City Council's performance is recorded in monthly Chief Executive Reports and in the Annual Report.

In mid-2019, a survey was undertaken with our elected members, staff, businesses, communities, Public Participation Network (PPN), and shared on social media channels. At the close of the consultation period, a total of 515 survey responses were received.

These responses were reviewed by Cork City Council's Senior Management Team and Elected Members for consideration in the formulation of high-level goals and strategic objectives for the next five years. Several one to one discussion with stakeholders also took place in this phase.

Following this, presentations were held at the Local Community Development Committee, six Strategic Policy Committees and Corporate Policy Group with submissions received from their representatives. Workshops were facilitated for the Senior Management Team, PPN and elected members. A staff engagement workshop, hosted by the Chief Executive, for all staff was held where panel discussions saw staff engaging with some of our city influencers. Spokespeople from various sectors discussed and answered questions about all our roles in the future of Cork and how we continue to work collaboratively. The feedback has been extensively considered and informed the preparation of the Corporate Plan.

The resulting Corporate Plan, as the culmination of many months of work in 2019, will function as a reference document, a blueprint of our plans for the next five years. It can be used by elected members, Senior Management Team and staff alike to ensure that our targets and obligations are met, and that service delivery is continually improved. The Corporate Plan also helps our staff focus on their key priorities and understand how their daily work fits into the larger picture of the Council's goals. All Corporate goals are significant enablers of the City Council's corporate priorities and are deliverable through strategic objectives and actions, supported by strategies and policies. We are committed to engaging, enabling and empowering all our stakeholders by creating strategic collaborations and partnerships in the coming years to ensure the successful delivery of this Corporate Plan.

For the first time, Cork City Council incorporated the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into our corporate plan high level goals. These goals aim to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change by 2030.



Goals, targets and indicators are set out which all UN member states are required to use to frame their agendas and political policies. Cork City Council recognises the strategic importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the integrated multiagency approach required to achieve this within Cork City and have assigned SDGs to each of our corporate goals.



# Appendix

## Review of Corporate Plan 2014-2019

The vision of Cork City Council is to be a dynamic, responsive and inclusive organisation leading a prosperous and sustainable city.

The Corporate Plan of 2014-2019 had a six-point mission statement that focussed on empowering communities whilst working in partnership with our stakeholders to improve the economic development of the city and provide an efficient, effective and customer focused service delivery.

There were five goals in the Corporate Plan 2014-2019. These are:

1. Enabled Communities
2. Creating a thriving city economy
3. City Identity, Culture and Heritage
4. Quality Urban Environment
5. Corporate Development



### Goal 1: Enabled Communities

This goal focused on improving and communicating service development and delivery to Cork City's diverse communities through multiple channels. The following highlights the progress and areas of best practice on the delivery of the objectives under this goal.

Areas of best practice

- a. Cork City has won URBACT European funding to promote play as a means of promoting social inclusion in the city. The action plan includes the development of playful places outdoor in city centre locations, local libraries and public parks Play Streets, which was trialled on the Marina will be supported in local communities. With a focus on encouraging inter-generational play and inclusion, the Playful Cork City Project is a partnership between Cork City Council, Cork Healthy Cities, Cork City Public Participation Network, Cork Learning Cities, the HSE and Cork Local Sports Partnership.
- b. We developed 'Pure Cork', our Cork City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021 is an action driven plan used to guide economic and community development. Some examples of the collaboration initiatives such as Cork City Learning Forum, Cork Lifelong Learning Festival, the Discovery Science Exhibition, the Cork City Inter-Agency Traveller Group, Cork Healthy Cities, and inter-agency work on LGBT with our stakeholders: Cork City Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force; The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Steering Group; Cork City of Sanctuary Movement; Project Refocus; the Joint Policing Committee; Cork Music Education Partnership and Music Generation Cork; Cork Food Policy Council; RAPID (Revitalising Areas through Planning, Investment & Development); Cork Age Friendly City; the Cork Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC); Northside for Business, Growing More than Apples; Homeless Integrated Strategy; among others.

