

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boyle.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Tynan, O. Moran.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, J. Sheehan, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, D. Cahill, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí S. O'Callaghan, S. Martin, P. Rice, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, G. Kelleher, C. Kelleher, J. Lynch, L. Harmon, A. Deasy, T. Coleman.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. B. Geaney, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing Operations. Ms. A. O'Rourke, Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration. Ms. R. Loughry, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. N. Stewart, Meetings Administrator. Ms. V. Keating, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Langlois family on the death of Tony Langlois.
- The O'Donoghue family on the death of Paul O'Donoghue.
- The Singleton family on the death of Will Singleton.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of John O'Sullivan.
- The O'Leary family on the death of Mary O'Leary.
- The O'Connell family on the death of Michael O'Connell.
- The O'Neill family on the death of Martha O'Neill.

- The Harding family on the death of Peter Harding.
- The Watson family on the death of Anne Watson.
- The Mullane family on the death of Tom Mullane.
- The Callaghan family on the death of Charlotte (Shirley) Callaghan.
- The Dineen family on the death of Keith Dineen.
- The Gayer family on the death of John Gayer.
- The O'Halloran family on the death of Beatrice O'Halloran.
- The Dillon family on the death of Kitty Dillon.
- The O'Regan family on the death of Harriet O'Regan.
- The Fitzgerald family on the death of Christopher Fitzgerald.
- The Frost family on the death of George Frost.
- The Barrett family on the death of Siobhan Barrett.
- The Feehan family on the death of Gerald Feehan.
- The Murray family on the death of Des Murray.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Dominica O'Brien.
- The Noonan family on the death of Tom Noonan.
- The Foulkes family on the death of Denise Foulkes.
- The McCullagh family on the death of Lil McCullagh.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Joe O'Brien.
- The Duggan family on the death of Dan Duggan.
- The O'Sullivan family on the death of Billy O'Sullivan.
- The Slattery family on the death of Jim Slattery.
- The Nugent family on the death of Patricia Nugent.
- The Kinsella family on the death of Marjorie Kinsella.
- The Callanan family on the death of Margaret Callanan.
- The Foley family on the death of Tom Foley.
- The O'Neill family on the death of Terry O'Neill.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES**

- Lottie O'Driscoll on reaching the Junior Eurovision Final and coming second overall.
- The Gay Project on the purchase of the first community owned LGBT community centre.
- The Kabin Crew on being longlisted for a Grammy Award.
- Donal O'Keeffe on his series being awarded 'Best News Series' at the Local Ireland Media Awards.
- David Courell on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the FAI.
- U16 St. Michael's LGFC on being crowned U16 County Champions.
- U16 Blackrock Hurlers on being crowned U16 County Champions.
- 96FM on winning gold for the Giving for Living Radiothon at the 2024 IMRO Radio Awards.
- Ciara Dennehy on winning the RIBBF 2024 National Body Building Title.
- St. Finbarr's Camogie Club on winning the 2024 County Final.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of Civic Receptions for:

- Cork County Board Pitch & Putt, to mark their success at recent championships in Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
- The Kabin Studio to mark their success over recent months.

3.2 **ICLRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to the ICLR Annual Conference from 24th – 25th October 2024 in Belfast.

3.3 **NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the new Chief Executive of Cork City Council, Valerie O' Sullivan would commence her role on 15th October 2024, and that he looked forward to welcoming her.

3.4 **EXTENSION OF THANKS TO BRIAN GEANEY**

An tArdmhéara thanked Brian Geaney for his guidance and direction as Acting Chief Executive over the past number of months.

3.5 **LORD MAYOR'S TRAVEL**

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the travel of an tArdmhéara Comhairleoir D. Boyle to the Committee of the Regions in Brussels from 7th – 9th October 2024.

3.6 **LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was distributed to Elected Members.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 10th October 2024 on the proposed holding of a Pageant to mark the start of the Christmas Season and the switch on of the Christmas lights, on 15th November 2024 in Cork City Centre.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9th September 2024.

An Chomhairle considered the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 25th September 2024.

An tArdmhéara read the corrected Resolution that was agreed at the Ordinary Meeting. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 25th September 2024, including the corrected Resolution.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th September 2024.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **COMPULSORY PURCHASED PROPERTIES IN 2024**

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

How many properties are Cork City Council currently Compulsory Purchasing and how many properties have Cork City Council Compulsory Purchased to date in 2024.

