

**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, 8<sup>ú</sup> EANAIR 2024**

**ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 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:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **ARTS GRANTS 2024**

An Chomhairle to consider the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the Arts Grants 2024.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30/11/2023**

Members noted the Financial Statement to 30/11/2023.

**Decision of the Group**

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 30/11/2023 to An Chomhairle for information.

9. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

9.1 **TELEPHONE BOX PROCEDURE**

Mr Fearghal Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic and Economic Development, outlined the plans and processes for phone boxes in Cork City.

**Decision of Committee**

The Committee welcomed the presentation and agreed to refer this item to An Chomhairle for information.

9.2 **UPDATE ON VACANCY AND DERELICTION**

Mr John Crotty, Vacant Homes Officer, Cork City Council, gave an update on the progress regarding vacancy and dereliction in Cork City.

**Decision of Committee**

The Committee welcomed the presentation and agreed to refer this item to An Chomhairle for information.

9.3 **MOTIONS**

9.3.1 **REGISTER OF VACANT HOUSES/APARTMENTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic and Economic Development, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE will develop a register of vacant houses/apartments based on the data collected by the CSO census data at 5-year intervals.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 23/561)

**Decision of Committee**

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

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

10.1 **REPORT ON CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) BYE LAWS 2023**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, regarding Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye Laws 2023.

**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 **MOTIONS**

10.2.1 **UPDATE FROM THE GARDAÍ ON CONDUCT OF MOTORISTS**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE will seek an update from the Garda Superintendent in Cork about instructions to Gardaí on how to handle cases of close passing causing harm to cyclists and the conduct of motorists when illegally parked particularly at a bus pick up and drop off point.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 23/460)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 10.2.2 **PARK AND RIDE FOR THE NORTHSIDE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council makes contact with relevant departments, NTA and other stakeholders necessary to ensure a park and ride is delivered for the Northside of Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 23/468)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

##### 11.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

Members considered the Housing Progress report for October 2023.

### **Decision of Committee**

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

##### 11.2 **UPDATE ON HOMELESS SERVICES**

Members considered the update of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on Homeless Services.

### **Decision of Committee**

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

### 11.3 **MOTIONS**

#### 11.3.1 **HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE NORTH-WEST AND NORTH-EAST WARD**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘To ask Council to furnish me:

1. The details of all new social and affordable housing projects commenced since 2019 and completed to date.
2. Include social, affordable, low-cost rental, housing for older people, voluntary bodies.
3. The total number of units in each project.
4. The amount of funding delivered by central government to deliver the development(s).
5. The number of developments expected to be completed and allocated by 2024.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 23/320)

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11.3.2 **REVISE POLICY REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEMES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council agrees to revise policy to allow successful applicants for affordable housing who face a delay of over 4 weeks from original closure date, through no fault of their own, to apply for other affordable housing schemes as these may come available.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 23/345)

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11.3.3 **UPDATE ON LOAN FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE WORKS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council update on the €11 million loan taken down by Council for housing maintenance works including works to date.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 23/392)

**Decision of Committee**

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

11.3.4 **CONVERSION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES INTO HOUSING**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Delivery & Regeneration, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That a report be prepared on the potential conversion of commercial city centre properties into housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 23/401)

**Decision of Committee**

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

11.3.5 **INCLUDE MOBILITY SCOOTERS UNDER GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY PROGRAMME**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council includes mobility scooters under the Grants for Older People and People with a Disability programme.

Mobility scooters have become an essential mode of transportation for individuals with mobility challenges, enabling them to maintain their independence and participate fully in community life. These scooters play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for older people and those living with disabilities, providing them with the freedom to navigate their surroundings.

By incorporating mobility scooters into the existing Grants for Older People and People with a Disability programme, we can directly assist individuals in obtaining these devices. This support will alleviate the financial burden that often accompanies the purchase of a mobility scooter, making it more accessible to those who require it.

