

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ
HALLA NA CATHRACH
CORCAIGH**



**CORK CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
CORK**

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an dáta thíosluaite, ar a **5.30 P.M. A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH** chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **5.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

GNATHCHRUINNIU – DÉ LUAIN, 28 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2015

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

1. Votes of Sympathy.
- 1.2 Votes of Congratulations/ Best Wishes.
- 1.3 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**
 - 1.3.1 To consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.
- 1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**
 - 1.1.4 **CORK OPERA HOUSE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

To consider the report of the Chief Executive dated 24th September 2015 on Cork Opera House Board of Management.
 - 1.4.2 **CORPORATE PLAN AND ORGANISATIONAL REFORM**

To receive an update from the Chief Executive in relation to the Corporate Plan and organisational reform.
2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle to consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign Minutes of:-

 - Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 14th September 2015.
 - Special Meeting of An Chomhairle in Committee held on the 21st September 2015
 - Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 22nd September 2015.

3. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE DATED THE 14th SEPTEMBER 2015**

3.1 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY GROUP – 24th AUGUST 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Group from its meeting held on 24th August 2015.

3.2 **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY GROUP – 31st AUGUST 2015**

3.2.1 **TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE, ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION WHICH WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE:**

REVISE THE BISHOPSTOWN WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN

‘That Cork City Council would review and revise the Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan by commissioning a Local Area Plan’.

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttimer 15/195)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Policy Committee and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

3.3 **STRATEGIC PLANNING , ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 31st AUGUST 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee, and if so decided, to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 31st August 2015.

3.3.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015.

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015 and to refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.3.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015.

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015 and to refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.3.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015.

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for the period 1st January 2015 to 31st July, 2015 and to refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.3.4 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on significant proposed developments.

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on Significant Developments and Significant Current Applications and to refer it to An Chomhairle for their information.

3.3.5 **DERELICT SITES REPORT SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on the Derelict Sites Report South Central Ward.

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 on the Derelict Sites Report South Central Ward and refer it to An Chomhairle for their information.

3.4 **MOTIONS**

3.4.1 **NEW NON –COMPETING RENTAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

‘New non –competing rental and commercial services aimed at new initiatives that have not traded in Cork in the past two years and that will not compete directly with existing enterprises. The grant to be applicable for new developments or for premises vacant for at least three months. The grant relief to be 100% for first three years (Blackrock Village, Blackpool, derelict inner city areas).’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/141)

3.4.2 **OFFICE REFURBISHMENT CITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council facilitate refurbishment for new office accommodation and upgrading of existing offices excluding (equipment and furnishings). The grant to operate in a sliding scale of 100% to 25% over first three years.’

(Proposer: Cllr, S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll 15/143)

3.4.3 **ART CRAFT ARTISAN FOOD SHOPS IN OLD HISTORICAL CITY SPINE (BARRACKS STREET TO SHANDON)**

‘A grant applicable for commercial premises that have been vacant for over three months and measuring less than 40sqm. The grant to offer 100% municipal rate payable for the first three years’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin 15/144)

3.4.4 **FIT-OUT FOR NEW CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR ENCOURAGING NEW BUSINESSES**

‘That Cork City Council pay a grant only to occupy commercial premises that have been vacant for at least three months. The grant to provide 100% rates paid for the first year.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin 15/145)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated the 27th August 2015 and refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.4.5 **THAT NO 1 PARKGATE VILLAS, BISHOPSTOWN ROAD BE DECLARED DERELICT AS IT IS NOW A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE**

‘The above old unoccupied dwelling is a complete “eye-sore” and in a dangerous state with holes in the roof and loose slates. Slates have already fallen onto the main Bishopstown Road and footpath. Structurally there are large open cracks in the main walls of the house. There is large amounts of rubbish piled up in the back yard which is a health hazard and a

habitat for rats and other vermin. It is also used by drinking parties at night time and is constantly used as a toilet.