REPLY

Three properties have been acquired under the Derelict Sites Acquisition process (Derelict Sites Act 1990) and have vested in Cork City Council's ownership to date in 2024.

In addition, notice of intention to acquire derelict properties have been served in relation to six other properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to date in 2024.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.2 **JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

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

To request information on the following points regarding the Jack Lynch Tunnel:

1. How many nights has the Jack Lynch Tunnel been closed for repairs or any other works from 2020 to date?
2. Could you also provide an estimate of the total number of hours the tunnel has been closed due to repair work or maintenance during the same period?

REPLY

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) manage the Jack Lynch Tunnel and are responsible for all road closures associated with same.

The questions above have been forwarded to TII for response.

David Joyce,
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

6.3 **PENNEYS IN CITY CENTRE**

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

Can the CE outline to the Council, what time frame is it aware of for the planned works of Penneys in the city centre. When last the Executive engaged with Penneys to progress this vitally important project for the city centre?

REPLY

This relates to the permitted development of the Penneys expansion– permitted under 21/40435. In June 2022, the decision to grant permission was appealed to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted permission in November 2023 (ref. ABP – 313756-23).

The process of Extinguishing the Public Right of Way at Elbow Lane has been completed, which is key to the commencement of this permitted development, and discussions are ongoing with the developers regarding same.

It is understood that the developers are progressing with the work on planning compliance documentation and construction drawings with a view to commencing construction work early in 2025.

Rebecca Loughry,
Director Of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International
Relations

6.4 **NEW PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM AT THE FAIRFIELD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive when will the work commence to install a new public lighting system at the Fairfield?

REPLY

New lighting at the Fairfield is proposed to be completed as part of the Rapid Deployment Pedestrian Scheme North West. Construction is proposed to commence on this project in Q4 of 2024.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.5 **EVENT CENTRE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the specific legal issues that have further delayed the Event Centre progressing to funding approval, if he believes that it may be out of date by the time it is built and to detail the engagement has been made between the consortium, City Council and/or Secretaries General of Government Departments involved, including the Attorney General.

REPLY

The City Council has engaged with all stakeholders including the appropriate Government Department. The Council understands that the present position is that up-to-date data and advice related to the Event Centre project has been submitted to the cabinet for consideration. The Council and others are awaiting a cabinet decision on the matter.

Live Nation have assured the Council that the most up to date equipment and technology has been included in the detailed design so as to ensure that the Events Centre will be fit for purpose once completed.

Brian Geaney,
Deputy Chief Executive.

6.6 **CNWQR MASTERPLAN**

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

Can the CE give an update on the CNWQR Masterplan Implementation Update, the work that has been undertaken to date, whether public consultation will form part of this, whether it will still be published by year end, if not why not and on what date will it be published.

REPLY

Cork City Northwest Quarter (CNWQR) Regeneration Masterplan and Implementation Report was adopted by Cork City Council 14th November 2011. The Masterplan sets out the implementation strategy for the area's regeneration. The strategy is designed in the context of an advancing programme of work (construction, social, economic & environmental) to allow for Cork City Council to adapt to emerging challenges and opportunities. The CNWQR Implementation programme is evolving and not subject to regular published reviews or public consultation processes. The Housing Delivery & Regeneration Directorate regularly updates local councillors through Regeneration meetings and informs the community via a local newsletter. These communications document the progress made and detail completed and upcoming public consultations on socio-economic, relocation, demolition, and construction matters. Additionally, Part 8 planning processes include public consultations and local information events as needed.

One proposed communication initiative by the Regeneration team is to hold bi-annual walk-in clinics for CNWQR residents, providing programme updates and addressing individual concerns. This initiative is planned to be advertised in November, when further communication will issue to local councillors and the public.

In conclusion, the CNWQR Regeneration Masterplan is a comprehensive and evolving strategy, with three phases currently under construction, two phases at tender stage, and with further phases currently being designed, together with a strong SEEP (Social, Economic, Environmental Plan) implementation programme. We continue to remain focused on regeneration of this area, while keeping the community informed and involved through various communication channels and consultation processes.