Additionally, by including mobility scooters in the grant program, we send a clear message of inclusivity and support to our older residents and fellow citizens with disabilities. It is vital that we empower all members of our community to live their lives to the fullest and participate in society without limitations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 23/322)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11.3.6 **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council supports the Public Participation Network call on to undertake an in-depth, proactive equality impact assessment of its housing allocation policy for compliance with its statutory, positive Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty (PSEHRD), with a particular focus on equality of outcomes. Asking that this include key representative community organisations and individuals covered under the nine grounds under the Equality Acts. Asking that this process be underpinned by the principles of transparency and accountability in order to ensure public confidence in the system of housing allocations. Furthermore, all findings and recommendations should be published publicly. Call on Cork City Council to work earnestly to implement improvements in this system with specific and timebound targets to achieve equality of outcome for all.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 23/450)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11.3.7 **WALK-THROUGH AUDIT IN THE HOUSING DIRECTORATE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council report on any learnings from a previous ‘walk-through audit’ in the Housing Directorate and if it is timely for a new audit to be carried out.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 23/454)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

### 11.3.8 **TRAVELLER HOMELESS TASK FORCE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘Calls on Cork City Council to establish a local Traveller Homeless Task Force, which will be action and outcome focused to overcome the ever-increasing, disproportionate and intergenerational degree of traveller homelessness.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 23/466)

#### **Decision of Committee**

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

### 11.3.9 **DELAYS IN MAINTAINING COUNCIL HOMES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘Would it be possible please to discuss the delays in maintaining Cork City Council homes. Is it because the maintenance of Council houses is overwhelming and outside contractors cannot keep up with the workload? Is it because outside contractors are dealing with their primary work and might eventually do repairs on a Council house? Are maintenance requests being reported to outside contractors in a timely manner? Should we consider Cllr. Ted Tynan’s opinion in which he has been saying for years that Cork City Council employ trades people directly so basic maintenance can be done immediately? In my opinion we could leave the bigger maintenance issues to outside contractors, i.e. reroofing, window replacements, retrofitting etc.

My reasoning for this motion is because one family is waiting 18 months and still waiting to get their window sky lights repaired because they are leaking and as a result of the delay their entire house is covered in mould, damp throughout, bathroom electrics do not work etc. If this maintenance request was carried out immediately, we would not have a destroyed house which will costs thousands of euro to remedy the damage.

One more example and I’m sure Councillors can give examples throughout the City, a lady is having issues with her wood burning chimney flues, this issue was reported in September this year. She cannot light her stove because the smoke comes into the house. The carbon monoxide alarm sets off on a regular basis even when the stove is not lighting. An outside contractor eventually called on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October after many emails, phone calls etc. However, the contractor told the tenant that he will have to come back with a camera and look up into the flue and he will come back this week with brushes also to clean the flue. As of today the 1st of November 2023, there is still no sign of him despite the urgency of this request. Why didn’t the contractor have the necessary equipment that is needed on the day he called? Will Cork City Council get a call out charge and will there be another



charge when the job is done and while the lady waits the carbon monoxide alarm is still going off and she waits in a cold house?

In summary we should have in house trades people to deal with easy quick repairs that will prevent thousands of euro worth of damage in the long term.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 23/496)

### **Decision of Committee**

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

#### 11.3.10 **RECENT PROTEST BY RESIDENTS OF FAIRFIELD MEADOWS AND FAIRFIELD LAWN**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing Operations, dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 on the following motion:-

‘In light of the recent protest by the residents of Fairfield Meadows and Fairfield Lawn, that Council recognises the work done to this point is not adequate and has not come anywhere close to addressing the issues in the houses and the estate itself. Council calls on the management of the housing directorate to meet with the residents, as they previously have in Noonan’s Road and Glentrasna, to see the problems firsthand and make a commitment to resolve them as an urgent priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. McCarthy 23/524)

### **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. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

#### 13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

#### 14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

15. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

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

16. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

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

17. **TRAINING**

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

18. **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.