I am requesting the Manager to have this structure assessed without delay and because of this house being situated so close to the busy main road there is a huge danger to the public, vehicles etc by slates falling or a further deterioration to the structure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Shields 14/285)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August 2015 and agreed to refer the matter to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.4.6 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS**

‘That Cork City Council expands the use of business improvement districts and new financial tools to create fresh financial opportunities for Local Authorities and Businesses to invest new urban projects such as Tax Increment Financing and Community Investment Funds’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/176)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August 2015 on Tax Increment and Community Investment Funds and refer the matter to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.4.7 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TURNERS CROSS**

‘That a Local Development Plan be prepared for Turners Cross. The plan to encompass:-

1. Transport infrastructure
2. Community Facilities
3. Dereliction
4. Supports to encourage regeneration of existing housing stock
5. Assessment of Social Capital

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/179)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August 2015 and refer to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.4.8 **ZONE PRINCES STREET AS A STREET DINING ZONE**

‘That Princes Street be made on – street dining zone, a tourist and a food destination that we would zone the Princes Street for the on Street Dining concept.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/214)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the report of the Director of Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August 2015 and refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.4.9 **ENHANCING TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS WITH COLOGNE**

‘That Cork and Cologne explore new ways of enhancing our twinning arrangement following the decision of Aer Lingus to commence direct flights from Cork to Dusseldorf in 2016.

N.B. Dusseldorf is just 25 miles from Cologne’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 15/232)

Decision of Committee

The Committee agreed to accept the reports of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 27th August, 2015 and agreed to refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

3.5 **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th SEPTEMBER 2015**

3.5.1 **MOTION**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle,

FLY THE TRICOLOUR ON CORK CITY COUNCIL BUILDINGS

“That Cork City would ensure that all public buildings owned or that Cork City Council have interest in would fly the tricolour everyday of the year in 2016 to commemorate the 1916 anniversary”

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/189)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

3.6 **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 7th September 2015.

3.6.1 **REPORT OF VALERIE O’SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, HOUSING & COMMUNITY, DATED 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015, ON ALL OUTSTANDING LOANS IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, TO INCLUDE LAND AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME LOANS AND DETAILS REGARDING HOW SUCH LOANS ARE TO BE FUNDED**

The Director outlined details of lands purchased by Cork City Council to deliver the Housing Programme and loans associated with these lands. She also outlined details of existing Affordable Housing Scheme units, associated loans and proposals for the future use of units.

Members considered the report of Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community, and a detailed discussion took place. The Director responded to questions raised.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to note the report of the Director of Service and refer to An Chomhairle for noting.

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4. **QUESTION TIME**

5. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21st SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 21st September 2015.

5.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st AUGUST 2015**

J. Hallahan presented the Financial Statement to 31st August 2015 and the contents were noted by the Corporate Policy Group.

Decision of Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31st August 2015 to An Chomhairle for consideration.

5.2 **HEALTHY CITIES**

The Corporate Policy Group considered the report on Healthy Cities presented by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.

Decision of Group

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, it was agreed to recommend the report to An Chomhairle for approval.

6. **SPECIAL MEETING OF PARTY WHIPS – 21st SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Party Whips from its meeting held on the 21st September 2015.

7. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 14th SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Group, and if so decided, to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 14th September 2015.

7.1 **REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

7.1.2 **REVIEW OF COACH PARKING IN CITY CENTRE**

The Committee considered a report on the Review of Coach Parking in the City Centre.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, and if so decided, to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 21st September 2015.