Alison O'Rourke
Director of Services,
Housing Delivery and Regeneration

6.7 **ESTATE RESURFACING & FOOTPATH REPAIRS IN CORK SOUTH EAST**

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

"I am Requesting for Information on Estate Resurfacing and Footpath Repairs in Cork South East since 1974 to 2024. Could the Chief Executive please provide a

comprehensive list of all residential estates within the Cork South East that have undergone resurfacing and/or footpath repairs since 1974? Also, for each estate, please include:

A - The name of the estate.

B - The type of work carried out (resurfacing, footpath repair, or both).

C - The year or years in which the work was completed.

This information will help us better understand the council's ongoing commitment to infrastructure maintenance and provide insight into the historical improvements made across the ward.”

REPLY

Cork City Council does not retain maintenance records going back 50 years. As such the full breath of the requested information cannot be supplied. It must also be noted that more than two thirds of the South East Local Electoral Area only became part of the City Council’s administrative area 5 years ago. Thus the City Council would have no records for this area prior to May 2019.

In order to answer the question as fully as possible for the entire Local Electoral Area, a list of contract works over the past 5 years has been collated below.

The estates specific roads resurfacing contract commenced in 2020. A list of all estates resurfaced in the South East Ward from 2020 to date are shown in the table below:

Estate Name	Type of Work	Year
Marian Park	Resurfacing	2024
Maryville (first arm)	Resurfacing	2024
Maryville (second arm)	Resurfacing	2024
Pic du Jer Park	Resurfacing	2024
Ballybrack Heights	Resurfacing	2024
Broadale	Resurfacing	2024
Dundannion	Resurfacing	2024
Clontarf Estate	Resurfacing	2024
Upper Kensington	Resurfacing	2024
Kiltegan Lawn	Resurfacing	2024
Carrigmore Park	Resurfacing	2023
Woodview, Pinecroft	Resurfacing	2023
Delford	Resurfacing	2023
Dundannion	Resurfacing	2022
Ferney Grove	Resurfacing	2022
Yorkboro	Resurfacing	2022
Marian Park	Resurfacing	2022
Avondale Park	Resurfacing	2022
Berkley, Templevale	Resurfacing	2022
Manor Grove	Resurfacing	2022
Manor Avnue	Resurfacing	2022

Belgard Downs	Resurfacing	2022
Ballinure Avenue	Resurfacing	2021
Barnstead Drive	Resurfacing	2021
Glenview	Resurfacing	2021
Manor Villas	Resurfacing	2021
Meadow Grove	Resurfacing	2021
Seamus Quirke Park	Resurfacing	2021
Pic du Jer Park	Resurfacing	2020

Similarly, a list of all footpaths replacement locations completed by contract over the last five years is below:

Location	Type of Work	Year
Upper Kensington (No 34-42)	Footpath Upgrades	2024
Maryborough Avenue (No 1-5)	Footpath Upgrades	2024
Ballybrack Heights	Footpath Upgrades	2024
Maryborough Avenue (No 54-59)	Footpath Upgrades	2023
Lyndon Crescent (No 5)	Footpath Upgrades	2021
Calderwood Road (No 35)	Footpath Upgrades	2021
Montpellier Road (No 1-21 Rosegarth)	Footpath Upgrades	2021
Belgard Downs (main spine entry)	Footpath Upgrades	2021
Manor Dene (No 2)	Footpath Upgrades	2021
The Orchard Ballincurrig Park	Footpath Upgrades	2020
Rochestown Rise (No.58)	Footpath Upgrades	2020
Manor Heath Thornbury Hts (No. 2)	Footpath Upgrades	2020
Calderwood Road (No. 38-40)	Footpath Upgrades	2020
Kingslea (main spine entry)	Footpath Upgrades	2019
Calderwood Drive (No 2)	Footpath Upgrades	2019
Somerton Park (No 16-29)	Footpath Upgrades	2019
Somerton Park (No 5 – 42)	Footpath Upgrades	2019

In addition to the above there were many individual footpath repairs undertaken during this time in housing estates across the Local Electoral Area. These are carried out by Cork City Council direct labour crews and a complete list of these are recorded monthly in the Chief Executive's Management Report that is presented to Council each month.

I trust this will give insight into the recent improvements made and Cork City Council's ongoing commitment to infrastructure maintenance across the electoral area. It is a credit to the members that an extensive financial investment has been made in housing estates in the area in recent years.

David Joyce,
 Director of Services,
 Roads & Operations Directorate.

6.8 **FLOODING**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place to protect homes and businesses in Cork City and suburbs from flooding (including homes by the Glasheen River), what actions have been taken to support local businesses affected by recent flooding and if the Chief Executive will meet with any businesses affected, in person on site?