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **INTRODUCTION OF A ‘VOLUNTEER TAX CREDIT’**

‘Conscious of the huge role volunteers play across the full gamut of life in Cork and Ireland, and mindful of the drop-off in volunteering that has hallmarked the post Covid period, Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Expenditure to introduce a ‘Volunteer Tax Credit’ with the twin aim of giving existing volunteers a bit of added value for their efforts and also to attract new people to volunteer in their communities. If we do not try to tackle the slide in volunteerism, we will regret it in a decade or less.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 23/486)

19.2 **FUNDING FOR CORK CITY SUPPORT AFTER CRIME SERVICES**

‘I ask that this Council condemns the Department of Justice on its decision to withdraw funding of €165k for the Cork City Support After Crime Services. Because of the Department’s appalling decision to withdraw this much needed funding the service that is currently being provided to victims of crime in our City will very sadly cease to provide it’s supports to the victims of crime from the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024.

The decision to withdraw funding is a slap in the face to the victims of crime while at the very same time the perpetrators of crime receive all the necessary support that he/she requires including free legal aid. This support amounts to many millions of Euro every year and freely spent every year to provide supports for individuals who have no regard for the laws of the land or their victims.

The Support After Crime Service provided an invaluable service to victims of crime while the Department of Justice and the State fails to provide any such service therefore this very anomaly creates an unfair justice system.

Our current justice system leans immensely in favour of the perpetrator of crime, and it is therefore creating a crime pays policy in Ireland and this needs to change with immediate effect.

I further ask that this Council calls on the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee T.D., An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D., An Tánaiste Micheal Martin (T.D. for Cork South Central), the Minister for Finance Micheal McGrath (T.D. for Cork South Central), and the Minister for Trade, Enterprise and Employment Simon Coveney (T.D. for Cork South Central) to initiate a review of our judicial approach to criminality and the supports provided therein including the Free Legal Aid System and to introduce a more robust structure that provides less supports for criminals and more supports for the victims which should include advisory supports, compensation for the victims of crime and financial retribution from the perpetrator for the victims of crime.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 24/007)

### 19.3 **CALL TO ABOLISH UISCE ÉIREANN**

‘Cork City has, in recent years, been experiencing problems affecting the quality of the domestic water supply, with issues such as discolouration and sediment, along with reports of nausea and stomach upset amongst the City's residents.

In light of this, a new water treatment plant was opened on the Lee Road in 2022.

The plant, operated by Murphy Construction, was supposed to restore the quality of drinking water to the City, but on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, a huge quantity of sodium hydroxide was added to the water supply. The sodium hydroxide acted as a cleaner, and scoured out the water pipe system throughout the City, but this also resulted in hundreds of leaks in the piping system.

In addition, the injection of sodium hydroxide caused long-term built-up composite, which had been used to patch previous leaks, to detach and enter the drinking water.

In light of this mismanagement of the City's water system by Uisce Éireann and Murphy Construction, I am now proposing that Cork City Council calls on the coalition Government to, as a matter of urgency, abolish Uisce Éireann, and to transfer all of the water services, sewage services and water treatment plants back to the local authorities such as Cork City Council.

I envision this process being completed using existing infrastructure within the local authorities, and drawing on the experience and care of the water workers, to return our water treatment and management systems to full public ownership.

Only when these essential water treatment services are returned to democratic, public control, can the residents of Cork City and beyond have faith in the quality and safety of our water supply.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 24/018)

19.4 **RECENT DELAYS ON KEY CITY BUS SERVICES**

‘That Cork City Council write to the management of Bus Éireann to request an urgent meeting with Councillors to address recent delays on key city bus services and to the Minister for Transport to ask for an explanation as to the National Transport Authority’s announcement that new services in Cork scheduled for implementation in 2024 have been postponed until at least 2025 despite urgent community need.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 24/040)

**ALMA MURNANE**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí,

4<sup>ú</sup> Eanáir 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. **'WELCOME TO RATHCOONEY, BALLINCROKIG, WHITECROSS, AND KILCULLY' SIGNAGE**

'That Cork City Council invest in the installation of 'Welcome to Rathcooney, Ballincrokig, Whitecross, and Kilcully' signage at the entrance and exit points of the Kilcully neighbourhood. This initiative aims to identify and individualize the townlands in the Cork North-East area.