- c. Customer Service: A dedicated Customer Service Unit was set up in May 2019 within the council to improve customer experience for the tens of thousands of residents, organizations and businesses who use our 400 plus public services. In the year since its establishment, the CSU has answered approx. 123,000 calls and 4,300 emails with our staff answering caller queries in either one phone call or by transferring the caller to individual council directorates, if necessary. CRM was rolled out across all directorates allowing calls to be logged to relevant parties.
- d. The Cork City Customer Service Charter, which is the first of its kind in Europe, was developed by the Cork City Centre Forum to create a city of superior customer service and assist Cork's journey to becoming one of the friendliest, most liveable and sustainable cities globally. The Cork City Customer Service Charter was developed between 2016-2018 in collaboration with Cork Institute of Technology (CIT), who conducted research with city centre businesses and developed the training programme. Cork City Centre Forum is a collaboration between Cork Chamber, Cork Business Association, Cork City Council, An Garda Síochána, retail, hospitality and service sectors and other local business representative organisations. It is also an operational group of CORE, the City Centre partnership which takes an overall strategic view towards the management and promotions of all aspects of city life. This also meets the goal of a thriving city economy.
- e. Cork was one of the first 12 cities in the world to be awarded a UNESCO Learning City award in 2015. In 2017 Cork was selected by UNESCO to host the third International Conference on Learning Cities and welcomed almost 600 delegates from cities worldwide. The Irish Network of Learning Cities was formed in Cork in 2018 following a Learning Festival Seminar hosted by Cork Lifelong Learning Festival (running since 2004). A Learning City Charter was proposed by Cork, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and is a form of voluntary commitment, signed by the mayors on behalf of their cities.
- f. In 2018 Cork City Libraries was also the outright winner of The Public Sector Magazine Best Services to Education, City Library and Social Media Award. Hollyhill Library which won second place in the Public Choice Irish Architecture Awards 2016. A library development programme was developed to run alongside our Corporate Plan. A new purpose-built library was opened in Hollyhill in 2015 with three additional libraries joining after the boundary transition. The number of registered members of the library service continues to grow year on year with 31,863 members with over 822,000 visitors in 2019. Our online services, eBooks and events continue to be popular with numbers improving month on month. This is evident in our CE Monthly Report. The library continues to be heart of the communities and a hub of learning.
- g. Cork City Council has won the Local Authority Innovation Award in 2017 for its use of the 'competitive dialogue' procedure to deliver social housing through smart procurement systems to deliver 1,684 social homes.
- h. Bishopsgrrove Supported Student Accommodation was awarded the Local Authority Innovation Award in 2018. This project is managed by Cork Foyer Project and comprises 39 secure purpose-built accommodation bed spaces, located close to Cork Institute of Technology accepted its first students in June 2017, and acts as a sister project to the Cork Foyer, allowing young people who have progressed well in a homeless service to escape the cycle of homelessness through third level



education. The project between Cork Foyer, TUSLA and Focus Ireland is the first of its kind in the state.

- i. Choice based Letting was commended in the Chamber Awards in 2016. Launched in 2015 as an innovative solution to housing. It has seen a reduction in refusal rates and enhanced transparency of the housing supply.
- j. Arus Mhuire, rightsizing housing scheme won the Local Authority Innovation Award and the Irish Social Housing Awards (housing for older people category) in 2019. This is a 30-unit sheltered 'rightsize' housing development built by Cork City Council off the Skehard Road. A mix of one- and two-bedroom homes, the development is largely aimed at over 60s considering downsizing from larger homes.
- k. An innovative 12-month pilot HomeSwapper scheme was launched after a successful bid for digital innovation funding from the Dept of Rural and Community Development. This pilot was run in collaboration with Dublin City Council in November 2019. This allows social housing tenants advertise their home on an online platform for mutual exchange. There are currently 167 tenants registered to use the site.
- l. We established dedicated unit and premise were established to support the Family Hub and Housing First service in 2018/2019 when the Homeless Service Operations moved from the dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection to Cork City Council.
- m. Other housing initiatives that are impacting positively on housing delivery include City Northwest Quarter Regeneration( Estimated expenditure - €209m); over one thousand void homes returned to the housing asset bank (10,000 council homes); Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) – operational in Cork City since July 2015 provided support to 3,638 applicants between July 2015 & December 2019; Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) – RAS remains a valuable social housing support providing security of tenure & financial support and has delivered 368 RAS units.
- n. Redevelopment of City Council corporate customer focussed website in 2018 to improve accessibility, structure, contact. This also included developing our suite of online services and consultation platform to receive approx. 10,000 submission. Public Wi-Fi was rolled out to public buildings and public realm having successfully applied for two WIFI4EU vouchers.
- o. The first affordable housing purchase scheme in Ireland was launched in 2019 consisting of plans for 153 homes (37 of which are social) to be delivered during the lifetime of the new Corporate Plan to 2024.