8.1 **DISPOSALS**

Members considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 17th September, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of wayleave situated to the rear of “Lisnalee House”, Barringtons Avenue, Cork to John & Anne Higgins, c/o O’Connor Murphy Clune, Solicitors, No. 26, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €3,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 6, Sullivan’s Lane, off Barrack Street, Cork to Brendan Cadogan, c/o O’Donovan Murphy & Partners Solicitors, Wolfe Tone Square, Bantry, Co. Cork for the sum of €91,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable).
- c. Disposal of property known as “Kiosk 2”, Grand Parade, Cork by way of Lease for a period of 4 years & 9 months to “Three Fools Coffee Limited”, c/o Sweeney Solicitors,

Marlboro House, Marlboro Street, Cork at an annual rent of €20,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

- d. Disposal of properties known as Numbers 3,4,8,16,20,22,23,29 and 30, Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork to Doorway to Life Limited, c/o Coakley Moloney Solicitors, No. 49, South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a term of five years at a rent of €10.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).
- e. Disposal of No. 1, Killiney Way, Knocknaheeny, Cork, to Brian Lee c/o Taylor Solicitors, Unit 3A, River House, Blackpool Retail Park, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Brian Lee at No. 64, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to recommend the above disposals to An Chomhairle.

8.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for July/August 2015.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.3 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT BOREENMANNA ROAD**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the provision of 26 units of accommodation at Elderwood Avenue, Boreenmanna Road, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed that, on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, 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 €1,129,175 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.4 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT DUBLIN HILL**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 51, Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill, Cork by Carbery Housing Association.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed that, on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, 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 €47,250 (Previous loan being €35,250) be granted to Carbery Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.5 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT CHURCHFIELD**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 35, Churchfield Road, Churchfield, Cork by Carbery Housing Association.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed that, on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €36,143 (Previous loan being €24,293) be granted to Carbery Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.6 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLYVOLANE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 130, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed that, on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €56,700 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.7 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT DEANROCK, TOGHER**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 2, Market Gardens, Deanrock, Togher, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed that, on the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €35,250 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.8 **SOCIAL HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AT SILVERSPRINGS, CORK**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 in relation to the provision of social housing accommodation at Ashmount Mews, Silversprings, Cork.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for information.

8.9 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.10 **PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

ORIGINAL MOTION

‘That Cork City Council would produce a report on the number of properties purchased or acquired since 2010, the method of acquisition, the acquisition price, agents or parties

involved, purpose of acquisition, current market value, loans or associated debts and current status of the properties and associated plans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/194)

Clarification:

That Cork City Council would produce a report on the number of non-residential properties purchased or acquired since 2010, the method of acquisition, the acquisition price, agents or parties involved, purpose of acquisition, current market value, loans or associated debts and current status of the properties and associated plans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/194)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.11 **PROPERTIES AT SKIDDY’S LANE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That Cork City Council include the Skiddy’s Lane in Vicars Road and Pouldauff Road in the Fabric Upgrade Programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/174)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.12 **HOUSING APPLICANTS CONTACT DETAILS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would review the process for obtaining housing applicants contact details due to the enormous amount of applicants that are not contactable when they have been chosen to be given an offer of housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/203)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.13 **DAMAGE TO COUNCIL PROPERTIES CAUSED BY TENANTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council should formulate a policy where tenants who wreck houses should be charged for the damage done and not given another Council house.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/181)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.14 **COMMUNITY WARDENS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th September, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Can Cork City Council look at supplying the four Community wardens with Cork City Council transport. The wardens are currently carrying out their employment duties in their own private cars. The council vehicles with the relevant signage will have the added benefit of promoting the services of the Community Warden who are a big part of the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/218)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle to note the Minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, and if so decided, to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on 21st September 2015.

9.1 **MATTERS ARISING**

PART 8 REPORT FOR CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY (PHASES 1 & 2)

The up to date position in relation to the City Centre Movement Strategy and the related planning process for stages 1 and 2 were noted and discussed. The Director of Services advised Members in relation to the importance of the adopted Strategy to the development of the City and the necessity to improve the transport system in support of job creation, increased economic activity and residential growth. It was confirmed that the matter had been reviewed at the most recent meeting of Party Whips and Leaders and was also discussed at the subsequent Ward meeting.