The implementation of these signs will serve multiple purposes:

1. Nurturing Community Pride: By prominently featuring the townlands' names, we foster a sense of pride and identity among the residents of Rathcooney, Ballincrokig, Whitecross, and Kilcully. It allows them to feel connected and involved in the overall development and recognition of their neighbourhoods.

2. Promoting Local History and Heritage: These townlands boast a rich history and cultural heritage that deserves recognition. By showcasing their names on official signage, we honour the traditions and stories that have shaped Cork North-East.

3. Enhancing Wayfinding and Sense of Place: Clear signage will serve as a valuable point of reference for visitors, ensuring they can easily locate and navigate the Kilcully area. It will elicit a sense of place and strengthen the community's identity.

To facilitate funding for this endeavour, I urge the Council to explore potential grants and collaborations with relevant departments, organizations, and stakeholders. Furthermore, I propose that the Council engage with local residents and community groups to gather their input and ideas regarding the design and placement of the signage.

By investing in the 'Welcome to Rathcooney, Ballincrokig, Whitecross, and Kilcully' signage, Cork City Council demonstrates its commitment to community development, historical legacy, and fostering a strong sense of place. I eagerly anticipate the Council's support and collaboration in bringing this motion to fruition.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 23/430)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

2. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GLEN AVENUE**

'Recent and previous near-fatal accidents on The Glen Avenue have raised concerns among residents and motorists about the level of speeding and overall road safety in this area. As a result, I strongly recommend that Cork City Council takes immediate action to

install traffic calming measures along the stretch of road from The Glen Church to the Dillons Cross exit of Glen Avenue.

Implementing appropriate traffic calming measures can effectively address the issue of excessive speed on The Glen Avenue and greatly reduce the risk of accidents. These measures may include speed bumps, road narrowing, enhanced signage, and increased visibility to encourage motorists to adhere to safe driving practices.

Additionally, I propose the installation of an easily accessible zebra crossing near The Glen Stores. This would facilitate safe passage for pedestrians, particularly those accessing the store and its surroundings. The presence of a zebra crossing will not only enhance pedestrian safety but also promote the overall well-being and accessibility of the community.

By prioritizing these measures, Cork City Council would demonstrate its commitment to the safety and welfare of residents and visitors in the area. We kindly urge the Council to allocate the necessary resources to implement these much-needed improvements at the earliest opportunity.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 23/431)

#### **North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

### **3. TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT AND ROAD SAFETY AUDIT AT KILLEENS**

'That Cork City Council conducts a comprehensive traffic assessment and road safety audit at the junction of Ingle Downs Estate to Gleann Iris in Killeens. The purpose of this assessment is to thoroughly evaluate the current road conditions, traffic flow patterns, and visibility issues, with the objective of identifying areas for improvement and implementing appropriate road calming measures.

This assessment should include a thorough examination of the existing infrastructure, including road design, signage, and pedestrian facilities. It is important to assess the safety and efficiency of this junction to address concerns raised by residents regarding near misses between vehicles and pedestrians in this area.

The traffic assessment and road safety audit should consider all relevant factors, such as the presence of a blind corner and the increased traffic volume during peak hours. Evaluating these elements will enable the identification of appropriate measures to enhance road safety and mitigate potential risks.

Potential solutions could include the installation of speed bumps to encourage drivers to reduce their speed, enhanced signage to improve visibility and awareness, or the implementation of a pedestrian-friendly pathway to facilitate safe crossing for residents and pedestrians.

Ultimately, the objective of this motion is to ensure the safety and well-being of residents in Ingle Downs Estate and Gleann Iris. By conducting a thorough assessment and implementing appropriate road calming measures, we can work towards creating a safer and more secure environment for all road users.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 23/432)

**North West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

4. **TABLETOP RAMP BETWEEN THORDALE AND KINVARA PARK**

‘It has come to my attention that there is a pressing need for an additional tabletop ramp to be installed between Thordale and Kinvara Park. The current lack of such infrastructure poses a significant risk to both pedestrians and motorists, and I firmly believe that it is our duty to address this concern promptly.