REPLY

The Operations Directorate manages and maintains surface and storm water infrastructure across the City. This involves the regular maintenance/clearing of debris from water courses, culverts and trash screens. All of this work is undertaken as preventative measures to ensure that the infrastructure in place functions optimally during severe weather events.

The Operations Directorate, in conjunction with the City Council's Fire Department, Civil Defence and other Principal Response Agencies, also provides emergency response services during severe weather events, such as the orange rain event that occurred on the 5th of October. This involved reacting to incidents as they occur across the City during an event.

The Office of Public Works (OPW), with the support of the Cork Local Authorities is currently advancing the design/planning for two major flood protection schemes. The Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme will provide protection to circa 2,100 properties in Cork city when constructed. The scheme extends from approx. 15 km from west of Ballincollig to the eastern edge of Cork City Centre Island. The Blackpool Flood Relief Scheme will protect approx 293 properties from a one in one-hundred-year flood event when constructed. The proposed scheme consists of flood defence measures and conveyance improvements in particular along the Commons Road and in Blackpool Village. Plans are also under preparation separately for culvert replacement/augmentation and associated remedial works to the Magazine Rd culvert (Glasheen River). Following completion/approval of corresponding plans the construction works will proceed in accordance with TII/OPW funding.

The Infrastructure Development Directorate, supported by OPW, is also currently overseeing the construction the Glanmire Flood Relief Scheme. The scheme extends over approx. 4 km of the Glashaboy River and lengths of various tributaries. The scheme is designed to protect approx 103 properties from a one in one-hundred-year flood event in Riverstown/ Glanmire area. This scheme follows on from the completion of the flood protection schemes in Douglas (2022) and Togher (2023). The Council is also overseeing the construction of the Morrison's Island Public Realm and Flood Defence project with improvements from Parnell Bridge to Parliament Bridge. It will provide protection from a one in one-hundred-year tidal flood event for approx 400 properties in a part of the city that experiences regular tidal flooding.

The Department of Enterprise have announced an Emergency Humanitarian Flooding Scheme for Small Businesses for those affected by flooding in Cork over the weekend

of the 4th to the 6th of October. This scheme is being administered by the Irish Red Cross on behalf of the Department. The specific details of same can be obtained from the Irish Red Cross Website which contains both the scheme details and the applications forms.

The appropriate officials will meet with any businesses affected.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads/Environment Operations.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.9 **PARLIAMENT BRIDGE**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the repair of Parliament Bridge.

REPLY

Parliament Bridge is included in the Record of Protected Structures and is listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

Following a vehicular impact, approximately eight linear metres of the southwestern parapet at Parliament Bridge sustained complete or partial collapse. The area was immediately made safe, and all elements of the damaged parapet were subsequently retrieved from the riverbed by specialist contractor.

An assessment of the damaged parapet elements was undertaken by stone conservation specialists. This assessment is now complete, and works have commenced on the repair and replacement of damaged or missing parapet elements. All works will be undertaken in accordance with established conservation best practice methods under the supervision of a Grade 1 Conservation Architect. It is anticipated that these repair works will be completed at the workshop of the stone conservation specialists by early December 2024.

Structural engineers were also engaged to assess the damage to Parliament Bridge and to assist in the design of the remedial works. Tender documents are currently being finalised and it is anticipated that a tender for the main works contract will issue in early November to include for the reinstatement of the repaired parapet elements and will also include for the upgrade/replacement of both footways and for the replacement of the parapet lighting. Members will be kept apprised of ongoing progress.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.10 **HOW MUCH SPENT ON SHUTTERS FOR DERELICT PROPERTIES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent each year, for the past 5 years, on shutters to secure council-owned vacant and derelict properties?

REPLY

Over the past 5 years Cork City Council spent the following amounts on the security of vacant housing units in regeneration areas including Noonan Road, vacant units under repair etc.

Year	€
2020	140,468
2021	169,045
2022	190,375
2023	169,687
2024 to end Sept	182,246

**Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services
Housing Operations.**

The following amounts were spent on the shuttering of derelict properties by Property, Corporate Affairs as part of the acquisition of derelict sites from 2019 – 2023:

Year	€
2019	16,250.41
2020	8,573.95
2021	4,099.84
2022	4,116.54
2023	5,806.84

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.**

6.11 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES ON LEO MURPHY ROAD**

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

That the CE provide an update as to the installation of active travel measures on Leo Murphy Road, Ballincollig.