## Challenges

One of the key objectives under this goal was to develop a state of the art City library appropriate to Ireland's second city. This hasn't yet come to fruition; however, the groundwork has been completed to carry this action forward to our new Corporate Plan – 2024. Significant improvements were made to our library services including the acquisition of new library buildings.

## Goal 2: Creating a thriving city economy

- a. Some of the key infrastructure projects completed in the lifetime of this plan are as follows:
  - SRR Interchanges Scheme (Bandon and Sarsfield Rd)
  - Kent Station to City Route Improvements
  - Public Bike Scheme (Infrastructure and Transportation Division as well)
  - Blackrock Harbour Project
  - CCMS Phases 1 & 2
  - St Patrick's Bridge Refurbishment
  - Mary Elmes Bridge
  - Sarsfield Rd
  - Skehard Rd Upgrade
  - Dalys Bridge Refurbishment (commenced in 2019 and completed in 2020)
  - Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (Infrastructure and Transportation Division and SPED as well)
  - Douglas Flood Relief Scheme (commenced in 2019 and to be completed 2020)
- b. In 2015 Cork was awarded the best small city in Europe for its Foreign Direct Investment strategy; ranked as one of the overall top 10 small European cities for inward investment; economic potential and business friendliness. In 2018/2019 Cork was awarded the best small city in Europe for business friendliness and one of the overall top 25 European Cities of the Future. Every two years, fDi's European Cities and Regions of the Future presents a league table of the most attractive locations in Europe for inward investment.
- c. Cork City Council are a key stakeholder in the Cork Smart Gateway initiative. The Cork Open Data Dashboard was launched in 2017. This data dashboard has been developed by NUI Maynooth through the SFI funded 'Building City Dashboard' team - [www.corkdashboard.ie](http://www.corkdashboard.ie). Cork City Council has also developed an open data portal to host and share open data which is available at [data.corkcity.ie](http://data.corkcity.ie). This portal currently shares a variety of static and real time information.
- d. To facilitate the sustainable movement of people, goods and data 17% of the public lighting inventory converted to LED with the council taking an additional 10,000 public lighting assets in change due to the boundary extension. The council is responsible for 362 traffic signal sites. In the period of this plan, 23km of fibre optic network was installed, 41 traffic controllers replaced, and 120 termination points installed.
- e. The Cork Road Safety Action Plan 2016-2020 was adopted in 2016. A Road Safety Working Group for Cork City and Cork County was established with three safety improvement schemes were commenced.
- f. Park & Ride income has risen from €604,842 to €836,928 per year over the lifetime of the plan for the Kinsale Road facilities.



- g. Car parking in our multi-storey car parking sees an average income of €2.8 million for Paul Street and €597,759 for North Main Street.
- h. Park by phone app has increased steadily over the years from €440,334 in 2015 to €1,011,168 in 2019.
- i. Fixed Charged Penalty Notices have seen an increase from 27,237 issued in 2015 to 42,694 issued in 2019

#### Challenges:

80% traffic controllers are greater than 10 years old, 25% of the traffic controllers and remote monitoring system are obsolete with supported technology and there is a reduction if internal ITS maintenance staff resources.

### Goal 3: City Identity, Culture and Heritage

- a. The 'We are Cork' brand was launched in 2018 and is an example of the collaboration work with our local stakeholders. This Cork place brand presents a visual identity and messaging across education, investment, place to live, business, visitor offering etc. It is part of an investor-focused economic marketing strategy -planning, coordination and delivery of activities to promote and position Cork city and county as a global business destination for indigenous and foreign business. Th
- b. SeaFest, with an attendance of over 100,000 was successfully secured by Cork City Council for 2019-2021. It is Ireland's largest and most spectacular maritime festival and delivered in collaboration with the Inter-Departmental Marine Coordination Group (MCG).
- c. Elizabeth Fort in Barrack saw 61,000 tourists in 2019 as a result of funding received through the EU-funded Maritime, Military and Industrial Atlantic Heritage (MMIAH) project. During the lifetime of this plan, the site was enhanced for visitor services hosting educational tours and art exhibitions annually, bringing a diverse range of people to the fort for the first time.

