

**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 data thíosluaite, ar a **5.30 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:-

GNÁTHCHRUINIÚ – DÉ LUAIN, 9^ú NOLLAIG 2024

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2024

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle to consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle to consider any item the Chief Executive may wish to raise.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 11th November 2024.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle to consider the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 28th November 2024 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of land (737.5m² approximately) located at The Marina, Cork to the Trustees of Lee Rowing Club, c/o John O’Lee & Co. Solicitors, 30/31 South Mall, Cork by way of a supplementary sporting lease, to run concurrent with the existing principal lease.
2. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground (86.85m² approximately) located at Hollyhill Lane, Hollyhill, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Margaret & Thomas Egan, c/o Martin A. Harvey & Co. Solicitors, Parliament House, 9, Georges Quay, Cork for a nominal fee of €1.00.
3. Disposal of Unit No. 12 and Units Nos. 13-19, Princes Street Market, Cork, to Starlow Limited (trading as Farmgate Café) c/o J. W. O’Donovan LLP Solicitors, No. 53, South Mall, Cork, by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2024 at an annual rent of €15.80 per square foot plus rates and service charges.

7.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: O’CONNELL COURT, DOUGHCLOYNE, LEHENAGHMORE, TOGHER, CORK - OAKDENE HOUSE CLG**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 18th November, 2024 in relation to a loan facility for Oakdene House CLG in respect of the provision of 90 one bed units of accommodation and additional communal facilities at O’Connell Court, Doughcloyne, Lehenaghmore, Togher, Cork and if so decided 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 €28,607,000 be granted to Oakdene House CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 90 one bed units of accommodation at O’Connell Court, Doughcloyne, Lehenaghmore, Togher, Cork.”

7.3 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT FARRANLEA ROAD**

In accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle to consider the proposed residential development at Farranlea Road, 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 November 2024 and, if so decided adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Farranlea Road, 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 Farranlea Road, 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 9th December 2024.”

7.4 **EXTERNAL NOMINATIONS TO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle to consider and approve the Public Participation Network's and Cork Business Association's nominations to Cork City Council's Strategic Policy Committees.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 2nd DECEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 2nd December 2024.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31/10/2024**

Mr. J. Hallahan presented the Financial Statement of Cork City Council to 31/10/2024.

Decision of the Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31/10/2024 to An Chomhairle for consideration.

8.2 **CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2029**

Mr. P. Moynihan presented a report, dated 28th November 2024, in relation to the preparation of a draft Corporate Plan for the period 2024-2029.

Decision of the Group

It was agreed to accept the report, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for consideration.

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **TWO-TIER PAY FOR SCHOOL WARDENS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 28th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council expresses its total opposition to two-tier pay for school wardens.

Council believes that school wardens working in areas that used to be part of the Cork County Council jurisdiction should receive the same rate of pay as that currently paid to school wardens employed in areas that were part of the Cork City Council jurisdiction before the 2019 merger.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 24/567)

Decision of the Group

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

8.3.2 **DIRECTLY-ELECTED LORD MAYOR OF CORK**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 29th August 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That the Corporate Policy Group will recommend to Cork City Council to provide by law for a directly-elected Lord Mayor of Cork in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2024.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/379)

Decision of the Group

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

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 25th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 25th November 2024.

9.1 **MEETING SCHEDULE 2025**

Party Whips were presented with a proposed Meeting Schedule for 2025.

Decision of Party Whips

It was agreed to accept the schedule and to recommend to An Chomhairle for approval.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - CAIDREAMH IDIRNAISIÚNTA & TURASÓIREACHT – 18th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 18th November 2024.

10.1 **REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs and International Relations, dated 12th November 2024 on recent activities in International Relations.

Decision of Committee

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

10.2 **REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN TWINNED CITIES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs and International Relations, dated 12th November 2024 on recent activities in International Relations in twinned cities.

Decision of Committee

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

10.3 **REPORT ON RECENT VISIT TO SHANGHAI AND SHENZHEN**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs and International Relations, dated 12th November 2024 on the recent visit to Shanghai and Shenzhen.

Decision of Committee

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

11. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - COMHSHAOL, UISCE & ÁISEANNA – 19th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 19th November 2024.

11.1 **DEDICATED DOG PARKS**

Members received a presentation by Ms. Emer O’Callaghan on Dedicated Dog Parks.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the presentation and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for information.