REPLY

The City Council has prepared plans for the installation of active travel facilities on Leo Murphy Road. The plans were the subject of public consultation and approved by Council under Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994.

The scheme is currently at detailed design stage and the related work is supported by way of grant funding from the National Transport Authority (€50,000 in 2024). The scheme will continue to be progressed in accordance with grant funding allocations and details of the next round of funding and the related works to be supported will be circulated to Members on receipt early in the New Year.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.12 **BDS**

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

Following on from the confirmation last month that Cork City Council will no longer be using products from HP could the executive confirm whether or not they have any business or contracts with any other companies or institutions on the BDS list?

The full list of companies that have ties to the Apartheid Israeli regime can be accessed on the BDS movement website but it includes companies such as Intel, Siemens, Google and Amazon. Having any business with companies that are complicit in, support and profit from the genocide being inflicted on Gaza and the occupation of Palestinian land would fly in the face of the declaration of Cork City as an apartheid free zone by this council in October 2022 and other motions passed in support of Palestine. BDS is a proven tactic and has led to success with G4S, Veolia, Orange, Ben & Jerry’s and Pillsbury all being compelled to end their complicity with Israeli state war crimes.

REPLY

Cork City Council has a number of existing business and/or contracts and services with companies that are listed on the BDS movement website.

Cork City Council ICT Dept procures ICT Hardware and ICT services through the OGP Framework (national frameworks for public sector) and in accordance with National procurement guidelines.

Cork City Council is committed to drawdown as per the terms and conditions of Contract and in accordance with the overarching framework. ICT Dept is obliged to honour existing contractual commitments as well as the governing legislation and guidelines.

John Hallahan,

Chief Financial Officer.

6.13 **WATER QUALITY OF GLEN RIVER**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if a measure exists of the water quality of the Glen River; and how this is affected by outlets entering the river in the Glen River Park?

REPLY

As part of Cork City Council's ambient water quality monitoring programme samples are periodically taken from the Glen River.

At present the Council is not aware of any water quality issues on this river.

It should be noted that any water entering a river from another source has the potential to cause issues depending on the nature of the in-flowing water.

David Joyce,
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate.

6.14 **NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Northern Distributor Road route selection & the dates for the work commencement on the Ballyvolane strategic transport corridor?

REPLY

The Strategic Assessment for the Northern Distributor Multi-Modal Route was approved by the National Transport Authority in December 2023. The Options Report for the route is currently being finalised and the draft report will be submitted to the NTA & the Dept of Transport in the coming weeks. Following approval, the public consultation process will be undertaken on the emerging preferred route. Following confirmation on the preferred route and subject to continued grant funding, works can progress on the preliminary design phase of the scheme.

The tender documentation for the Ballyvolane Strategic Corridor has recently been submitted to the National Transport Authority for approval to proceed with procurement of a contractor. Subject to approval and adequate funding being available, construction works could be commenced on site in Q2 2025 with an estimated construction period of 18 months. In the meantime, City Council is engaging with landowners and progressing the close out arrangements for the transfer of the lands required for the scheme.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.15 **LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM**

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

Can the Chief Executive confirm what sum is provided for in the 2024 and 2025 Budgets to fund the Local Authority Integration Team, including confirmation of the number of team personnel.

In addition, can the Chief Executive confirm what provision, if any, has or will be made to contribute to fulfilling the request for housing provision under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme 2024/2027, and at what estimated cost?

REPLY

Cork City Council, in common with every Local Authority in the country, has employed a Local Area Integration Team (LAIT), made up of a Coordinator, 2 Support Workers and an Administrative Worker. The team works in parallel with existing integration initiatives to ensure that local integration support is provided for International Protection Applicants (IPA), IPA with status, Programme Refugees (IRPP) and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. The LAIT complements and strengthens existing services that are active in Cork city.

The LAIT are funded on a recoupment basis – this is cost neutral for Cork City Council as all monies are recouped on a quarterly basis from the Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth.

2024 is the first year of the LAIT in Cork City Council so final figures for recoupment are not available yet but are expected to be in the region of: €240,000.

The Cork City Council budget allocation for drawdown for the LAIT in 2025 is: €251,800.