### Goal 4: Quality Urban Environment

- a. First local authority to develop a climate change adaptation strategy (2019-2024) adopted by council on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- b. SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) was prepared and adopted by the City Council in January 2018.
- c. Cork City Council Major Emergency Plan 2017 prepared.
- d. New Amenities provided at the following locations: Tramore Valley Park, Tank Field Park, Marina Park, Fitzgerald's Park – New Playground, Bishopstown Park – New Playground, Outdoor Fitness

Gyms provided at Fairfield Park, Meelick Park, Lough Mahon Park, The Lough and Tramore Valley Park.

- e. Ongoing investment and support for the following Leisure/Sports Facilities: Leisure World Bishopstown, Churchfield Leisure Complex, Douglas Swimming Pool, Glen Resource Centre, Mayfield Swimming Pool, James Kenneally Sports Hall, CIT Athletic Track

## **Goal 5: Corporate Development**

- a. Historic boundary extension saw the population of Cork City increase by 85,000, the geographical area increases 5-fold, 550km of additional roads and 200 staff transfer from Cork County Council. This also prompted a new organisation restructure focusing on three pillars – Operations, Strategy and Support Services. An Assistant Chief Executive post was filled in December 2019.
- b. Switch to electronic documentation for our new political meeting structure.
- c. The Shape your City: Use your Vote initiative saw approximately 2,500 additional electors added by the Franchise dept. This programme was aimed at foreign workers and immigrants new to Cork City to highlight their voting rights, how to register for voting in the local & European elections and to outline the benefits of becoming active participants in civic life. Supported by Cork City Council's Atlantic Social Lab project which is funded by the EU's Interreg Atlantic Area Programme.
- d. Robust governance processes enhanced include an Audit Tracker, Procurement Portal, Risk Register and Corporate Reporting.
- e. Cork City Council achieved a safe workplace throughout the duration of the 2015 - 2019 Corporate Plan. Cork City Council updated the Safety Statement annually and held numerous consultation sessions with employees.
- f. Some examples of our shared learnings and information exchange by our ICT department include: Cork Smart Gateway, All-Ireland Smart Cities Forum, Major Cities of Europe and Open and Agile Smart Cities.
- g. We have engaged with European projects as a project partner including Horizon 2020 Projects and a COSME (EU programme for the Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) project, successfully completed two Horizon 2020 projects, GrowSmarter and Smart Resilience and a COSME project, the Digital Cities Challenge programme.



# Annual Financial Statement 2019

## Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) At 31st December 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Operational <sup>1</sup>	2,251,197,431	1,971,705,308
Infrastructural	1,154,377,762	1,156,002,358
Community	112,289,290	99,501,083
Non-Operational	53,873,737	53,873,738
	<b>3,571,738,220</b>	<b>3,281,082,487</b>
<b>Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses</b> <sup>2</sup>	86,036,802	62,984,968
<b>Long term debtors</b> <sup>3</sup>	87,650,077	62,072,838
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stocks <sup>4</sup>	-	-
Trade Debtors & Prepayments <sup>5</sup>	49,827,055	25,068,087
Bank Investments	29,633,746	42,299,761
Cash at Bank	456,555	2,079,050
Cash in Transit	22,399	21,740
	79,939,755	69,468,638
<b>Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)</b>		
Bank Overdraft		
Creditors & Accruals <sup>6</sup>	47,470,009	37,791,840
Finance Leases	29,778	20,910
	<b>47,499,787</b>	<b>37,812,750</b>
<b>Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)</b>	<b>32,439,968</b>	<b>31,355,888</b>
<b>Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)</b>		
Loans Payable <sup>7</sup>	171,093,197	125,575,529
Finance Leases	51,559	30,316
Refundable Deposits <sup>8</sup>	4,570,823	3,579,684
Other	22,589,346	1,908,535
	<b>198,304,925</b>	<b>131,094,064</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3,579,560,142</b>	3,306,702,117
<b>represented by</b>		
Capitalisation Account <sup>9</sup>	3,571,738,217	3,281,082,487
Income WIP <sup>2</sup>	79,918,868	56,869,472
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	945,643	892,845
Other Balances <sup>10</sup>	(73,042,585)	(32,142,683)
Balancing Figure		(4)
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>3,579,560,142</b>	<b>3,306,702,117</b>

## Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) for year ending 31st December 2019

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year. Transfers to/from reserves are shown separately and not allocated by service division.

Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

<b>Expenditure by Division</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2019</b>	<b>Income 2019</b>	<b>Net Expenditure 2019</b>	<b>Net Expenditure 2018</b>
Housing & Building	59,095,337	59,224,192	(128,855)	1,830,835
Roads Transportation & Safety	38,741,025	21,937,669	16,803,356	14,380,038
Water Services	9,861,878	9,233,884	627,994	459,080
Development Management	13,592,687	4,652,411	8,940,276	7,921,069
Environmental Services	33,740,111	5,127,535	28,612,576	25,188,669
Recreation & Amenity	24,502,890	2,454,825	22,048,065	20,483,933
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	544,179	247,447	296,732	273,151
Miscellaneous Services	8,285,320	13,173,508	(4,888,188)	984,573
<b>Total Expenditure/Income <sup>15</sup></b>	<b>188,363,427</b>	<b>116,051,471</b>		
<b>Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates &amp; Local Property Tax</b>			<b>72,311,956</b>	71,521,348
<b>Rates</b>			66,184,863	66,391,421
<b>Local Property Tax</b>			11,927,355	11,927,355
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers <sup>16</sup></b>			<b>5,800,262</b>	6,797,428
<b>Transfers from/(to) Reserves <sup>14</sup></b>			(5,747,464)	(6,754,403)
<b>Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>			<b>52,798</b>	43,025
<b>General Reserve @ 1st January 2019</b>			892,845	849,820
<b>General Reserve @ 31st December 2019</b>			<b>945,643</b>	892,845



# Membership of Committees

## Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)

Housing SPC	Environment, Water & Amenity SPC	Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning SPC	International Relations & Tourism SPC	Roads & Transportation SPC	Community, Culture & Placemaking SPC
<p>Cllr. Terry Shannon <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Fergal Dennehy <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Derry Canty <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Garret Kelleher <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Dan Boyle <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Colette Finn <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Gould <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Ryan <b>(SP)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Moloney <b>(NP)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Dan Boyle <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Mary Rose                      Desmond <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Terry Shannon <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Des Cahill <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Joe Kavanagh <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Ryan <b>(SP)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Gould <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Sean Martin <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Oliver Moran <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Ted Tynan <b>(WP)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Sean Martin <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Colm Kelleher <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Joe Kavanagh <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Damian Boylan <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Lorna Bogue <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Henry Cremin <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Paudie Dineen <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Mick Finn <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Ted Tynan <b>(WP)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Derry Canty <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Colm Kelleher <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Damian Boylan <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Garret Kelleher <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Lorna Bogue <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Paudie Dineen <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Henry Cremin <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Kenneth Collins <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Moloney <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Ger Keohane <b>(NP)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Des Cahill <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Mary Rose                      Desmond <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Ger Keohane <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Deirdre Forde <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Oliver Moran <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Kieran McCarthy <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Kenneth Collins <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. John Maher <b>(LP)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Kerins <b>(SF)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Fergal Dennehy <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Deirdre Forde <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Colette Finn <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Kieran McCarthy <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Mick Finn <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. John Maher <b>(LP)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Kerins <b>(SF)</b></p>
<p><b>External Members</b>                      Michael Kelleher                      Clara O'Neill                      Barry Murphy                      Gary O'Brien                      Eoin MacCuiric</p>	<p><b>External Members</b>                      Donal Sweeney                      Maria Kirrane                      Pat O'Connell                      Dr. Barry McDermott                      Colm Cronin</p>	<p><b>External Members</b>                      Tim O'Leary                      John Hegarty                      Michael O'Sullivan                      Greene                      Isobel O'Regan                      Martin Corbett</p>	<p><b>External Members</b>                      Pat Lehane                      Shirley Gallagher                      Aaron Mansworth                      Seamus Heaney                      Wojciech Bialek</p>	<p><b>External Members</b>                      Stephen Koch                      Sean Carrigy                      Kevin Burke                      John Bowen                      Mary Doran</p>	<p><b>External Members</b>                      Conor O'Connell                      Sinéad Dunphy                      Lisa Petersheim                      Dermott O'Connell                      Pádraig Rice</p>