11.2 **MOTIONS**

11.2.1 **DEDICATED DOG PARKS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council consider introducing dedicated dog parks across various locations in our city. Dog parks have proven to be beneficial not only for our furry companions but also for the city and its residents. Here are some key advantages of having dog parks in Cork City:

1. ****Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership:**** Dog parks provide a safe and controlled environment for dogs to play and socialize. This encourages responsible pet ownership and helps in fostering better-behaved canine companions in our community.
2. ****Enhancing Community Engagement:**** Dog parks serve as gathering spots for dog owners, creating a sense of community and fostering social connections among residents. This can lead to a stronger and more tightly-knit local community.
3. ****Improving Health and Well-being:**** Regular visits to dog parks offer both dogs and their owners opportunities for exercise and physical activity. This can contribute to improved health outcomes, including reduced stress levels, lower blood pressure, and increased overall well-being.
4. ****Boosting Local Economy:**** The presence of dog parks can attract more visitors, both local and tourists, to certain areas of the city. This increased foot traffic can benefit local businesses, such as pet stores, groomers, and cafes located near the parks.
5. ****Preserving Green Spaces:**** By designating specific areas as dog parks, we can help protect other public spaces, such as playgrounds and recreational areas, from potential damage caused by off-leash dogs. This contributes to the conservation of our city’s green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

In light of these benefits, I strongly believe that the introduction of dog parks in Cork City would be a valuable addition to our community. I respectfully urge the Council to consider this proposal and work towards creating more inclusive and pet-friendly spaces for all residents to enjoy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 24/163)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.2 **LOCATION FOR A TRAINING TRACK**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council work with the various athletic clubs in the city to help identify a location for a training track (running) that would accommodate the needs of track and field athletes. They could obtain a lease and then source funding from National Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/215)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.3 **NOTIFICATION OF BROKEN OR DAMAGED UTILITY COVER APRONS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council will create a one stop shop email for the public, separate to the service centre system, for the notification of broken or damaged utility cover aprons that can then be directly sent to the utility provider in question.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/373)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.4 **PLAYGROUND SHADES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council will examine and trial the use of playground shades to allow play in playgrounds shielded from sun and rain and that trials will be carried out for this autumn to allow further use of playgrounds year round.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/374)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.5 **NEW SYSTEM OF DEEP CLEANING CORK CITY CENTRE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council introduce a new system whereby Cork City Centre is deep cleaned much more often and at regular intervals.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 24/383)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.6 **CORK LIDO**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council supports the work underway to bring a Cork Lido to fruition, which would bring many benefits to Cork City in relation to health, tourism, community and local businesses. This Council will work to identify suitable funding from all avenues for this open air swimming facility including necessary state funds to create it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/389)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.7 **DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDOOR RUNNING TRACK**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘In light of the remarkable achievements of Irish athletes on the global stage, particularly at the recent Olympics, and acknowledging the ongoing need to nurture and develop new and emerging talent within our city and beyond, I propose that Cork City Council formally supports the development of an indoor running track to serve the athletics community in the Cork area.

Rationale:

1. **National and Local Athletic Success:** The success of Irish athletes, including those hailing from Cork and Munster, has shone a spotlight on the importance of providing world-class training facilities. To build on this success and ensure future generations have the opportunity to excel, we must invest in the necessary infrastructure.

2. **Current Facility Deficit:** Despite the strong tradition of athletics in Cork, there is a glaring lack of sufficient indoor facilities to support athletes, particularly during the winter months. This deficit puts our local talent at a disadvantage compared to athletes in other regions who have access to indoor tracks.
3. **Fostering New Talent:** An indoor running track would not only benefit elite athletes but also provide a vital resource for schools, clubs, and community groups across Cork. It would enable year-round training, foster grassroots participation, and help identify and develop the next generation of Irish sports stars.
4. **Health and Wellbeing:** Beyond the competitive aspect, such a facility would contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of our citizens by promoting physical activity in a safe and accessible environment.

Conclusion:

Given the clear benefits to our community and the potential to enhance Cork's reputation as a hub for sporting excellence, I ask that Cork City Council:

1. **Endorse the proposal** for the development of an indoor running track.
2. **Seek out potential partnerships** and funding opportunities at the local, national, and EU levels to bring this project to fruition.
3. **Initiate a feasibility study** to identify the most suitable location and scope for this facility within Cork City.