Installing a tabletop ramp in this location would provide numerous benefits to our community. Firstly, it would enhance pedestrian safety by ensuring a smooth and accessible crossing point for individuals, including pedestrians with disabilities, parents with strollers, and the elderly. Furthermore, it would promote inclusive and barrier-free access, allowing everyone to navigate the area with ease.

Secondly, by implementing this ramp, we would greatly improve road safety for motorists. The presence of a clearly marked crossing will enhance visibility and encourage drivers to reduce their speed, ultimately reducing the potential for accidents and promoting safe transportation throughout the neighbourhood.

I request that the City Council prioritize the allocation of resources and funding necessary to install an additional tabletop ramp between Thordale and Kinvara Park. This project demonstrates our commitment to the well-being and safety of our residents, and it aligns with our goal of creating a more inclusive and accessible City for all.

Furthermore, I propose that a feasibility study be conducted to determine the optimal location and design of the tabletop ramp, taking into consideration the specific requirements of the area, such as traffic patterns, pedestrian volume, and existing infrastructure.

I believe that by taking immediate action and addressing this pressing concern, we will not only enhance the overall safety and accessibility of our City but also improve the quality of life for all residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 23/445)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

5. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ST. FINBARR'S PARK**

‘That speed ramps or other traffic calming measures are introduced at the St. Finbarr's Park entrances onto Glasheen Road and Hartland's Avenue, to mitigate against a rat run which is becoming more and more of an issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 23/492)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

6. **SCHOOL AND SAFETY ROAD SIGNAGE ALONG CAPWELL ROAD**

‘That the school and safety road signage along Capwell Road, which has been present for many years, be upgraded in a bid to make it safer for residents, school-goers and all road users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 23/512)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

7. **RESIDENTS’ PARKING PERMITS**

‘That the ridiculously over-complicated system around applying for/renewing residents’ parking permits - including the poorly-designed online portal - is reviewed again and made more user friendly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 23/542)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

8. **TRAFFIC SPEED MONITOR AT BALLYHOOLY ROAD**

‘In the interest of public safety, that Cork City Council would put a traffic speed monitor in place on Ballyhooly Road between St. Lukes Cross and Dillons Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 23/552)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

9. **GREEN AREA AT ELMGROVE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council put plans in place to significantly cut back the green area around the complete perimeter of Elmgrove Estate in Upper Sallybrook, Glanmire.

This is to provide the much-needed residential car parking spaces in this residential estate.

This is a very urgent requirement from the residents of Elmgrove Estate, who have expressed very serious concerns in relation to this public safety issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 23/558)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**



10. **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put a yellow box junction in place at the intersection of the outgoing slipway and South Douglas Road to allow cars to exit and rearranges the signage installed in front of the sign for Westview Estate. This sign is now blocked from public view.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/001)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

11. **ROAD MARKINGS AT CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

‘That the road markings be redone in the cul de sac section of Connaught Avenue as previously requested and agreed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 24/002)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

12. **FOOTPATH FROM THE ELMS, CASTLEJANE, GLANMIRE TO THE JUNCTION WITH BARNAVARA HILL**

‘That Cork City Council will install a footpath connecting The Elms in Castlejane, Glanmire, along the L2983, to the junction with Barnavara Hill; if national Active Travel Funding would be available for this scheme; and report on relevant junction upgrades at the same junction for safe pedestrian crossing and management of motor traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/003)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

13. **WALL ALONG ALEXANDRA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will install a bow-top railing, or similar, on top of the wall along Alexandra Road to replace the damaged wire fencing, for public safety and to prevent the disposal of domestic waste over the fence onto the community garden below.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/004)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

14. **PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC LIGHTING BETWEEN BANDUFF ROAD AND NEW INN SCHOOL**

‘That Cork City Council will provide pedestrian/cycle infrastructure and install public lighting between the Banduff Road and New Inn School, noting (a) the objective for a looped walkway/cycleway connecting the Banduff Road to New Inn School outlined on Map 5 of Volume 2 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022–28, (b) funding already in place for a walkway and public lighting around the green area at Tinker's Cross, which would form a further part of this looped walkway, and (c) motion 23/329 relating to Boreen na Coille from New Inn School to Burke's Hill, which would form another further portion of this looped walkway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/005)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