## Local Area Committees (LAC)

South Central LAC	South East LAC	South West LAC	North East LAC	North West LAC
<p>Cllr. Mick Finn <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Dan Boyle <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Sean Martin <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Shane                      O'Callaghan <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Paudie Dineen <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Kerins <b>(SF)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Des Cahill <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Lorna Bogue <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Mary Rose                      Desmond <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Kieran McCarthy <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Terry Shannon <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Deirdre Forde <b>(FG)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Fergal Dennehy <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Derry Canty <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Colette Finn <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Colm Kelleher <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Garret Kelleher <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Moloney <b>(NP)</b>                      Cllr. Henry Cremin <b>(SF)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. John Maher <b>(LP)</b>                      Cllr. Ted Tynan <b>(WP)</b>                      Cllr. Joe Kavanagh <b>(FG)</b>                      Cllr. Oliver Moran <b>(GP)</b>                      Cllr. Ger Keohane <b>(NP)</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Thomas Gould <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. John Sheehan <b>(FF)</b>                      Cllr. Kenneth Collins <b>(SF)</b>                      Cllr. Fiona Ryan <b>(SP)</b>                      Cllr. Damian Boylan <b>(FG)</b></p>

## Other Committees

<b>Other Committees</b>				
<b>Corporate Policy Group</b>	<b>Party Whips</b>	<b>Party Leaders</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Estimates Committee</b>	
Lord Mayor Cllr. John Sheehan Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) (Chair of the Housing SPC) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) (Chair of the Environment, Water & Amenity SPC) Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) (Chair of the Strategic, Economic Development & Planning SPC) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) (Chair of the International Relations & Tourism SPC) Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) (Chair of the Roads & Transportation SPC) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) (Chair of the Community, Culture & Placemaking SPC)	Lord Mayor Cllr. John Sheehan Cllr. Oliver Moran (GP) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Kenneth Collins (SF) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP)	Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Seán Martin (FF) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF)	Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP) Cllr. Fiona Ryan (SP) Cllr. John Maher (LP) Cllr. Kieran McCarthy (NP) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF)	
<b>Southern Regional Assembly</b>	<b>Association of Irish Local Government</b>	<b>Standing Policy Council of the Association of Irish Local Government</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Cork Area Strategic Plan Committee (CASP)</b>
Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG)	Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG)	Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF)	Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Sean Martin (FF)	Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Ger Keohane (NP) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP)
<b>Education and Training Board</b>	<b>Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee</b>	<b>Local Authority Members Association</b>	<b>Local Community Development Committee</b>	<b>Regional Health Forum</b>
Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Colette Finn (GP)	Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Oliver Moran (GP) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) John Maher (LP)	Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF)	Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Ger Keohane (FG)	Cllr. John Sheehan (FF) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (NP) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP)
<b>An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge</b>	<b>Arts Committee</b>	<b>RAPID ABC – City Wide Steering Committee</b>	<b>Comhairleoir Na Nóg</b>	<b>Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor (Drinking on the Street Bye Laws) Committee</b>
Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Fiona Ryan (SP) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Kieran McCarthy (NP) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG)	Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP)	Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP)