By supporting this motion, we can take a significant step towards ensuring that Cork continues to produce top-tier athletes and remains a leader in sports development.

I respectfully request that this motion be considered and supported by the members of Cork City Council, with a view to taking actionable steps towards the development of this much-needed facility.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 24/410)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.8 **WATER STATION POLICY FOR PARKS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would progress the implementation of their water station policy for parks and expedite the roll out of water stations in parks and locations throughout the

city. With Cork's healthy city status and more citizens using our parks it is imperative that we provide water stations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 24/431)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.9 **PUBLIC TOILET SIGNAGE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will provide additional street signage to highlight the location of the public toilets on Grand Parade and other locations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/446)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.10 **TENNIS COURTS IN PUBLIC PARKS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council develop a plan to have tennis courts installed in all its public parks. The success of the upgraded tennis courts in Kempton Park in Ballyvolane needs to be replicated across the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/470)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.11 **DOLPHIN SWIMMING CLUB**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council work with Dolphin Swimming Club and help to secure a home for their 50m swimming pool in Cork City.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/471)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.12 **ILLEGAL BONFIRES ON NON FIRE NIGHT**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council presents a report on the number of green spaces destroyed by illegal bonfires on non fire night for the last four years and the costs involved over the last four years and to look at preventative measures to protect these green spaces for 2025 availing of existing resources and community involvement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 24/485)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.13 **SPOT FLOODING DURING SEVERE RAIN EVENTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will record and publish data of areas affected by spot flooding during severe rain events; that this data will be used to verify that storm drains in these areas are clear ahead of Orange Alerts for rainfall; and that documentation will be provided to residents in all areas on how to clear gullies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/510)

Decision of Committee

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

11.2.14 **SLOW AND REDUCE RAINWATER FLOWS DURING SEVERE RAIN EVENTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will assess areas for opportunities to re-green hard surfaces as a means to slow and reduce rainwater flows during severe rain events; that the Cork City Council Development Plan will require driveways to be constructed using rainwater

permeable surfaces; and that standards for surface water attenuation, and capacity of storm drains, will be reviewed in light of increased severe rain events.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/511)

Decision of Committee

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

12. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE / COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH - POBAL, CULTÚR & COMHFHORBAIRT ÁITE – 21st NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 21st November 2024.

12.1 **MOTIONS**

12.1.1 **COMMUNITY HALL IN CORK CITY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘My motion seeks to encourage the City Council to initiate plans and allocate resources for the construction of a community hall in Cork City. This facility will serve as a versatile space for community gatherings, social events, public meetings and other activities that enhance community engagement, inclusion and cohesion. Many residents, community groups, and organisations have expressed a need for a centralized space to host a variety of community-focused activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/460)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.2 **LGBTQ+ GROUPS IN CORK**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council is proud of the work that LGBTQ+ groups in Cork continue to do in our city. This Council stands opposed to all forms of homophobia, transphobia and discrimination against LGBTQ+ people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/390)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.3 **SPACES AND PROGRAMMES FOR OLDER CITIZENS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘To request that Cork City Council take the lead in looking after our older residents by setting up a proper support system that encourages socialisation, prevents loneliness and isolation, and provides the help needed where it's lacking. Cork City has a growing number of older residents who often face challenges like feeling isolated, not having enough to do, and not getting the support they need. As a Council that cares about all its people, it's time we did something about it by creating spaces and programmes that make life better for our older citizens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 24/411)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.4 **TOY LIBRARIES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That in order to promote learning through play this Council roll out a toy library in all public libraries across the city. Toy libraries provide greater accessibility to play while also reducing waste and encouraging a culture of sustainability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 24/482)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.5 **HOST EURO 2028 GAMES IN PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council supports any efforts to secure the ability to host games in Euro 2028 in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and that such a hosting opportunity outside of Dublin would be a massive boost to Cork City and surrounding regions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/375)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, and to refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