15. **HISTORIC WALL ON GARDINER'S HILL**

‘That Cork City Council will trial solutions to speed up a weathered appearance of shotcrete applied to the bedrock of a historic wall on Gardiner's Hill, and encourage the growth of mosses, lichens and plant covering (e.g. strawberry plants, climbing roses, etc.), including the application of live yoghurt culture; and a toolkit of approaches shall be developed for future works like this, reflecting varied local circumstances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 24/006)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

16. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT JUNCTIONS OF TORY TOP ROAD/FRIARS WALK/JOE MURPHY ROAD**

‘That a pedestrian crossing be identified and placed that would serve the junctions of Tory Top Road/Friars Walk/Joe Murphy Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 24/008)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

17. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT EVERGREEN STREET**

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced on Evergreen Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 24/009)

**South Central Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

18. **SHARED BIKE STATIONS**

‘That the NTA be encouraged to significantly increase the number of shared bike stations in the City across a wider radius of locations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 24/010)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

19. **RESIDENTIAL USE OF VACANT BUILDINGS**

‘That to assist greater residential use of vacant buildings in the City Centre, this Council adopt a more flexible policy on unit size, particularly in relation to one bedroomed apartments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 24/011)

**Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

20. **ILLEGAL PARKING AT GLASHEEN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will work with residents and businesses to deal with difficulties with loading, illegal parking at bus stops and on pavements on Glasheen Road between the junction of Glasheen Road/Clashduv Estate and School Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 24/019)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

21. **WILTON SHOPPING CENTRE TO CUH PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

‘That Cork City Council will implement an improvement for pedestrians at the Wilton Shopping Centre to CUH crossing. At present pedestrians must wait at two stages to cross at this junction. Busconnects is not the solution as it is too long to implementation. A short-term fix needs to be implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 24/020)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

22. **VACANT VICAR’S ROAD DEPOT**

‘That Cork City Council will allow Togher Men’s Shed and the Irish Bee Conservation Project to relocate to the now vacant Vicar’s Road depot.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 24/021)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

23. **GREEN SPACES AT DENROCHE’S CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council will maintain the green spaces at Denroche’s Cross and install a place name as per the planning permission obtained for the Ashlin PBSA.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 24/022)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

24. **ASSESSMENT OF DRAINS AT MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an assessment of the drains on the Model Farm Road (outside the IDA park towards Dennehy's Cross) and the drains on Rossa Avenue (outside MTU and Leesdale Estate). The drains in these two locations are consistently being blocked any time there is rainfall which is leading to flooding on the roads and cycle lanes, impacting people's mobility and safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. O’Leary 24/023)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

25. **EQUIPMENT AT WEST GATE PLAYGROUND, BALLINCOLLIG**

‘That Cork City Council replaces the equipment which was removed from West Gate Playground, Ballincollig (opposite Lidl) due to anti-social behaviour. That Cork City Council engages with local residents’ groups, An Garda Síochana and local youth and community workers to look at ways to prevent the playground from being vandalised.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. O’Leary 24/024)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

26. **ROADWORKS AT GAELSCOIL UÍ RIADA**

‘That Cork City Council carries out a number of works to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians to Gaelscoil Uí Riada including:

- extending the pathway that stretches from SMA Church to join with the existing path adjacent to the SMA boundary wall on Cardinal Way.
- demarcation of a cycle lane on the same side of the road.
- adding brightly coloured bollards on the paths adjacent to the school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. O’Leary 24/025)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

27. **WOMEN'S GRAVE AND MAGDALENE MEMORIAL, SUNDAY'S WELL**

‘That Cork City Council facilitate access to the Women's Grave and Magdalene Memorial near the former Good Sheperd Convent, Sunday's Well. The adjacent green area known as the 'Gym' could also be a location for a public garden/reflective area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 24/026)

