

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Ryan Family on the death of Gerry Ryan.
- The Cooper Family on the death of Eddie Cooper.
- The Hurley Family on the death of Kathleen Hurley
- The Nagle Family on the death of Philomena Nagle.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Kevin O'Mahony.
- The Randall Family on the death of Terry Randall.
- The Roche Family on the death of Ray Roche.

**1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- Open House Cork on the opening of Cork's best buildings to the public, holding heritage tours and workshops in buildings all over the city.
- Cork Concert Orchestra on its inaugural concert in the City Hall.
- Nemo Rangers on winning the City Division U21 Title.
- Cork Footballers on reaching Division 1 League Football Final.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

An t-Ardmhéara informed An Chomhairle that the Freedom of the City will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

1.4.1 The Chief Executive thanked An Chomhairle for agreeing a procedure to allow public entry to Council Meetings.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **URGENT OR ROUTINE HOUSING MAINTENANCE JOBS**

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

Under the categorisation of emergency, urgent or routine housing maintenance jobs, can the department give me a list of what maintenance jobs fall under each heading?

- A. What is the average time it takes to respond to each category?
- B. How much of the work is done?
- C. How much money on average is made available for each house under the control of CCC?
- D. Do we have enough staff South side 61, North side 66 to cope with the housing requests?
- E. Considering we have lost over 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the housing maintenance staff since 2008 what are CCC's plans to cope with the level of housing maintenance request that are not being responded to in a timely manner?

**REPLY**

- A. The Council does not collect information relating to the time taken to respond to each repair request received e.g. the time between a repair request is received and contact is made with the occupier.
- B. How much of the work is done?

	Emergency	Urgent	Routine	Total
Percentage of repair requests cleared in 2014	100%	74%	65%	68%

- C. In the 2015 budget the amount of money made available for each house for maintenance purposes is €865. The budget is not allocated on the basis of type of repair.
- D. The current resources are adequate to deliver the above service.
- E. The Council reviews its response maintenance capability and capacity on an ongoing basis and plans its activities on that basis for each of the repair types described.

### 3.2 **COST OF CLEANING AND FIXING OF ELLIS'S YARD**

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

Could the Chief Executive please inform the Council of how much was the costs in regard to the cleaning and fixing of Ellis's Yard adjacent to the Spring Lane Halting Site?

#### **REPLY**

The cleanup costs for the area are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Contractor Costs</b>	<b>Landfill Charges</b>
<b>Total</b>		
January / February 2003	€78,300	€198,900
September / October 2007	€59,600	€100,000 (Est'd)
February / March 2009	€56,750	€83,300
February / March 2015		€43,916

### 3.3 **CENTRAL HEATING**

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

How many houses in the Council stock still have no central heating?  
 What provisions are made and what time table exists to solve this obscene position?  
 Can the numbers be given ward by ward?  
 What is the cost of the above?

#### **REPLY**

1. The Council does not keep a list of properties that do or do not have central heating.

However based on the results of the first two years of the boiler servicing scheme and an analysis of the maintenance database the Council estimates that up to 674 properties may have no central heating installed.

2. No provision has been made and no time table exists to install central heating in properties where none exists.

3.

Heating System Status	North Central	North East	North West	South Central	South East	South West	Grand Total
No. of properties that may have no heating	289	75	116	66	54	44	674

4. The average cost of installing central heating in a Council owned property is €5,500.

### 3.4 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

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

When will the flats in Noonan's Road, Fort Street and St. Finbarre's Road have work carried out from the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme

#### **REPLY**

The current planned delivery dates for assessing the properties in the following areas for inclusion in the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme is as follows:

- a. Noonans Road – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015
- b. Fort Street – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015
- c. St. Finbarre's Road – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### 3.5 **VOID PROPERTIES**

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

Can the CE tell me how many void houses are there in the south & southwest ward?

Can we have a list of addresses of the void properties in the south & southwest ward?

In that list can you tell me how many are ready to be given out?

How many have work started on them & what is the estimated time they will be ready?

How many need work to be started?

How many houses have been offered to people and have been refused by people?

How many properties have been refused more than once, and how often have they been refused?

How many people in the south & southwest ward are on the housing list?

How many on the transfer list for the south & southwest wards?

## **REPLY**

**The reply is based on the Council's vacant property list dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

1. There are 69 void properties in the South Central Ward and 30 in the South West Ward.
2. The Council does not normally issue vacant property lists. Vacant Property lists in the public domain can result in properties being exposed to increased vandalism resulting in increased repair costs.
3. In that list can you tell me how many are ready to be given out? Twelve.
4. Sixteen (16) properties have had refurbishment works started on them in the South Central Ward. Seven (7) have had refurbishment works started on them in the South West Ward. The estimated time for completion varies depending on the nature of the work to be carried out.
5. Forty five (45) properties need work to be started on them in the South Central Ward. Seventeen (17) properties need work to be started on them in the South West Ward.
6. Of the 12 properties that are ready for letting, 6 have been allocated, 6 are currently at offer stage. Of the 6 properties that are currently under offer, there have been 25 refusals to date.
7. Of the 6 properties at the offer stage, 4 have had more than one refusal. Of the 4 properties, one has been refused 4 times, two has been refused 3 times, and one has been refused 13 times.
8. Unfortunately this information is not readily available in this format in current systems.
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### **3.6 ESTIMATE OF THE BACK LOG OF REQUESTS TO CLLRS TO HAVE TREES CUT DOWN OR TRIMMED FOR THE PERIOD OF 2012 TO 2015**

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

Can the CE give an estimate of the back log of requests to Cllrs to have trees cut down or trimmed for the period of 2012 to 2015?