The potential revisions to the proposals for stages 1 and 2 that arose from these discussions were considered. These included –

- reducing the restriction on St Patrick St from 12.30 – 6.30pm to 3.00pm – 6.30pm
- introducing a package of parking measures for the Middle Parish area in parallel with the movement strategy to include –
 - extending the pay parking regime from 6.30pm to 8.30pm to better accommodate the needs of local residents
 - reducing the allowable parking period for pay parking from 2 hours to 1 hour
 - upgrading Grattan St car park facilities
 - appropriate signage in the area to direct visitors to the public car park at North Main St so as to further reduce demand for parking by non residents
 - extending the hours of operation of North Main St car park beyond 6.30pm to better accommodate the needs of visitors to the area
 - reviewing the operation of North Main St car park to accept payment for long term parking by workers who may otherwise compete for on street car spaces locally
- including local public realm changes/improvements as proposed by members such as planting, public lighting, street furniture, amenities, pedestrian facilities, surface improvements etc
- including local traffic calming measures as may be proposed by members

In response to queries it was confirmed that measures were being taken separately to permanently address unauthorized parking in Cormarket Street. It was further confirmed that there was some preparatory work to be undertaken in advance of the commencement of a new part 8 process.

Committee Decision

It was agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Joe Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir Tony Fitzgerald, to accept the report of the Director of Services and to recommend to An Chomhairle that a new Part 8 consultation process for stages 1 and 2 of the City Centre Movement Strategy be undertaken.

9.2 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the months ending July and August 2015.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.3 **PARKING PROMOTION 2015**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding Parking Promotion 2015

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.4 **INTRODUCTION OF 30KPH IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the Introduction of 30KPH in Residential Area.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.5 **PEDESTRIAN COUNTER QUARTERLY REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2015**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the Pedestrian Counter Quarterly Report – April to June 2015.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.6 **CORK CITY APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE-LAWS 2015**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2015.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.6 **CORK CITY PARKING BYE LAWS 2015**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the Cork City Parking Bye-Laws 2015.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.7 **CORK CITY COUNCIL SURFACE LEVEL PAY PARKING CAR PARK BYE LAWS 2015**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the Cork City Council Surface Level Pay Parking Car Park Bye-Laws 2015.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.8 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SHELDON COURT, AUDLEY PLACE, ST. PATRICK'S HILL, CORK**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th September 2015 regarding the taking in charge of housing development at Sheldon Court, Audley Place, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Joe Kavanagh seconded by Comhairleoir Tony Fitzgerald, to recommend the following resolution to Council:

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 17th September, 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 Sheldon Court, Audley Place, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork are public roads.”

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

9.9.1 **LOCAL AREA TRANSPORT PLAN**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Local Area Transport Plan be carried out by Cork City Council for the South Parish Evergreen, Greenmount Road network. The Plan to look at one way systems, pedestrian crossing and Junction.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/180)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.2 **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM ST VINCENTS GAA CLUB TO KILMORE ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide pedestrian access from the entrance of St Vincents GAA Club to Kilmore Road given the large number of children, players and officials attending the activities of the club.’

(Proposer: T. Fitzgerald 15/187)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.3 **REVIEW THE GREEN ROUTE ON THE NO 208 FROM BISHOPSTOWN TO CITY CENTRE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would review the current Green Route on the No 208 from Bishopstown to City Centre particularly on the Wilton Road and Wilton Gardens stretch of road in light of the Garda statistics that show that since the inception of the “Green Route” on Wilton Road over 100 serious accidents have been caused as a direct result of the Bus Lane.

Wilton Road, at 9.3 meters, is too narrow to accommodate a Bus lane, 2 traffic lanes, cyclists and pedestrians safely. A possible solution may be to revert to 2 traffic lanes and create two 1.5m dedicated cycle lanes; the Impact on bus journey time would be negligible on this small stretch of road and would have a significant improvement in overall safety for all road users and residents.