## Other Committees – cont'd

<b>Board of Cork City Partnership</b>	<b>Visit Cork</b>	<b>Cork Regional Athletics Stadium Management Committee</b>	<b>Cork Local Sports Partnership CLG</b>	<b>E.C.A.D. (European Cities Against Drugs)</b>
Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Kenneth Collins (SF)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (NP)	Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP)	Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF)	Cllr. Des Cahill (FG)
<b>Everyman Theatre</b>	<b>Firkin Crane Development Company</b>	<b>Gurranabraher, Churchfield Youth &amp; Community Resource Centre (The Hut)</b>	<b>Healthy Cities Steering Group</b>	<b>WHO European Healthy Cities Network Vision Group</b>
Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG)	Cllr. Kieran McCarthy (NP) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF)	Cllr. John Sheehan (FF) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF)	Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF)	Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF)
<b>Heritage Forum</b>	<b>Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd</b>	<b>Joint Policing Committee</b>	<b>Board of Leisure World</b>	<b>Local Drugs Task Force</b>
Cllr. Kieran McCarthy (NP) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP)	Cllr. Sean Martin (FF)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (NP) Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP) Cllr. John Maher (LP) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF)	Cllr. Colette Finn (GP) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Sean Martin (FF)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (NP) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP)
<b>Mayfield Sports Complex</b>	<b>Board of the National Sculpture Factory</b>	<b>Board of the Opera House</b>	<b>School Meals Committee</b>	<b>Southern west River Basin District Management Committee</b>
Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Ger Keohane (NP) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG)	Cllr. Kieran McCarthy (NP) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP)	Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Sean Martin (FF)	Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Colette Finn (GP) Cllr. John Maher (LP)	Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Colette Finn (GP)
<b>Sports Committee</b>	<b>Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee</b>	<b>Holding Committee of Wandesford Quay Arts Centre</b>	<b>Dog Fouling Committee</b>	<b>Board of Cork Film Festival</b>
Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Kenneth Collins (SF) Cllr. Thomas Gould (SF) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Oliver Moran (GP) Cllr. Lorna Bogue (GP) Cllr. Fiona Ryan (NP) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Thomas Moloney (NP)	Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP)	Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Joe Kavanagh (FG) Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan (FG) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP)	Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Derry Canty (FG) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP)

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Board of CORE (Cork City Centre Partnership)	Board of Crawford Art Gallery	Climate Action Committee
Cllr. Terry Shannon (FF) Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF) Cllr. Des Cahill (FG) Cllr. Damian Boylan (FG) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP)	Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn (FF)	Cllr. Sean Martin (FF) Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald (FF) Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond (FF) Cllr. Colm Kelleher (FF) Cllr. Oliver Moran (GP) Cllr. Colette Finn (GP) Cllr. Deirdre Forde (FG) Cllr. Dan Boyle (GP) Cllr. Garret Kelleher (FG) Cllr. Henry Cremin (SF) Cllr. Kenneth Collins (SF) Cllr. Ted Tynan (WP) Cllr. Fergal Dennehy (FF) Cllr. Paudie Dineen (NP) Cllr. John Maher (LP)





## Members' Allowances 2019

<b>LORD MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE</b>	€30,000 per annum (Gross Taxable).
<b>DEPUTY LORD MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE</b>	€6,000 per annum (Gross Taxable).
<b>REPRESENTATIONAL PAYMENT</b>	€17,060 per annum (Gross Taxable) to 31-08-19 paid monthly to each Councillor. €17,359 per annum (Gross Taxable) from 01-09-19 paid monthly to each Councillor.
<b>ELECTED MEMBERS ANNUAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE</b>	€5,158.85 per annum to 30-06-19 paid monthly to each Councillor. €5,335.38 per annum from 01-07-2019 paid monthly to each Councillor.
<b>STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) CHAIR ALLOWANCE</b>	€6,000 per annum paid monthly to each SPC chair.
<b>ELECTED MEMBERS LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ALLOWANCE</b>	€1,000 Per annum (Gross Taxable) paid monthly to each Councillor