12.1.6 **BREASTFEEDING-FRIENDLY INITIATIVE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will develop an initiative similar to Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick to help improve the health and wellbeing of breastfeeding mothers, babies and their families through the development and promotion of breastfeeding-friendly businesses, organisations and communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/512)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.7 **SUPERVISED AND CONTROLLED INJECTION CENTRES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘My motion seeks City Council approval to explore the establishment of supervised and controlled injection centres in the city to address the growing and worrying public health and safety concerns. By putting in place these centres, the city will take a proactive step and approach to improving public health, supporting individuals with substance use disorders or addiction, and enhancing the overall community well-being. Supervised injection centres offer a compassionate, evidence-based solution to the challenges of public drug use, overdose, and community safety (some critical areas).’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/515)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.8 **PERMANENT BASE FOR CORK CITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘Cork City First Responders is a voluntary organization that has been serving the Cork City area since 2012, with 52 highly trained volunteers who work in conjunction with the National Ambulance Service, providing 24/7, year-round service within a 7.5km radius of the Marina Market. In 2023 alone, they responded to over 1,800 emergency callouts on a voluntary basis. The team supports the community in cases of cardiac arrest, chest pain, respiratory emergencies, choking, and strokes. They also work closely with local community groups, promoting vital life-saving skills such as CPR and defibrillation. Over the past year, they have trained more than 1,500 people in these crucial potentially lifesaving techniques.

Cork City First Responders need a permanent base of operations, ideally circa 2000sq. ft., with 2 training rooms and 2 offices spaces, along with storage and welfare facilities.

This motion calls on the Chief Executive to review existing premises to ascertain if City Council can offer Cork City First Responders a permanent base anywhere within the City Boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Deasy 24/539)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.9 **COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE MUNSTER CRICKET TEAM**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will advance the selection and development of a site for community facilities for the Munster Cricket team.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/574)

Decision of Committee

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

12.1.10 **NEW PUBLIC CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN THE CITY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 21st November 2024 on the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council agrees that Ireland needs a new public model of childcare where fees are capped at affordable rates, and workers are better paid. To that end, the Council will work with the central Government to support the expansion of new public childcare facilities in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Rice 24/576)

Decision of Committee

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

13. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 12th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 12th November 2024.

14. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 2nd DECEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 2nd December 2024.

14.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

14.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF OCTOBER 2024**

Members considered the Financial Statements to the end of October 2024.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to note the Financial Statements and to refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

14.2 **MOTIONS**

14.2.1 **COUNCIL RELATED PAYMENTS AT A LOCAL POST OFFICE**

Members considered the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 2nd December 2024 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council will examine a pilot project to allow for Council related payments at a local post office in the administrative confines of Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/416)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to note the report of the Chief Financial Officer, and to refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

15. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th November 2024.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th November 2024.

17. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th November 2024.

18. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th November 2024.

19. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th NOVEMBER 2024**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th November 2024.

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

21. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note summaries by Members of conferences/seminars attended, if any.

22. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle to note section 141 reports received, if any.

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at conferences/seminars tabled on the night, if any.

24. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at training tabled on the night, if any.

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

An Chomhairle to note the Chief Executive’s monthly management report for October 2024.

26. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle to note 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.

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **PAY PARITY FOR WORKERS IN SECTION 38/39 ORGANISATIONS**

‘That this Council supports pay parity for workers in section 38/39 organisations with their counterparts in the HSE and will write to the new Taoiseach and Minister for Health to seek their action on same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/592)

27.2 **CORK COMMUTER RAILWAY ORDER FOR PHASE 2**

‘That this Council will write to the incoming Minister for Transport to reinforce the importance of ensuring the Cork Commuter Railway Order for Phase 2 is approved as soon as it is received from Irish Rail and the importance of removing as many obstacles as possible for all transport capital projects in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/594)

NUALA STEWART
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí

5^ú Nollaig 2024

APPENDIX 1

MOTIONS

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

1. **BINS IN TORY TOP PARK AND DEERPARK**

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the bins in Tory Top Park and Deerpark and also put funding in place to do a rolling programme of bins particularly school runs etc. We need to encourage people to do the right thing and provide the infrastructure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/320)

South Central Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

2. **NEW PUBLIC TOILETS**

‘That Cork City Council begin a programme of installing new public toilets in the parks or on new active greenways. A survey of City needs to be done including City Centre and costings be prepared for Councillors to make informed decisions at budget meetings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/321)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 21/01/2025

3. **SEWERS IN MURPHY’S GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey of the sewers in Murphy’s Gardens and put funding in place to rectify the existing problems in this housing complex.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/322)