Also to review the effectiveness of the yellow box closest to Dennehy’s Cross, at the Harley Wood entrance by the church of the Descent of the Holy Ghost Dennehy’s Cross. The Diagonal yellow box is confusing, ineffective and dangerous; it has been the scene of several serious accidents and daily road rage and confrontations. If Cork City Council takes the suggestion above to revert to 2 traffic lanes in this area then the yellow box will no longer be an issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/208)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.4 **REVIEW ROAD LANE LAYOUT ON SOUTH MAIN STREET R847 THROUGH WASHINGTON STREET JUNCTION TO SOUTH MAIN STREET ROAD R608**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would review the current road lane layout on South Main Street R847 through Washington street junction to South Main Street road R608. There is 2 lanes coming up South Main Street R847, the left hand lane is for turning left & straight ahead, the right hand lane is for turning right only. There are major delays on the traffic going straight ahead due to the fact the cars turning left are often delayed by the fact that Washington Street traffic is busy & there is little of no space for the cars turning left to go, causing a back log down South Main Street as far as North Main Street. A possible solution for this would be if the right hand lane was changed for traffic to go straight & turn right as there is a much better flow of traffic turning right than there is turning left and make the left hand lane turning left only increasing the flow of traffic all round in my opinion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/209).

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.5 **SPEED RAMP IN BRIDE VALLEY VIEW**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can Cork City Council install an extra speed ramp in Bride Valley view Fair Hill to reduce the speed of traffic.’

(Proposer: K. Collins 15/215)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.6 **PROGRESS REPORT ON TRAFFIC SURVEYS**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide a progress report on traffic surveys conducted previously by the City Council on the use of heavy goods vehicles of roads through housing estates in the Fairhill/Farranree area including if consideration has been given to traffic-calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/216)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.7 **STREET AUDITS**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake regular "Street Audits" to identify what improvements are required in the public realm to make it safe, attractive and unified place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/221)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.8 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OPPOSITE 18 MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines be placed on the section of road directly opposite 18 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Friars Walk.’

(Proposer: T. O’Driscoll 15/227)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.9 **RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council allocate "Residents Only" Parking on Audley Place down to the top of Patricks Hill on the side of the road with the houses only. There is adequate public parking on the other side of the road for public parking, and residents quite often have difficulty parking outside the front door of their houses as motorists not living locally are parking directly outside these houses and leaving their cars there for long periods of time seriously inconveniencing the residents of Audley Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/231)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.10 **REPAINT THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AND ERECT BOLLARDS AT THE BOTTOM OF TOWER STREET**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That to facilitate sight lines for vehicles turning right at the bottom of Tower Street, the double yellow lines are repainted, - and bollards erected, - to ensure unobstructed visibility at this busy junction, that no parking is enforced at this location and that a 'no left turn' sign is erected at the entrance to the new housing development on Evergreen St near Parkowen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 15/233)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.11 **REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTING (POLE 3) ON CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of public lighting (pole number 3) on Church Road, Blackrock and takes urgent action to repair or replace the light. In a response to a previous motion I proposed (14/425), a report from the Roads Directorate dated 31st December 2014 suggested this pole would be repaired early in the New Year, yet it is still not working.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/234)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.9.12 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS IN MCGRATH PARK, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 17th September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take urgent action to repair and renew the footpath surfaces within McGrath Park, Church Road, Blackrock. The footpaths are in a dilapidated condition and urgently require attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/235)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended, if any.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

12.1 To approve attendance at Conference/Seminar tabled on the night, if any.

13. **TRAINING**

To approve attendance at training tabled on the night, if any.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **PAINTING GRANT SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council increase the funding from €15,000 to €45,000 in the Painting Grant Scheme. This should be included in the 2015 Budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/186)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES REQUIRED OLD YOUGHAL ROAD BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH AND TINKER’S CROSS**

‘That the City Council carry out an urgent examination with a view to bringing in traffic calming measures on Old Youghal Road between St. Joseph’s Church and Tinker’s Cross.