The most recent Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP) was signed off by the Irish Government in March 2024 and committed Ireland to welcoming 2,400 programme refugees between 2024 and 2027. Each Local Authority has been assigned an allocation and between 2024 and 2027 Cork City Council expects to accommodate 57 people through the IRPP Programme. This will be Cork City Council’s first time participating directly in the Irish Refugee Protection Programme.

Rebecca Loughry
Director of Services
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.16 **FLOODING ON BANDUFF ROAD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Tynan was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 11th November 2024:-

In relation to my following questions from November of last year, I am again asking the acting CEO for an update on this issue, especially in light of the recent flooding affecting the area.

Questions to the CEO:

1. In light of the persistent flooding on Banduff Road, I am asking if the flooding was exacerbated by the dumping of hundreds of tonnes of demolition material, such as concrete, taken from Merchant's Quay and Douglas Village shopping centre onto the bog floodplain of the Glen River Valley located adjacent to the Banduff Road, over a twelve year period from the 1990's to the early 2000's?
2. Is Cork City Council actively investigating this issue?
3. Are there any plans being drawn up to remove the dumped demolition material from the Glen River Valley?

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **GLANMIRE TO CITY CYCLE ROUTE (PHASE 2) - PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed *Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 2) Scheme* and the attached report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. *Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 2) Scheme* and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the *Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 2) Scheme* be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 19th September 2024.”

7.2 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL – MAYFIELD LIBRARY & ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY CENTRE EXTENSION & RENOVATION**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Mayfield Library & St. Joseph's Community Centre project and the attached report of

the Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Mayfield Library & St. Joseph’s Community Centre scheme and the report of the Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Mayfield Library & St. Joseph’s Community Centre be carried out as recommended in the said report, which was put before Council on the 14th October 2024.”

7.3 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT RAILWAY APARTMENTS**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Railway Apartments, Albert Quay, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 10th October 2024.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Railway Apartments, Albert Quay, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Railway Apartments, Albert Quay, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 14th October 2024.”

7.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 5 LOWER GRATTAN HILL, LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD, CORK - GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 18th September, 2024 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 5 Lower Grattan Hill, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €257,114 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 one bed unit of accommodation at 5 Lower Grattan Hill, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork.”

7.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 1 DOMINICK COURT, DOMINICK STREET, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 18th September, 2024 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 1 Dominick Court, Dominick Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €303,342 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 two bed unit of accommodation at 1 Dominick Court, Dominick Street, Cork.”

7.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 2 DOMINICK COURT, DOMINICK STREET, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 18th September, 2024 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 2 Dominick Court, Dominick Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €339,796 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 three bed unit of accommodation at 2 Dominick Court, Dominick Street, Cork.”

7.7 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 28 ST. FINBARR’S PLACE, PROBY’S QUAY, CORK - CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 18th September, 2024 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 28 St. Finbarr’s Place, Proby’s Quay, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Rice, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Kamegni, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €275,924 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 one bed unit of accommodation at 28 St. Finbarr’s Place, Proby’s Quay, Cork.”

7.8 **DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Service, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 10th October 2024, on the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 and External Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir A. Deasy, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 with the following amendments:-

- that the titles/names of all SPCs be in their bilingual form - Irish and English
- that the minutes of the Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge meetings be reported to the Community, Culture and Placemaking SPC.

An Chomhairle further approved the External Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th OCTOBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7th October 2024.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31/08/2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31/08/2024.

8.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR Y/E 31/12/2025**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 30th September 2024.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €25m (twenty-five million euro) for the twelve-month period to 31st December 2025”.

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **COMMEMORATION IN HONOUR OF MOTHER JONES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd October 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will commemorate the centenary of the publication of the autobiography of Mother Jones with the naming of an appropriate location or development or other suitable commemoration in her honour in 2025.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/447)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mother Jones was born Mary Harris in Cork City in late July 1837 and went on to become a significant figure in the labour rights movement in North America. This significance is celebrated in Cork every year through the Spirit of Mother Jones Festival. In 2025 the centenary of the publication of the autobiography of Mother Jones is significant and worthy of marking. In this regard the Library Services will reach out to the Festival organisers to explore the opportunity to include a City Council event that will specifically mark the publication centenary as part of their 2025 Festival Programme.