South Central Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

4. **TREE CUTTING AT WESTVIEW**

‘That Cork City Council put Westview onto the programme of tree cutting and pruning. The trees are in danger of overshadowing everything else.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/324)

South Central Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

5. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT DEANWOOD AVENUE**

‘That this Council repaint the double yellow lines at the entrance to Deanwood Avenue, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 24/587)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

6. **YELLOW BOX ON TOGHER ROAD**

‘That this Council extend the yellow box on Togher Road near the Credit Union to facilitate traffic entering and egressing Deanwood Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 24/588)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

7. **TREE CUTTING AT MARKET GARDENS**

‘That this Council cut back the trees in the main green area in Market Gardens, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 24/589)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

8. **DISABILITY ACCESS AND ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE**

‘That this Council would establish a disability access and issues subcommittee that would include external stakeholders in the disability advocacy area to engage on how our city and suburbs can be better adapted for those with disabilities and families with disabilities with the plan to produce a report on actions needed to this Council within 6 months of establishment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/593)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 23/01/2025

9. **ADDITIONAL GULLIES IN ESTATES**

‘To initiate a review and plan for additional gullies in estates where flooding and water planing occur after heavy rain, especially where more vulnerable residents reside.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Horgan 24/595)

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Comhshaol, Uisce & Áiseanna – 21/01/2025

10. **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE JAPANESE GARDENS**

‘That public lighting be provided at the Japanese Gardens, Ballinlough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 24/596)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

11. **LOLLYPOP PERSON AT ST. LUKE’S SCHOOL**

‘That a Lollypop person be provided at St. Luke’s School, Douglas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 24/597)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

12. **MAHON YOUTH CENTRE**

‘That funding mechanisms be explored and applied for for the upgrade of Mahon Youth Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 24/598)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

13. **DISABLED ON-STREET PARKING BAYS**

‘That Cork City Council will provide a policy for the addition or removal of disabled on-street parking bays outside private residences that are no longer needed (e.g. when a new occupant moves into a house); that there will be a published way for residents to request their addition or removal; and that parking fines will be waived for residents where a bone fide request to remove a disabled parking bay has been agreed but not yet implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/599)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht – 16/12/2024

14. **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION ON GARDINER'S HILL**

‘That Cork City Council will install a yellow box junction for control of school traffic on Gardiner's Hill at the junction with Richmond Avenue, so as to continue the yellow box junctions already immediately to either side of this location (i.e. at the entrance/exits to schools).’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/600)

North East Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

15. **CORK COMMUNITY TV**

‘That Cork City Council will partner with Cork Community TV to promote and engage people on the work and activities of the Council, including exploring ideas to work together on the promotion of the business of Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/601)

Corporate Policy Group – 06/01/2025

16. **ABATEMENT OF RATES**

‘That Cork City Council will develop a policy requiring on-going and regularly updated evidence from liable persons claiming abatement of rates for reason of being unable to obtain a suitable tenant at a reasonable rent, including showing to Cork City Council a regularly-updated business plan; and that Cork City Council will advise the liable person of rates waivers when properties are used for meanwhile use by non-profit organisations, community groups and charities, and of the exemption for premises occupied by artists and other categories of uses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/602)

Finance & Estimates Committee – 04/02/2025

17. **TRAFFIC-CALMING MEASURES ON CHURCH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will progress traffic-calming measures on Church Road, Blackrock, including specifically at the school, church and tennis club, in the interest of road safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/603)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

18. **JUNCTION BETWEEN BLACKROCK ROAD AND BEAUMONT DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council will review the junction between Blackrock Road and Beaumont Drive, including consideration of widening footpaths, tightening kerb radii, shortening pedestrian crossing distances, the placement of stops and yields, and renewing road paint, including specifically for westbound traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/604)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

19. **RESURFACE BELGARD DOWNS**

‘That Cork City Council will take urgent action to address the deteriorating condition of the road, beyond the periodic filling of potholes, up to and including full resurfacing in

Belgard Downs, Rochestown Road, including specifically the road from T12 ACW1 to T12 YX4F.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/605)

South East Local Area Committee – 28/01/2025

20. **REGENERATION OF CORK’S DOCKLANDS**

‘That Cork City Council notes with disappointment the consequences for the development of more than 1,300 homes in the regeneration of Cork’s docklands due to the recent decision of An Bord Pleanála to refuse permission for Goulding Chemicals to develop port facilities at Marino Point in Cork Harbour, and resolves to work constructively to support the development of housing and the regeneration of Cork’s docklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Kamegni 24/606)