There is a major issue on this section of the road with speeding cars and it is vital that this be curbed by introducing proper control measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/261)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **EMERGENCY SERVICES TO HOMES AT BUCKSTON HILL AND JANEMOUNT, SUNDAY’S WELL**

‘That Cork City Council makes contact with the receiver of the Good Shepherd Convent with a view to securing access for Emergency Services to 20 homes at Buckston Hill and Janemount, Sunday’s Well.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/264)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.4 **ADD THE FOOTPATHS OF OAKFIELD LAWN, BALLINLOUGH ROAD TO THE FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘To add the footpaths of Oakfield Lawn, Ballinlough Road to the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/268)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION PROGRAMME**

‘That the Council engage with the European Capital of Innovation programme with a view to attaining such an accolade. The programme celebrates the European city which is building the best “innovation ecosystem”- connecting citizens, public organizations, academia, and business - with a view to helping the city scale up its efforts in this field – all of which Cork and its region have in abundance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/269)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.6 **HOUSING ADAPTATIONS**

‘Cork people are one of the most generous kind hearted people in this country.

They give willingly every year to different charities, fundraising initiatives etc.

Cork City Council needs approximately €4 million to complete all housing adaptations within its own housing stock for the residents of Cork. We have only received €500,000 despite continuing lobbying of National Government leaving a short fall of €3.5 million.

I propose that Cork City Council apply for fundraising permits & every Councillor & any other Cork City Council staff member who is willing to give up 1 or 2 days of their time go around fundraising within the city centre, every shopping centre around the city and any other area that would be good for fundraising.

We could also open a bank account for any corporate donations, public donations etc.

All this more than likely will not reach the figure of €3.5 million but at least we will be trying something different, rather than giving lip service to a problem we are actually doing something about the problem.

Cork City Council might match the amount donated by the public Euro for Euro to show its commitment to the housing adaptation problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/271)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.7 SIGNAGE ASKING CYCLIST NOT TO CYCLE ON THE FOOTPATHS

‘That Cork City Council would erect signage asking cyclist not to cycle on the footpaths in Blackpool, in particular on Dublin Street as the footpaths are narrow and the doors of the house open directly on to the footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/272)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 REMOVE FENCING AT THE ENTRANCE TO ARDCULLEN ESTATE, HOLLYHILL

‘That Cork City Council will remove fencing at the entrance to Ardcullen Estate Hollyhill that is not serving any useful purpose’.

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/273)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 TRIM OVERGROWN TREES IN THE AREA OF WYNDWOOD

‘That Cork City Council would carry out some work in the area of Wyndwood in relation to the overgrown trees. These are a concern for residents and need to be trimmed back.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/275)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.10 **PERMANENT HOARDING ON VACANT SITE ON HAWKES ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council calls on NAMA to erect permanent hoarding on the vacant site on Hawkes Road and that Cork City Council develop a development plan for the site before it is sold by NAMA.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/276)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.11 **PARKING REGULATIONS IN HARTLANDS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would consult with residents in Hartlands Road regarding the efficacy of current parking regulations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/277)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **ONE WAY SYSTEM IN HIGHFIELD AVENUE**

‘That City Council would consider introducing a one way system in Highfield Avenue due to the continuous traffic jams and damage to parked vehicles on a regular basis following complaints from residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/278)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **FLOODING CAUSED BY BLOCKED DRAINS IN AVONLEA GARDENS, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council carries out a comprehensive investigation into continued flooding caused by blocked drains in Avonlea Gardens, Blackrock and that council take appropriate actions to alleviate this recurring issue before the Winter & inclement weather exacerbate the problem further. Can council also provide a report on any previous works carried out within this estate in the last three years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/279)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.14 **MAHON PARK RINGMAHON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council have the area to the rear of houses in Mahon Park, Ringmahon Road cleared of built up litter from illegal dumping and have the overgrown hedges cut back & removed so that people on this particular row of houses can access & utilise their back entrances.’