How many tree surgeons are presently employed by City Council to carry out this type of work?

Can the CE give any information in relation to the request from residents of Glendale Grove, Glasheen to have the trees trimmed that are on the banks of the river at the rear of their dwellings?

## **REPLY**

Approximately 1200 individual requests for tree works were received from Councillors, residents associations and residents during the above period, these requests are in addition to the Council's tree maintenance programme and emergency works.

The requests range from concerns over potentially dangerous trees, shading of houses and gardens, disruption to TV signals, fallen leaves etc.

All requests are logged, trees inspected and works (if required) added to the schedule of tree works in line with the priority nature of the works. Emergency works receive immediate attention and are given priority over all other requests and programmed maintenance.

Approximately 550 of these requests are still outstanding.

The Council presently has one tree crew consisting of 1 Foreman and 3no Arboricultural Operatives, prior to the embargo on filling of vacancies the Council had two crews dedicated to this service.

An additional budget of €80,000 is provided in the 2015 estimates to help address the outstanding works by outsourcing some of the works to competent arboricultural contractors through a tendering process.

The trees at the rear of properties along Glendale Grove will be assessed in the coming weeks and, remedial works (if necessary) will be added to the schedule of tree works as appropriate.

**Jim O Donovan**  
**Director Of services**  
**Environment & Recreation**

### 3.7 **TRIBUNE BANNERS**

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

To ask the CE why has the complimentary offer by the Council of erecting tribune banners on the Sarah Flannery lights in the city centre for festival bodies been stopped? I understand that the Council now wish to have *circa* E.6,000 for such banners to be put up? The banners are a great way of letting citizens know about upcoming festivals and events

## **REPLY**

Shortly after the erection of the new public lights (2005) on both St Patrick Street and The Grand Parade, the Council, for a number of years provided a free service to festival organisations to erect tribune banners associated with the individual festivals.

The free service was discontinued from 2009 onwards because of the serious pressure on the Council's finances at the time

The service is still available but only on the basis of recovering the full cost involved for each festival (€6,000), there is no provision in the 2015 estimates to cover the cost of a free service.

Due to Health and Safety and Traffic Operational regulations and restrictions, the operation can only be undertaken outside standard working hours and between 8pm and 5am. An extensive traffic safety management system is essential to comply with the above regulations accounting for the greater element of the €6,000 cost.

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

### 3.8 **MARKETING AND PROMOTING CORK AS A TOURIST DESTINATION**

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

To ask Cork City Council

- (i) how much was spent during 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 on joint initiatives with Cork County Council to market Cork.
- (ii) across all departments, directorates and platforms, in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 how much money was spent on marketing and promoting Cork as a tourist destination and attracting visitors to Cork.
- (iii) across all departments, directorates and platforms, in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 how much money was spent on maintaining, marketing, promoting and staffing tourist attractions in Cork.
- (iv) across all departments, directorates and platforms, in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 how much money was spent on websites, broken down per website.

#### **REPLY**

Please see responses below, set out under Departmental headings: -

#### **Corporate & External Affairs**

- (i) In 2014 the City Council's TEAM Unit collaborated with Cork County Council's Tourism Promotion Section on a joint marketing initiative in Edinburgh at a joint cost of circa €60,000 (half of which was billed to the County Council).
- (ii) In addition to the above, the City Council undertook a promotional initiative in France in 2013. The promotion featured numerous performances of Pulses of Tradition and a number of food and drinks fairs featuring the best of Cork produce in both France's second city, Bordeaux, and in the capital of Brittany, Rennes. The all

in cost for the initiative was €75,000. Among the many positive outcomes from the initiative is an agreement with the city of Bordeaux to enter into a reciprocal marketing campaign with Cork for 2016. We expect a similar arrangement to be concluded with Rennes this year.

The TEAM Unit spends between €10K and €15K per annum on the creation of promotional material e.g. videos, still photography, banners, tribunes etc. As part of the Brand Cork initiative, these materials will soon be available copyright free to all businesses for their own use.

- (iii) TEAM was involved in the acquisition of Elizabeth Fort in 2014 and a funding submission for the Fort will shortly be made to Fáilte Ireland. The cost of opening the Fort to the public in 2014 was €38,400.

An annual contribution of €30,000 is made to Cork Institute of Technology to assist in the management of Blackrock Castle Observatory.

The Lee Sessions, depending on the number of sessions in a given season, (646 in 2014), generally cost in the region of €21,000 per annum. Pulses of Tradition, for 28 performances over the summer months, have a net cost of approx. €60,000 per annum, although this figure is reducing as the reputation of the experience grows and audience numbers are increasing. In 2014 the City Council contributed a sum of €25,000 to the opening of a Tourist Office in the Railway Station in Cobh. This is a joint initiative with Cork County Council, the Port of Cork and SECAD and targets the cruise ship market.

- (iv) The management, daily updating service and maintenance of [www.cork.ie](http://www.cork.ie) costs €35,000 per annum since 2013

## Economic Development

Total Spent on the Cork strategic marketing project (half of which was billed to County) to date were as follows:

Nothing in 2011 or 2012

2013 = €46,998.35

2014 = €62,774.22 (this includes payment of €5623.50 which was paid in early feb but invoice received in 2014)

2015 - €1,476 (on corkbrand website).