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Straitéiseacht, Forbairt Eacnamaíoch, Fiontar & Pleanáil – 16/12/2024

21. **PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ON THE INNISCARRA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertake to improve pedestrian facilities on the Inniscarra Road (L2211-0), providing a safe crossing point from Westcourt Estate to the footpath opposite linking to Ballincollig Regional Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/607)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

22. **DISABLED PARKING BAYS AT SCOIL BARRA**

‘That Cork City Council liaise with Scoil Barra, Ballincollig on a recent request re the installation of disabled parking bays, and to ensure these are installed as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/608)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

23. **STREETLIGHTS AT BALLINCOLLIG REGIONAL PARK**

‘That an update be provided on the non-operational status of streetlights at Ballincollig Regional Park (Innishmore entrance).’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/609)

South West Local Area Committee - 27/01/2025

24. **KERRY PIKE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

‘That an update be provided on the status of the Kerry Pike Pedestrian Improvement Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Lynch 24/610)

North West Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

25. **REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAYFIELD SPORTS COMPLEX**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a cost analysis of a total refurbishment of the Mayfield Sports Complex and that funding be secured to ensure work is carried out in a timely manner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/611)

North East Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

26. **OLD KEATING’S FITTED FURNITURE BUILDING**

‘That Cork City Council CPO the old Keating’s Fitted Furniture building on Ballyhooly Road and develop as a shared space for business, community and residential.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/612)

North East Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

27. **FLOODING ON THE BANDUFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council address the ongoing issue of flooding on the Banduff Road. Cork City Council call on the NTA to prioritise the Banduff Road improvements. It is not good or safe enough to consistently put low standard road signs informing people of flooding. This issue must be addressed as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/613)

North East Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

28. **JUNCTION IN WHITES CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council address the junction in Whites Cross. With major developments being built, the junction needs to be upgraded for pedestrians, drivers and cyclists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/614)

North East Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

29. **KNOCKNAHEENY REGENERATION**

‘That Cork City Council would apply to the Government for funding to include Courtown Drive, Courtown Park, Kilkieran Close and Coolmaine Crescent in the Knocknaheeny Regeneration with regards the installation of new windows and doors and where relevant porches along with the installation of solar panels and updated heating systems similar to the retrofitting of the houses that took place on Harbour View Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 24/615)

North West Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

30. **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE CORK CITY NORTH WEST AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a full audit of public lighting in the Cork City North West area because there are numerous areas that are very dimly lit or have no public lighting. I would ask that Cork City Council repair, replace and install new upgraded lighting to ensure that the North West communities have adequate public lighting to enhance safety by illuminating roads and footpaths while also contributing to a sense of security for pedestrians and residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 24/616)

North West Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

31. **FOOTPATHS IN ST. MARY'S AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would renew and repair the footpaths in St. Mary's Avenue, Gurrabraher. These footpaths are in disrepair and are in badly need of an upgrade and repair works.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 24/617)

North West Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

32. **CAR SET DOWN SPACES ON THE WATERCOURSE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install a number of car set down spaces outside the Late Night Pharmacy on the Watercourse Road in Blackpool. There is no parking in this area and due to the fact that it is the only late night pharmacy in the Northside, people have no alternative but to park on the main road on the Watercourse Road which causes an obstruction for the residents living in Hillgrove Lane and Watercourse Mews.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Gould 24/618)

North West Local Area Committee – 27/01/2025

33. **FOOTPATHS ACROSS CORK CITY**

‘That this Council will draft up a document on funding required to fix the footpaths across Cork City and write to the new Minister for Transport requesting that this be made available to us through new active travel funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/619)

Transport & Mobility Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Iompar & Soghluaisteacht – 16/12/2024

34. **TACKLE LONELINESS IN THE CITY**

‘That this Council will initiate an action plan to tackle loneliness in the city, particularly among older people. As part of this plan, Cork City Council will meet with the organisation Alone, for ideas and advice on best practices.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/621)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 23/01/2025

35. **AUTISM FRIENDLY CITY**

‘That Cork City Council will meet with and partner with AsIAM to initiate a plan for Cork to become an autism friendly city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Harmon 24/622)

Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee / Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh - Pobal, Cultúr & Comhfhorbairt Áite – 23/01/2025