## Members' Expenses - Conferences and Seminars

Q1 & Q2 01/01/2019 to 30/06/2019

<b>CLLR. FERGAL DENNEHY</b>	AILG Annual Conference	<b>Longford 21st-22nd February 2019</b>	<b>€389.76</b>
	LAMA Spring Conference	<b>Leitrim 7th-8th March 2019</b>	<b>€629.78</b>
	Colmcille Winter School	<b>Donegal 22nd-23rd February 2019</b>	<b>€539.36</b>
			<b>€1558.90</b>
<b>CLLR. JOHN BUTTIMER</b>	AILG Annual Conference	Longford 21st-22nd February 2019	€393.35
	LAMA Spring Conference	Leitrim 7th-8th March 2019	€538.98
			<b>€932.33</b>
<b>CLLR. MARY SHIELDS</b>	AILG Module 1	Tipperary 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	€127.99
	EU Education Programmes	Louth 8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> February	€626.34
	AILG Annual Conference	Longford 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	€705.80
	LAMA Spring Conference	Leitrim 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	€781.62
	European Cities Against Drugs	Stockholm, Sweden 28 <sup>th</sup> November	€339.15
	AILG Module 2	2018	€537.92
	European Cities Against Drugs	Arklow, Wicklow 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2019	€947.66
	M20 Limerick To Cork Road Sign Off	Reykjavik, Iceland 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 Limerick 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	€205.62
		<b>€4272.10</b>	
<b>CLLR. MICK FINN</b>	Cork Association London Dinner	London 23rd-25th November 2019	€302.46
	Shanghai Visit	Shanghai, China 22nd-27th October	€1,262.99
	USA Visit	2018	€545.10
		USA March 2019	
			<b>€2110.55</b>
<b>CLLR. SEAN MARTIN</b>	Eu Cohesion Policy 2014-2020	Louth 14th-15th December 2018	€746.10
	AILG Annual Conference	Longford 21st-22nd February 2019	€356.15
	IPV AGM	Dublin 3rd May 2019	€457.30
	Eu Education Programmes	Louth 8th-10th February 2019	€509.37
			<b>€2068.92</b>
<b>CLLR. TERRY SHANNON</b>	AILG Annual Conference	Longford 21st-22nd February 2019	€485.56
	LAMA Spring Conference	Leitrim 7th-8th March 2019	€518.70
			<b>€1004.26</b>
<b>CLLR. TOM O'DRISCOLL</b>	AILG Module 1	Thurles, Tipperary 24th February 2019	€112.08
			<b>€112.08</b>



## Members' Expenses - Conferences and Seminars

Q3 & Q4 01/07/2019 to 31/12/2019

CLLR. DAN BOYLE	ICSH Conference	Wexford, 10th to 11th October 2019	€274.49
	IPI Conference	Malahide, Dublin, 4th October 2019	€232.44
	IPA Audit Committee Training	Dublin, 21st October 2019	€218.78
	AILG Induction Training	Mullingar, 11th August 2019	€341.37
			<b>€ 1067.08</b>
CLLR. DERRY CANTY	CIIE Sister Cities Cooperation Forum	Shanghai, 3rd To 10th November 2019	€822.34
			<b>€822.34</b>
CLLR. FERGAL DENNEHY	La Champion for Disability Inclusion	Dublin, 24th September 2019	€467.98
	40th Anniversary China Ireland Relations	Dublin, 20th June 2019	€464.64
	LAMA Autumn Seminar	Ennistymon, 17th To 19th Oct 2019	€536.04
			<b>€2,361.56</b>
CLLR. COLETTE FINN	IPI Conference	Malahide, Dublin, 4th October 2019	€574.61
	ICSH Conference	Wexford, 10th To 11th October 2019	€523.72
			<b>€1,098.33</b>
CLLR. TONY FITZGERALD	National Healthy Cities and Counties	Dublin, 14th September 2019	€127.33
	Annual Mental Health Conference	Rennes, France 20th To 22nd March 2019	€228.67
	WHO Healthy Cities Conference	Belfast, 1st To 4th October 2018	€399.51
	National Healthy Cities Conference	Dublin 10th September 2019	€150.74
			<b>€906.25</b>
CLLR. DEIRDRE FORDE	AILG Autumn Seminar	Monaghan, 11th To 12th September 2019	€588.58
	AILG Module 4 Training	Dundalk, 12th October 2019	€673.54
			<b>€1,262.12</b>
CLLR. JOE KAVANAGH	IPI Conference	Malahide, Dublin, 4th October 2019	€404.28
			<b>€404.28</b>
CLLR. SEAN MARTIN	AILG Autumn Seminar	Monaghan, 11th To 12th September 2019	€814.81
	AILG Module 1 Training	Mullingar, 19th January 2019	€537.28
	AILG Module 4 Training	Dundalk, 12th October 2019	€697.65
	IPB Training	Athlone, 24th October 2019	€437.27
	IPA Audit Committee Training	Dublin, 21st October 2019	€565.67
	LAMA Autumn Seminar	Ennistymon, 17th To 19th Oct 2019	€300.28
			<b>€3,352.96</b>
CLLR. TERRY SHANNON	AILG Autumn Seminar	Monaghan, 11th To 12th September 2019	€628.38
	ICSH Conference	Wexford, 10th to 11th October 2019	€320.32
	LAMA Autumn Seminar	Ennistymon, 17th To 19th Oct 2019	€554.41
			<b>€1,503.11</b>

## Bye Laws adopted by Council 2019

Cork City Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Byelaws 2019

Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Byelaws 2018 (came into operation 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019)

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