Economic Development has also committed an additional €10,000 towards the cost of the video which IDA are overseeing.

## ICT Department

Cork City Council's ICT Department has retained Eclipse Internet Services for our web development in recent years. We have four main websites relating to tourism in Cork – [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie) (Tourism section), [www.englishmarket.ie](http://www.englishmarket.ie), [www.cork.ie](http://www.cork.ie) and [www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie](http://www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie) (Please note this does not include websites managed by our



TEAM section). In the years 2011 – 2014 the following was spent on developing and upgrading our websites relating to tourism and marketing in Cork:

2011:

Website	Cost	Work Completed
<a href="http://www.englishmarket.ie">www.englishmarket.ie</a>	€484	Upgrade for Queen’s visit to Cork in 2011
<a href="http://www.cork.ie">www.cork.ie</a>	€968	Development of tourism site
<a href="http://www.cork.ie">www.cork.ie</a>	€4, 356	Tourism site prototype
<a href="http://www.corkcity.ie">www.corkcity.ie</a>	€1,210	Redevelopment of Cork City Council website

Additional costs:

Annual fee for domain renewal/purchase per site: €30.62

Total: €7,140.48

2012:

Website	Cost	Work Completed
<a href="http://www.cork.ie">www.cork.ie</a>	€5,445	Further development of website
<a href="http://www.cork.ie">www.cork.ie</a>	€3,690	Further development of website (Phase 2)
<a href="http://www.cork.ie">www.cork.ie</a>	€984	Homepage Carousel

Additional Costs:

Annual fee for domain renewal/purchase per site: €30.62

Total: €10,241.48

2013:

No tourism related web work completed by ICT & Business Services this year.

Annual fee for domain renewal/purchase per site: €30.62

Total: €122.48

2014:

Website	Cost	Work Completed
<a href="http://www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie">www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie</a>	€1968	Redevelopment of existing St. Patrick’s Festival website
Cork Walks ( <a href="http://www.corkcity.ie">www.corkcity.ie</a> )	€3321	Phase 1 development of a “Cork Walks” section on our main <a href="http://www.corkcity.ie">www.corkcity.ie</a>

Additional Costs:

Annual fee for domain renewal/purchase per site: €30.62

Total: €5411.48

Cost of Web Content Management System 2011-2014: €5,416.19 (total cost of maintenance/training/upgrades divided by 21 sites and multiplied by 4 tourism related sites.)

Total Overall ICT Cost 2011-2014: €28,332.11
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**Valerie O’Sullivan**  
**DOS Corporate & External Affairs**

**Pat Ledwidge**  
**DOS Economic Development**

**Ruth Buckley**  
**Head of ICT**

### 3.9 **PROLIFERATION OF FLY-POSTING IN THE CITY**

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

In relation to the recent proliferation of fly-posting in the city, can the manager tell us the cost of removal, who removes them and whether or not fines will be issued to those putting them up in flagrant breach of litter laws?

#### **REPLY**

In the period 19<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014, the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section removed approximately 200 posters and 1,200 flyposts. These were erected without permission as required under section 19 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009. The vast majority of the removed flyposters were erected by groups from one specific address.

Due to health and safety issues it was necessary to carry out removal outside of normal working periods, thus giving rise to an additional overtime bill of €6,440. The posters were removed by council staff .

The erection of posters meeting certain criteria does not constitute an offence but placement without permission leaves them open to removal.

However posters not meeting these criteria and in particular those constituting a defacement are liable to an on the spot fine.

31 on the spot fines under section 19 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 have been issued to the same address in relation to removed posters. None of these fines have yet been appealed or paid. Failure to pay may give rise to prosecution.

In addition a total of 51 on the spot fines for offences under section 19 (1) of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 were issued from the 19<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in respect of other posters which were erected without approval.

**Jim O Donovan ,**  
**Director of Services ,**  
**Environment and Recreation .**

3.10 **ST. MARY'S CAMPUS, GURRANABRAHER**

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

Can the Chief Executive report on plans for St. Mary's Campus, Gurranaברה including details of the planning process involved?

**REPLY**

St Marys Campus is mainly zoned for 'Residential Local Services and Institutional uses' in the City Development Plan, while an area to the south of the existing buildings and the tree lined perimeter is zoned 'Landscape Preservation Zone'. There is also an objective in the Development Plan for the road within the campus to be extended westwards to link through to Harbour View Road, opposite Courtown Drive, creating a through Road which would open up the Campus to the surrounding area.

The general indication from the HSE is that the site will be developed as a Health Campus incorporating existing and new health related uses. A planning application for a primary care centre has recently been lodged (TP 15/36336 received on 18/03/2015). It involves the demolition of the existing-single storey hospital blocks no. 1, 2 and associated ancillary structures, the construction of a two- and three-storey primary care centre, the construction of a new surface car park, a revised layout to the main entrance from Bakers Road, ancillary site works and all associated external works on the grounds of St Mary's Health Campus, Gurranaברה, Cork. The deadline for the receipt of submissions is Tuesday 21/04/2015 and a decision will be made by Tuesday 12/05/2015. Three meetings took place with the applicant's architects prior to the submission of the planning application: one 'introductory' meeting in October 2014 and two pre-application consultations, both held in January 2015.