**North West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

28. **INVITATION TO THE PALESTINIAN AMBASSADOR, DR JILAN WAHBA ABDALMAJID**

‘That Cork City Council invite the Palestinian Ambassador, Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to address a public meeting of Cork City Council, with an opportunity afterwards to network with elected members and Council staff with an agenda of further developing links between Cork City and the State of Palestine and to receive an update from the Ambassador on the situation in Palestine.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. O. O’Leary, Cllr. F. Kerins 24/027)

**International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee – 15/01/2024**

29. **SURVEY CHURCH AVENUE, ROMAN STREET FOR RESURFACING**

‘That Cork City Council survey Church Avenue, Roman Street for resurfacing and associated works to address an often slippery surface for pedestrians in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 24/028)

**North West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

30. **PREVENTATIVE HOUSING MAINTENANCE MEASURES**

‘That Cork City Council report on preventative housing maintenance measures for the year ahead and if a programme of works will be influenced by stock surveys and prioritise dealing with dampness/mold and the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as required for each housing unit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 24/029)

**Housing Strategic Policy Committee – 20/02/2024**

31. **UPLOAD NON-PERSONAL FOI DISCLOSURES**

‘That Cork City Council recognises the importance of free and accessible information in increasing transparency in public bodies and thus agrees to upload all non-personal FOI disclosures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 24/030)

**Corporate Policy Group – 06/02/2024**

32. **RESURFACE DUNMORE GARDENS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Dunmore Gardens, Knocknaheeny as a matter of urgency as the road condition is very poor.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 24/031)

**North West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

33. **UPGRADE THE JUNCTION AT PARKLANDS DRIVE AND UPPER FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council upgrade the junction at Parklands Drive and Upper Fairhill. There is a very poor line of sight of the road traveling down from Na Piarsaigh GAA Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 24/032)

**North West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

34. **ADDITIONAL BUS SERVICES**

‘That Cork City Council engage with the NTA, Bus Éireann and concert organisers to ensure we have additional bus services for Bruce Springsteen Concert, Live at the Marquee, Musgrave Park and late-night services for the Jazz Weekend and Christmas 2024.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/033)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

35. **CLEARING OF ROAD GULLIES**

‘That Cork City Council clear road gullies all around Dillons Cross/ St. Lukes / Ballyhooly Road / Middle Glanmire Road / Mahony's Avenue / Grattan Hill / Summer Hill North.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/034)

**North East Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

36. **FOOTPATH AUDIT**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an audit of all footpaths across each ward and within the City Centre and prepare a report of how much it'll cost to reinstate and repair and apply to central Government for funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/035)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

37. **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC BIKE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council insist upon a date for the current review of the Public Bike Scheme to be published to all Councillors and for the NTA to come to City Hall to discuss the expansion of the shared bike scheme to the Northside and Southside of the City. We have lost the kiosk on Coburg Street with no development in Blackpool, Shandon, St. Luke’s, Dillons Cross, The Barracks, while no station exists in the growing areas of Blackrock and Douglas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 24/036)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee – 19/02/2024**

38. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024 CORK MARATHON**

‘That Cork City Council requires a briefing from the Council Executive on the present contractual situation with the Davis Event Agency and the arrangements for the 2024 Cork Marathon following the termination of said contract.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 24/037)

**Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee – 18/01/2024**

39. **CURRENT STATE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORK EVENT CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council requires a briefing from the Council Executive on the current state of the development of Cork Event Centre and any related expenditure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 24/038)

**Corporate Policy Group – 06/02/2024**

40. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FROM THE WILTON SHOPPING CENTRE TO CUH**

‘That the pedestrian crossing from the Wilton Shopping Centre to CUH be improved to prioritise pedestrian access to the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 24/039)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**

41. **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ST. OLIVER’S CEMETERY**

‘To request public lighting be installed next to St. Oliver’s Cemetery. In and around Laurelwood there is no lighting around the cemetery making the area very dark at night. The road is very popular with pedestrians. The lack of public lighting here makes it difficult to see pedestrians and cyclists by motorists as it is so dark.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 24/041)

**South West Local Area Committee – 22/01/2024**