Council should also consider erecting a perimeter fence along the rear & side walls of the estate to deter people from using the estate as a shortcut.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/280)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **CARE OF OUR OLDER POPULATION**

‘While we acknowledge that nursing homes provide a vital service, we also strongly believe that they should not be seen as the first choice of care for our older population.

So we request that the government should be working to provide a range of options that are cost effective and preferable to the older person, their families and medical professionals. Some strategies that need investment in include:

- * Increased Home Help and Care packages
- * Housing Aid and Housing Adaptation Grant increases
- * The utilisation of improvements in technology and improving healthcare to support older people to age at home
- * The development of extra-care housing models
- * Increases in funding to be focused on supporting people to age at home
- * Nursing homes to concentrate on high and maximum care needs

We call on the government to put extra funding towards these strategies in Octobers budget in support of our older population.’

Proposer Cllr. T. Moloney 15/244)

15.2 **RE-EXAMINE THE CONCEPT OF EQUALISATION POLICY ON VARIOUS TAX SCHEMES**

‘That given the inability of Cork City Council to carry out any meaningful programme of estate resurfacing or footpath renewal across the six wards (due to inadequate funding), and the fact that traffic calming measures have not been provided for in several budgets, this council calls on central government to re-examine the concept of equalisation policy on various tax schemes (including motor, property) which put larger urban authorities at a disproportionate disadvantage and either scrap it or improve the 80:20 ratio.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/253)

15.3 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

‘Conscious of the recent LPT county by county figures (and the fact, whether by accident or design, that the Environment Minister's home county has one of the highest top-up payments), Cork City Council calls for a review of 'equalisation fund' processes in terms of tax receipts and ratios to ensure that larger urban areas like Cork City are not being

penalised for size, currently manifesting in appalling lack of investment in roads, housing and most basic council services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/257)

15.4 **HOUSING CRISES**

‘That this Council condemns the Minister Alan Kelly’s blame of Councillors for not doing enough on the Housing crises.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. Martin, T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, M. Shields, T. Brosnan, J. Sheehan, N. O’Keeffe, F. Dennehy, T. O’Driscoll, K. O’Flynn (15/265)

15.5 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Government asking them to abolish the Local Property Tax in the upcoming budget and to replace it with a block grant from central government to Local Authorities so that the council can provide adequate services for the people and the businesses of Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/266)

15.6 **INCREASE IN THE STATE PENSION**

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges that between 2009 and 2013, the percentage of older people living in deprivation increased from 9.5 per cent to 16.1 per cent – just under 100,000 people.

And calls on the Government for an increase in the State pension, which has remained unchanged since 2009, and seeks an increase of €2.40 in the living-alone allowance, from €9 a week.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/270)

16. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE DATED THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

16.1 **CARERS & THE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY TAX**

‘That Cork City Council lobby National Government to extend Local Property Tax exemptions to include households where a high level of care is provided, making a household where a high level of care is provided exempt from property tax.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/247)

16.2 **WATER AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIES FOR CARERS & THEIR FAMILIES**

‘With the water charges bills coming to people’s homes, Cork City Council calls on the Minister to ensure that carers & their families are going to be assured of, water affordability strategies being put in place to support family carers with high essential water needs due to dialysis, peg feeding, ventilators, showers, washing sheets blankets etc...?’

Carers cannot be worried about the cost of water bills when they are caring for a family member.

The volume of water a carer will use when caring within the home is needs-based & considering how much carers save the government every year by the work they do, the very least we can do as a society & as a council is make sure they have one less stress in their already over stressed lives as carers.

Make sure that they get an exception in their water bill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/248)

16.3 **REVIEW THE DOWNGRADING OF HISTORY AS A MANDATORY CORE SUBJECT ON THE REVISED JUNIOR CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM**

‘That Cork City Council would request The Minister for Education and Science and the NCCA to review the downgrading of history as a mandatory core subject on the revised Junior Certificate Curriculum in second level school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 15/249)

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Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí.

24 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2015