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

3.11 **GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF CIRCA €125M FROM THE NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

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

Can the CE advice how the Government funding of circa €125m from the National Housing Strategy will be made available to Cork City Council. Are there any preconditions or other conditions, such as timelines involved in the utilisation of this funding?

Does Cork City Council expect to provide the 1350 social housing units as result of this funding by 2017?

How many of these will be new builds? How many will be acquisitions?

What percentage impact will this have on reducing the housing list in Cork City Council?

## **REPLY**

The DECLG have not advised as to how the monies announced recently for 2015 -2017 will be spent between acquisitions, new build, voids or leasing and we are awaiting to be advised as to how the 1349 units will be allocated to each of these areas. We will advise Council as soon as we know. The impact on the housing list will be to reduce it by approximately 16% of the current list number of approximately 8500.

### 4. **PARTY WHIPS – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips, from its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### 5. **STRATEGIC PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, from its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

#### 5.1 **DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee on a Draft Work Programme for the Strategic Policy Committee. The Director noted the volume of work necessary to complete the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

#### 5.2 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee on the CASP Policy Committee Reports.

#### 5.3 **HERITAGE PLAN – 2015 - 2020**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report on the proposed Cork Heritage Plan 2015 – 2020.

#### 5.4 **LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee on the preparation of the Economic Plan which is a component of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP).

#### 5.5 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee on Architectural Conservation and Improvement Grants.

5.6 **An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee, on the following motions which were referred to the committee by An Chomhairle:**

5.6.1 **PUBLISH A LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THE COLLIERS REPORT ON THE CITY CENTRE STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would publish a list of actions taken in light of the Colliers report on the City Centre Strategy, the costs associated with these actions, the expected benefit, outcome and effect of these actions and would also publish a schedule of work for the coming twelve, twenty four and thirty six months so as to keep a focus on the City Centre’.

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 14/339)

An Chomhairle referred this item to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee.

5.6.2 **PROTOCOL FOR HOLDING OF CONCERTS AND OTHER MAJOR OUTDOOR EVENTS IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council establish an unambiguous protocol for the holding of concerts and other major outdoors events in the City.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/272)

The report of the Director of Services state that the issuing of licences for concerts and other major outdoor events is governed by national policy as outlined in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2013 and is not a matter for local policy. Cork City Council fully complies with government legislation.

These regulations are currently under review by a National Working Group and it is anticipated that a report will be produced for the Minister to facilitate the issue of new regulations to come into effect in January 2016.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

6.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended March, 2015.

6.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT FRIARS WALK MEWS, FRIARS WALK, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 on the taking in charge of housing development at Friars Walk Mews, Friars Walk, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following Resolution:-

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

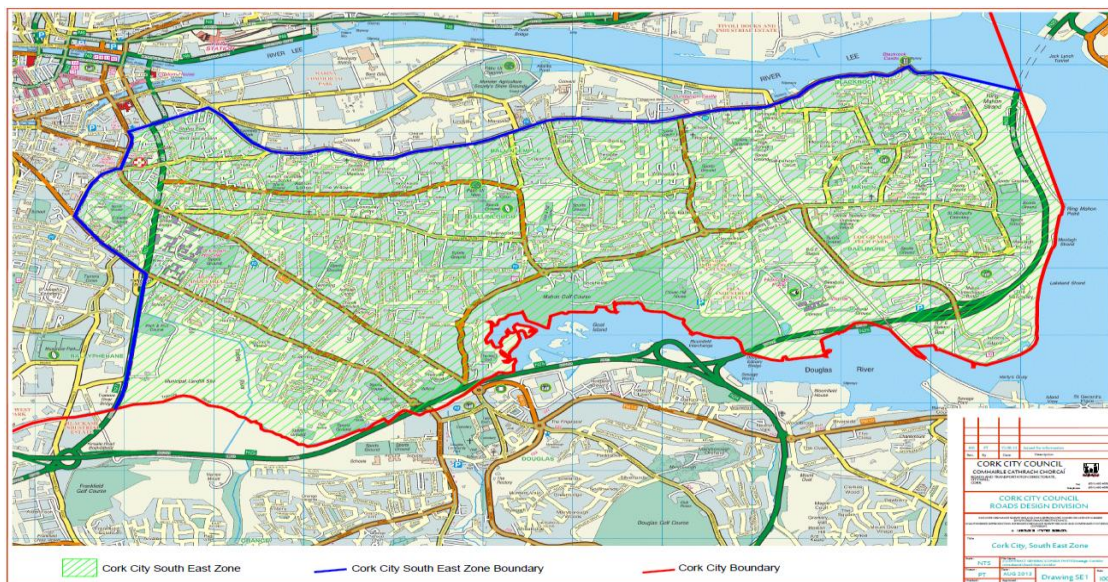
“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Friars Walk Mews, Friars Walk, Cork are public roads.”

6.3 **SKEHARD ROAD REALIGNMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPCOMING PART 8 PLANNING (PARKHILL ESTATE TO BESSBORO ROAD)**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 on the Skehard Road Realignment and enhancement project upcoming Part 8 Planning (Parkhill Estate to Bessboro Road).

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members will be aware that the National Transport Authority sponsored the South East Strategic Transport Corridor Study in 2014 for the area outlined below. Two further studies will follow in 2015: - The South West Strategic Corridor and the Northern Strategic Corridors.