8.3.2 **JOINT CORK CITY COUNCIL/CORK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 3rd October 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Cork County Council requesting that a meeting of the Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee be convened in September to:

- discuss the fact that the City Council now has to pay an extra €3 million per annum to the County Council under the boundary extension agreement because of inflation in addition to the €13 million that the City Council is already obligated to pay the County Council every year under said agreement;
- enable the City Council members to make submissions to the County Council members outlining how the additional €3 million annual payment is unsustainable from the City Council’s point of view;
- discuss whether a recommendation should be made to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien to re-establish the Oversight Committee in accordance with section 24 of the Local Government Act 2019; and
- discuss whether a recommendation should be made to Minister O’Brien that the most efficient and practical course of action to take to resolve the issue would be for Minister O’Brien to direct that the Department make an annual payment

of €2 million to Cork City Council for the next 5 years so as to alleviate the crippling inflation associated with the annual payment to Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 24/377)

The report of the Chief Financial Officer stated that legal provisions and mechanisms for dealing with issues associated with the extension of the City boundary are provided for in the Local Government Act, 2019. The Act provided for the establishment of the Cork Boundary Alteration Implementation Oversight Committee to steer the planning for and implementation of the various matters and measures entailed in the extension of the city boundary. Section 24 of the Act specifically deals with the issue of the compensation payment by the City Council to Cork County Council. Section 24(3) provides that in the event of the Chief Executives of the Cork local authorities disagreeing with one another as respects the amount of the annual contribution in respect of any year, either of them may refer the matter to the Oversight Committee for a recommendation with regard to the matter. Cork City Council is in communication with Cork County Council as regards the increasing annual compensation amount payable and I will report further to the Elected Members when our engagement with the County concludes. Given the statutory requirements for dealing with the compensation payment and the role of the respective Chief Executives in same, the convening of a meeting of the Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee is not the means to deal with the matters referenced in the motion.

8.4 **DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY SCHEME 2024-2029 & SECTORAL NOMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the draft Strategic Policy Scheme 2024-2029 and proposed places on Committees for Sectoral Nominations.

8.5 **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the meetings proposed to be reckonable for calculating attendance for this Council term.

An Chomhairle agreed that meetings for the paying of tributes following a passing, such as those for former Lord Mayors will be recategorized from special meetings to ‘special memorial meetings’ and therefore will be removed from the 80% calculation.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the amended listing of meetings.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 23rd September 2024.

10. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th September 2024.

11. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th September 2024.

12. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 10th SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th September 2024.

13. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd September 2024.

14. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd September 2024.

15. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd September 2024.

16. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd September 2024.

17. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th SEPTEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th September 2024.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

19. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries of conferences/seminars attended as follows:-

- Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn as part of the Cork City Council Delegation visit to San Fransisco, USA, 1st - 8th March 2024.
- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the WHO Healthy Cities Political Network Committee Meeting, held at Brno, Czech Republic, 4th - 6th September 2024.
- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar, held at Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan, 11th - 12th September 2024.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at La Touche Legacy Weekend, held at Greystones, Co. Wicklow, 20th - 21st September 2024.
- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the National Healthy Cities and Counties Network Meeting, held at Strand Hotel, Co. Limerick, 10th September 2024.
- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh at the AILG Training Seminar, Overview of the Planning System, held at Horse and Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary, 26th September 2024.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar, held at Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan, 11th - 12th September 2024.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Training Seminar, Overview of the Planning System, held at Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, 28th September 2024.

20. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

None received.

21. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

21.1 **IPB ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB Engagement Conference, held in Mullingar, 4th October 2024.

21.2 **ICSH FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of Comhairleoir A. Deasy to the ICSH Finance and Development Conference from 16 - 17th October 2024 in Sligo.

22. **TRAINING**

None received.

23. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s monthly management reports for May, June, July and August 2024.

24. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1 attached, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed that motion 46, Former Hollyhill Inn Public House, be referred to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

25. **MOTIONS**

25.1 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT) BASELINE FUNDING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting the opposition of Comhairleoir B. McCarthy:-

‘That Cork City Council again write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien urging him to re-consider his decision to only allocate an extra €1.5 million in Local Property Tax (LPT) baseline funding to Cork City Council, in circumstances where,