The South East Study Area



The study identified the strategically important routes between Mahon/Douglas and the City Centre. It then examined the deficiencies along these routes and proposed a package of measures designed to optimise movement across all modes of transportation

The proposed measures were broken down into 11 projects with values ranging from €480,000 to €3.8 million.

The 2015 grant allocation from the NTA included funding to progress as follows:-

- Project A,- Skehard Road, Church Road Junction
- Project H,- Skehard Road Park Hill Junction to Bessboro Road Junction.
- Project J,- Mahon Point Bus Gate and Greenway Access Ramp

It is now intended to amalgamate Projects A & H into one single project for ease of implementation. Part 8 Planning for the combined Skehard Road Realignment and Enhancement Project (Park Hill to Bessboro Road, including the Skehard/Church Road Junction) will be published in early April.

The accompanying three drawings identify the nature of the proposed work which could be summarised as follows:-

- All roadway and footways will be repaved.
- All public lighting will be replaced
- An outbound bus lane and new bus shelters will be provided
- An inbound cycle lane will be provided
- New turning lanes will be provided
- New enhanced Traffic Signals will be provided
- Parking will be provided where feasible
- Hard and soft landscaping
- Boundary treatments such as new walls etc will be provided

A Part 8 Planning notice will be published in the Irish Examiner on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April to advise members of the public about the proposed works. All information and drawings associated with the scheme will be available at reception and the deadline for submissions/feedback will be identified as Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

In addition a number of Part 8 Public Notice signs will be erected along the affected section of Skehard Road and meetings with key stakeholders will take place.

A report, including a full account of all the submissions and the proposed responses to the issues raised will be brought back to the Roads and Transportation Functional meeting for consideration in due course.

#### 6.4 **CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY (CCMS)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 on the City Centre Movement Strategy (CCMS)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the need for the City Centre Movement Strategy (CCMS) was identified originally in the Cork Area Transit Study (CATS) which was completed in 2010. Arup and MVA Consultancy were appointed by Cork City Council in June 2012 to carry out the City Centre Movement Strategy study. The overarching objective of the study is to set out an implementation strategy which will *“improve the general vibrancy of Cork City Centre to promote sustained economic growth,*

*to deliver a much more attractive environment for shoppers, visitors and tourists and to help encourage sustained inward investment.”*

The key principles of the CCMS include:

- the re-location of roadspace on the City Centre streets to ensure a more appropriate balance between the different transport modes serving the city
- the management of through traffic within the central city streets, this will act to improve the environment for public transport users, pedestrians and cyclists.

The sub-objectives include the improvement of the choice of modes of transport for those who wish to access and travel within the City Centre. The improved choice will help to make the City Centre a more attractive place to visit, to shop in and do business and work in. The sub-objectives are:

- Develop a revised traffic management plan for the city which will manage through traffic in the City Centre and improve general travel conditions for all users;
- An improved pedestrian environment within the City Centre;
- Develop a traffic management plan to improve public transport journey times and reliability;
- Provide a traffic management plan which will facilitate the future delivery of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System for the City Centre;
- Provide a network of safe cycle routes within the City Centre to promote increased cycle usage.

The strategy was adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2013. Section 9 of the Report sets out the proposed implementation phasing for the project as follows:

Phase 1	St Patrick's Street restriction to buses and taxis at certain times;
Phase 2	Washington Street/ Grenville Place/Batcher's Quay Area;
Phase 3	Merchant's Quay/Anderson's Quay Area;
Phase 4	McCurtain Street/St. Patrick's Quay Area;
Phase 5	North Mall/Popes Quay Area;
Phase 6	South Mall/Terrance McSwiney Area;
Phase 7	Georges Quay/Sullivan's Quay/Proby's Quay Area;
Phase 8	North Main Street/South Main Street Area.

Some elements of the Strategy have already gone through public consultation and have been implemented for example Parnell Place Renewal scheme.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has indicated that they will continue to fund the implementation of the City Centre Movement Strategy and to this end they have committed a further €1.05 million to Cork City Council in 2015.

Arup were appointed in August 2014 to carry out the detailed design for Phase 1 and 2. Preliminary work has been undertaken over the past six months, including traffic counts, pavement condition surveys, disability audits, modelling of the current and proposed scenarios and a review of signage and signal controls. We are now in a position to proceed to advertise the public consultation for these phases. Further information and drawings shall be available for members at the meeting on Tuesday.



It is intended to commence public consultation for Phase 1 and 2 for on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of April. All information and drawings for the scheme shall be available at reception from this date for viewing by the general public. A series of meetings to discuss the proposals with key stakeholders are being arranged over the following two weeks. Submissions and comments on the scheme can be submitted until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

A report, including a full account of all the submissions and the proposed response to the issues raised by each submission will be brought back to the Roads and Functional meeting for approval in due course.

6.5 An Chomhairle considered the following motions which were referred by Council to the Committee.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that, the roads and footpaths in Doyle Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at the junction of Friar’s Road and Congress Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

6.5.3 **REMOVE THE CONCRETE PIPES THAT ARE LINED UP ON THE FOOTPATH ON KILMORE ROAD LOWER**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/062)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the issue of the concrete pipes lining the footpaths on Churchfield Rd and Lower Kilmore Road will be re-examined. However any alternative solution to the illegal parking which has occurred at this location in the past would be subject to considerable funding being available.

#### 6.5.4 **CLEAN UP THE JOHN BURKE ART WORK ON THE WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 12/064)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion has been referred to the Arts Officer for consideration.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr K.McCarthy 15/065)

The report of the Director of Services stated that repairs were carried out at this location in the first week of March 2015.

#### 6.5.6 **BYE-LAWS TO REGULATE TAXI-RANKS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will draft Bye-Laws to regulate taxi-ranks in Cork City Council's administrative area. These will be presented at the Roads & Transportation Functional committee meeting in due course.

6.5.7 **REPLACE WHITE STOP LINES AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AT UAM VAR ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Double yellow lines in Uam Var Avenue and Uam Var Grove were repainted at the end of February 2015.

The request to repaint all the white stop lines at junctions will be added to the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical, subject to funding being available.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that a request has recently been received from residents to install gates at Upper and Lower John Street.

The installation of gates will be subject to a feasibility study being carried out and funding being available.

6.5.9 **RESURFACE FR. MATTHEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council resurface Fr. Matthew Road.

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

The report of the Director of Services state that the road surface at Fr. Mathew Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

6.5.10 **RESURFACE TORY TOP LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Tory Top Lane be resurfaced’

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Tory Top Lane will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/074)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of additional lighting on Convent Avenue would benefit the area as indicated and the location has been listed for consideration on the Roads Programme subject to appropriate funding being available.

6.5.12 **ADEQUATE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN GLENNANNIG, SUNVALLEY COURT & DRIVE, LOWER FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of lighting Glenvannig, Sunvalley Court & Drive, Lower Fairhill is associated with a development being managed by the Housing Directorate who have engaged Airtricity Utility Solutions to address and repair the reported faults. The lighting scheme has not been taken in charge by the Roads & Transportation Directorate.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: K. McCarthy 15/077)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the default speed limit within the City administrative area is 50kph unless signed otherwise.

The erection of ‘repeater’ style signs to state that the speed limit is 50kph is not recommended as it can lead to confusion with drivers who think that speed limit in advance of the repeater sign is in excess of 50kph.

Excessive signage can also cause driver distraction with the result that drivers can miss what is actually happening on the road itself.

6.5.14 **CITY HALL CAR PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the matter raised will be brought to the attention of the City Hall Car Park operator for their consideration.

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

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/093)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the request to paint a yellow box at the entrance of Kilcolman Lawn, South Douglas Road will be assessed.

If appropriate, the work will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical, subject to funding being available.

#### 6.5.16 **CLEAN ROAD SIGNS AND PUBLIC SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/029)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the cleaning of road signs and public signage throughout the City is part of the roads programme and is carried out on an ongoing basis. Works on road closures are prioritised, signing and lining works including cleaning are then undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available. If specific areas need attention these can be reviewed and if required added to the work programme.

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 8.00 p.m.

### 7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

#### 7.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 2nd April, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of the freehold interest in No. 163, Connolly Road, Ballyphehane, Cork to Charles Cullinane, c/o Vincent Toher & Co., Solicitors, Legal Chambers, No. 2, Washington Street West, Cork for the sum of €6.35 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.
- b. Disposal of the freehold interest in No. 20, Clarkes Road, Ballyphehane, Cork to Marie-Celeste Harkin Griffin and Seosamhain Harkin McKinnon, c/o Barry M. O’Meara & Son, Solicitors, No. 18, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €6.35 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of K. McCarthy, seconded by M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.

- c. Disposal of an area of ground situated opposite No. 3, St. James Place, Off Ballyhooley Road, Cork to Carl and Helen Queen, c/o Dunlea Mulpeter & Co., Solicitors, No. 6, Strand Street, Passage West, Co. Cork for the sum of €6,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,350.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of T. Moloney, seconded by P. Dineen, An Chomhairle approved this disposal.

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 2nd April, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:-

- d. Disposal of eight units situated at and known as Numbers 2, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 22 Hollyhill Heights, Hollyhill, Cork to Túath Housing Association Limited, c/o William J. Brennan & Co., Solicitors, No. 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2 by way of lease for a term of five years, subject to a rent of €10.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).
- e. Disposal of fifteen units situated at and known as Numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 37 Ard na Rí, Banduff, Co. Cork, to Túath Housing Association Limited, c/o William J. Brennan & Co., Solicitors, No. 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2 by way of lease for a term of five years, subject to a rent of €10.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, D. Cahill, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (15)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, N. O' Keeffe, S. Martin. (7)

As the numbers voting in favour of the report of the Chief Executive were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the disposal (d) & (e) approved.

## 7.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

## 7.3 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the Quarter ended 31st March 2015.

7.4 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION - ACCOMMODATION AT MEADOW GROVE, HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 12 Meadow Grove, Hollyhill, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €26,875 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application from Túath Housing Association under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €26,875 in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 12 Meadow Grove, Hollyhill, Cork.

The report further stated that the scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover 20% of total capital outlay plus 1.5% of expenses incurred for the purchase of 12 Meadow Grove, Hollyhill, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme. The granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Director of Services recommends that the required loan facility be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

7.5 **GALTAN LIMITED - ACCOMMODATION AT CLIFTON TERRACE, SUMMERHILL NORTH**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 2nd April, 2015 on the provision of 4 units of accommodation at No. 4, Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork by Galtan Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €301,852 for the acquisition of No. 4 Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme.”

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government previously approved a funding application under the Capital Assistance Scheme for a loan not exceeding €1,400,000 in respect of the provision of 10 units of accommodation at City Square, Watercourse Road, Cork to Galtan Limited. This scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation.