- the City Council now has to pay an extra €3 million per annum to the County Council under the boundary extension agreement because of inflation in addition to the €13 million that the City Council is already obligated to pay the County Council every year under said agreement;
- the City Council Executive have advised that, due to inflation, there will be a deficit of approximately €3 million in the City Council budget for next year;
- the City Council Executive have advised that the €3 million shortfall will necessitate either a 3% increase in commercial rates or dramatic cuts to services;
- businesses in Cork, particularly small and medium enterprises, are already experiencing a lot of extra costs and pressures, including increased energy costs, a rise in the cost of materials, minimum wage increases and an increase in the number of sick days;
- an increase in commercial rates at this stage could therefore have a devastating effect on small and medium enterprises, many of which are already struggling; and
- dramatic cuts to services could result in vital works in areas such as footpath repair, road re-surfacing and housing maintenance being delayed or scaled down.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 24/493)

25.2 **ENACT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting the abstention of Fianna Fáil members:-

‘That Cork City Council, in light of the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice on the illegality of Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territories, calls on the Irish Government to enact the Occupied Territories Bill, to cut Irish trade ties with Israeli goods and services produced in these illegal settlements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 24/496)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

25.3 **REQUEST FOR A WALKTHROUGH BRIEFING WITH THE NTA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will write to the NTA to request a walkthrough briefing in person, on site, with the NTA on plans for an emerging preferred route for the Cork Luas and associated Bus Connects intersections in all the areas affected which can be attended by all interested Public Representatives.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/497)

25.4 **ATTACKS AND INCURSIONS BY ISRAEL ON LEBANON**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this City Council condemns the attacks and incursions by Israel on Lebanon and seeks to ban any future entry to Cork City by the Prime Minister of Israel, the President of Israel or any member of the Israeli Government including its ambassadors for as long as illegal occupation of Palestine and bordering countries continues and war crimes are being perpetrated by the Israeli State and that such measures would be communicated to the President, Taoiseach and Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/498)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Horgan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, S. O’Callaghan, P. Rice, F. Kerins, D. Boyle, J. Lynch, L. Harmon. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, S. Martin, A. Deasy, T. Coleman. (8)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Boylan. (2)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

25.5 **HOST EURO 2018 IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this City Council will write to the FAI and UEFA to outline the benefits that hosting Euro 2028 in Cork would bring to the Competition and offer as much assistance as possible to ensure its success.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/500)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That this City Council will write to the FAI, UEFA and the GAA to outline the benefits that hosting Euro 2028 in Cork would bring to the Competition and offer as much assistance as possible to ensure its success.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/500)

25.6 **SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT FLYNN'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the National Transport Authority requesting that a signalised pedestrian crossing be installed at Flynn's Cross, West Village, Ballincollig as part of ‘BusConnects Cork’.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/506)

25.7 **MOBILE PHONE POUCHES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the Minister for Education urging her to scrap plans to spend €9 million on mobile phone pouches and to allocate this funding instead to special education provision.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/508)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Lynch, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Gould, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Gould, K. Collins, B. McCarthy, H. Kamegni, P. Horgan, P. Rice, F. Kerins, J. Lynch, L. Harmon. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. McDonnell, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, T. Shannon, M.R. Desmond, S. Martin, A. Deasy, T. Coleman. (9)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir D. Boyle. (1)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

25.8 **CUTS TO BUS SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Council calls on Bus Éireann to immediately reverse the planned unacceptable cuts to the 202, 202a, 205, 208 and 220 services. Bus Éireann must tackle the recruitment and retention crisis in Cork with good pay and conditions for all workers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 24/520)

25.9 **SEAT ON THE BOARD OF THE NTA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will write to the Minister for Transport to seek a permanent seat on the Board of the NTA for the Chief Executive in order to protect and represent Cork’s interests in public transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/526)

25.10 **DEPLOYMENT OF A TRANSPORT POLICE SECTION**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this Council writes to the Garda Commissioner and Minister for Transport requesting the deployment of a transport police section to be established for Cork bus services to protect both public transport workers and commuters from anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/527)

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That this Council writes to the Garda Commissioner, Minister for Transport and Minister for Justice requesting the deployment of a transport police section to be established for Cork bus services to protect both public transport workers and commuters from anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/527)

25.11 **HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE DOCKLANDS AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will write to seek to meet in person with the Land Development Agency to discuss their plans for housing projects in the Docklands area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/528)

25.12 **FULL BUS SHELTER OUTSIDE ROSSBROOK ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council will request an expedited process for the installation of a full bus shelter outside Rossbrook Estate, Bishopstown and request the NTA provide a programme of bus shelters being installed in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/529)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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