The acquisition of these units at City Square, Watercourse Road, Cork did not proceed and Galtan Limited have been approved to utilise the €1,400,000 by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to acquire alternative properties together with remedial works, in Cork City for the provision of social housing accommodation. To date Galtan Limited has acquired 6 properties providing 11 units of accommodation. Galtan Limited is currently in the process of acquiring No. 4 Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork which will provide 4 No. units of accommodation. The acquisition of this property will utilise the balance of the funding that was provided by the Department.

The report further stated that the granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Director of Services recommends that the required loan facility, subject to contract and title to the property being satisfactory to the Law Agent, be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €301,852 for the acquisition of No. 4 Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme.”

## 7.6 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 2nd April, 2015 in relation to progress on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

The report of the Director of Services stated that following the nomination of two elected members to the Focus Group on Choice Based Letting at the Housing & Community Functional Committee Meeting of 5th January 2015, I am bringing an update on the progress of the Choice Based Letting Scheme. To recap, Choice Based Letting is provided for in S6-11 of the Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 and recommended in the Social Housing Strategy 2020. Choice Based Letting is an allocation process that will afford more choice to applicants for Social Housing. Choice Based Letting is the advertisement of bid dwellings by Housing Authorities that allows qualified social housing support applicants to express an interest in that property. An amendment to the Allocations Scheme will be required in due course.

The focus group met on three occasions and comprised of the following membership:

<b>Name</b>		<b>Organisation</b>
Nuala	Stewart	RAPID, Cork City Council
Cllr. Mick	Nugent	Cork City Council
Cllr. Kieran	McCarthy	Cork City Council
Niall	Horgan	Threshold
Jennifer	Ring	Túath Housing Association
Gavin	Donaldson	NABCo
John	Calnan	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Adele	Lacey	Housing Agency
John	O’Connell	Cork City Council

The report also stated that the outcome of the Focus Group meetings was the finalisation of the User's Perspective document, and the Systems Requirement document for Choice Based Letting. An Implementation method was also recommended.

The report further stated that at present, a specialist system security company is on retainer to perform a 2 phased security audit of the Choice Based Letting system. The Systems Requirement document has issued to the Developer who is due to commence work on the system in May 2015. Monthly updates will issue to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

## 7.7 **REVIEW OF HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council appoints an independent examiner to do a root and branch review of the housing department of Cork City Council, and that all internal and external reports and audits commissioned by the housing department over the past 3yrs for the period of 2012-2015 be made available to each elected member of City Council immediately.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 15/033)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a report issued from Consultants engaged to carry out a walkthrough audit of Housing Maintenance Operations in October 2013. The report has not been published to date as it was intended that the report would be used for internal purposes only. Initiatives as to how internal processes and service delivery might be improved are being considered.

There is ongoing review within every directorate in line with good governance and best practice. The Housing & Community Directorate has most recently presented to the Audit Committee on which members sit. Results of such engagements are shared at many levels not least by virtue of the committee structures in place.

The report further stated that Members were aware of the challenges with which Housing must contend. In that context, and in the context of diminishing resources, it is not intended to engage consultants at this time to carry out any additional reviews. The immediate priority for the directorate is to engage with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in order to produce a housing programme for Cork under the 2020 Strategy. Members may be aware that on 1 April Ministers Kelly & Coffey announced €1.5 billion Social Housing targets for Local Authorities to 2017. The table below shows the relevant City Council figures.

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Provisional Funding Allocation (Current and Capital in Euro)</b>	<b>Targets 2015 - 2017 (No. of Housing Units per LA)</b>	<b>Impact on Local Housing List Numbers %*</b>
Cork City Council	€124,390,671	1349	21%

The report also stated that Members will also note that at the Director of Services first Housing Functional Committee meeting the Director gave each committee member the opportunity to arrange a meeting with her to discuss any issues they may have on Housing matters and in, this regard, it should be noted that some meetings have already taken place.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence received.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoir S. Martin – Sustainable Tourism Development – Galway- 20/21 February 2015.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin – AILG 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Carrigmacross, Co. Monaghan 12/13 March 2015

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

No Items.

11. **TRAINING**

No Items.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **2.5 KM TRACK IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK BE CALLED AFTER WORLD CHAMPION ROB HEFFERNAN.**

‘That the 2.5 km track in Tramore Valley Park be called after World Champion Rob Heffernan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/098)

**Party Whips**

12.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND THE INSTALLATION OF ROAD CUSHIONING ON THE COMMONS ROAD**

In light of recent traffic incidents on the Commons Road, that Cork City Council would engage with residents in the back Commons Road from Blackpool Bridge to Dinos Drive-in area regarding the installation of traffic calming measures and the installation of road cushioning.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/114)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.3 **HALF AN HOUR FREE PARKING IN BLACKPOOL VILLAGE ON A ONE YEAR PILOT SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council would provide a half an hour free parking in Blackpool Village on a one year pilot scheme to support local business by making it easier for customers to park and shop in Blackpool Village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/115)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON CONNOLLY ROAD, NEAR MORNING STAR SCHOOL**

‘That this council would explore the possibility of installing traffic calming measures on Connolly Road, near Morning Star School.’

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 15/116)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.5 **INCLUDE MAGLIN GROVE AND ARAGLEN COURT ESTATE IN THE 2015/2016 ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That City Council would include Maglin Grove and Araglen Court both in Deanrock Estate in the 2015/2016 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/117)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.6 **RESIDENTS REPLACING GRASS MARGINS AT OWN EXPENSE**

‘That City Council would look favorably on requests from residents who would like to replace grass margins outside their houses with a concrete base at their own expense and the work carried out and certified by a tradesman with a C.2. Certification.’

As a lot of these grass margins are constantly used for dog littering and at times this dog litter ends up in these residents houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/118)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

12.7 **LODGE ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately remove the graffiti from the Lodge on Model Farm Road and also produce a report on the Lodge at the entrance to the industrial estate on Model Farm Road and include the number of questions and motions raised in relation to the disrepair and dereliction of the property, actions taken from the allocation of capital funding, work undertaken with stakeholders or interested community groups that might

wish to use the property and would indicate a definite timeline for the upkeep and maintenance of this listed property which is in the ownership of the City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/119)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

12.8 **REPORT ON PLANNING PERMISSIONS GRANTED**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a report on planning permissions granted on sites for more than five residential units in the South West, South Central and South East wards that have not yet commenced and would give the address of each site and the number and type of units to be developed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/120)

**Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee**

12.9 **OFF-ROAD AND ON-ROAD SIGNAGE, ELECTRONIC SPEED INDICATORS, ALSO INSTALL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT WILTON GARDENS JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of emergence put in place immediately appropriate off-road and on-road signage, electronic speed indicators, also install temporary traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at Wilton Gardens junction as recommended by Superintendent Barry and pedestrian crossings at Wilton Roundabout which is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians due to the huge increase in traffic volumes over the years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/121)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.10 **SPEED LIMIT AND SPEED WARNING SIGNS BE ERECTED ON DOUGLAS AND SOUTH DOUGLAS ROADS**

‘That speed limit and speed warning signs be erected on Douglas and South Douglas Roads.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/122)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.11 **RAMPS AND SPEED LIMIT SIGNS BE ERECTED ON BLACKROCK ROAD**

‘That ramps and speed limit signs be erected on Blackrock Road leading down from the St Michael’s Church to the pier.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/123)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12.12 **PATHWAY WHICH RUNS ALONGSIDE THE TRAMORE RIVER, FROM THE ENTRANCE AT THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD RIGHT UP TO THE TRAMORE VALLEY**

‘That Cork City Council commits to bringing the pathway which runs alongside the Tramore River, from the entrance at the South Douglas Road right up to the Tramore Valley, up to standard so that it can be used once more as an amenity for local residents. This path is a great resource in a very built up area and if cleaned up can become a place where walkers and cyclists alike can use.’

(Proposer: Cllr S. O'Shea 15/126)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

12.13 **ASSESS NO 1 WILTON PARK VILLAS, BISHOPSTOWN ROAD WITH A VIEW TO DECLARING IT A DERELICT BUILDING**

‘To Ask The Chief Executive to have No 1 Wilton Park Villas, Bishopstown Road assessed with a view to declaring it a derelict building. This unoccupied house is a complete eye sore and is in a dreadful condition with an unsafe roof and missing slates, walls that are in a crumbling condition with wooden batons holding the cracks together and boarded up windows. The back yard is full of rubbish and is used as a drinking place and a toilet. As this house is only the width of the footpath from the busy Bishopstown Road and the roof is unsound it is health and safety issue in stormy conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 15/127)

**Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee**

12.14 **INFORMATION PANEL AND FLAGPOLE NEAR THE REPUBLICAN PLOT, ST. FINBARR'S CEMETERY**

‘That Cork City Council will install an information panel and flagpole near the Republican Plot, St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Council will also consider improving signage to the Cemetery from the city centre and other areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/128)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

12.15 **OPPOSED TO THE SHARING OF IT'S TENANTS INFORMATION WITH IRISH WATER**

‘That Cork City Council is opposed to the sharing of it's tenants information with Irish Water, Council will clarify if it has passed on any information to date.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/130)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

12.16 **INSTALL 3D PAVEMENT ART INSTALLATIONS ON THE PAVEMENTS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would install 3D pavement art installations on the pavements in certain areas of the City. To do so in the City Centre would attract footfall and tourists to well considered areas. It would also be a great way to invite submissions from the many talented artists in the City to demonstrate their work in such a notable way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/131)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

12.17 **UPGRADE THE TRAFFIC ISLANDS ALONG THE SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council upgrades the traffic islands along the Skehard road with appropriate illuminated signage as a matter of urgency. The minimal cost would surely outweigh the significant health & safety concern they pose at the moment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/132)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13. **MOTIONS**

13.1 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE SKIDDY’S HOMES, VICARS ROAD AND POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Minister Coffey to seek funding for the refurbishment of the Skiddy’s Homes, Vicars Road and Pouladuff Road. There is a need for internal insulation in the units and an upgrade of the heating systems. The sewage pipes around Vicars Road need to be replaced approx cost €27,000 as they are all clay pipes. The cost of refurbishing the units is approximately €7000 per unit, total approximate cost of works €200,000.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/083)

13.2 **MARRIAGE EQUALITY REFERENDUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion. An tÁrd-Mhéara requested that her objection be noted.

‘The upcoming Marriage Equality Referendum will take place on the 22nd of May 2015.

I call on this Council to show our support for a Yes Vote, and pass a motion in support of the Marriage Equality Referendum. A Yes vote will be a vote for equality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/124)

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