

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. T. Keating, Interim Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. U. Murray, A/Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. J. Stapleton, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

1.1 **LAUNCH OF CORK CITY COUNCILS WOMEN’S CAUCUS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that in conjunction with International Women’s Day, Cork City Councils Women’s Caucus was launched earlier in the day and an excerpt from the launch video was played to the meeting.

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond to speak in relation to the launch of Cork City Councils Women's Caucus.

1.2 **CORK 2021 COMMEMORATION FUND**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that Cork City Councils Cork 2021 Commemoration Fund is available to communities and organisations across Cork City to support the commemoration of events that occurred in Cork during 1921. He further advised that the closing date for receipt of applications under the fund is Monday, 29th March 2021.

1.3 **HISTORY ROADSHOW - WAR IN THE SHADOWS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that on Tuesday 9th March 2021 Cork City Library, as part of its Decade of Centenaries programme, will host the History Roadshow – War in the Shadows with Myles Dungan.

1.4 **CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF MARY MACSWINEY**

An tArdmhéara asked An Chomhairle to remember Mary MacSwiney on the anniversary of her death on 8th March 1942.

1.5 **PARTICIPATION IN PHASE VII OF THE WHO EUROPEAN HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK**

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to brief An Chomhairle on Cork City's application to participate in phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald advised An Chomhairle that the Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan Phase VII 2020-2030 will be referred to the six Strategic Policy Committees for discussion, and will be brought to An Chomhairle thereafter through the Corporate Policy Group.

On the proposal of an tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

‘That Cork City Council Resolves it's support of our application for Cork City to be designated by the WHO for participation in Phase VII of WHO Europe Healthy Cities.’

1.6 **WELCOME TO UCC BSc GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS**

An tArdmhéara welcomed Mr. Aodh Quinlivan and his first year BSc Government and Political Science students, UCC to the live stream of the meeting.

1.7 **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle passed a vote of congratulations to Ms. Siobhán Cronin on becoming editor of the Southern Star.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

2.1 **RESPONSE TO FLUVIAL FLOODING 22nd TO 25th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Executive, dated 8th March 2021 on the response to fluvial flooding on 22nd to 25th February 2021.

The Chief Executive invited the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations to brief An Chomhairle on the response to the fluvial flooding.

3. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 8th February 2021.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **SOCIAL CLAUSES IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS**

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

Can the C.E. provide the Council with the latest information in relation to the usage of social clauses in public procurement contracts. Social clauses in public procurement procedures refer to social, environmental and labour standards that contractors have to fulfil in order to tender for public contracts. Could you confirm if any social clauses have been included in council procurement contracts? If so, could you list the number of contracts which have social clause provisions, in addition to specifying the nature of these social clauses?

REPLY

The following contracts included social benefit clauses.

Housing:

The following clause was used for the projects outlined below.

“SOCIAL BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Contractor, during the construction stage, will ensure that a minimum of 10% of the aggregate number of person weeks, i.e. the amount of work done by an individual work based on a 39 hour working week, is to be carried out by contractors personnel who are registered on a national unemployment register within the EU for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to their employment specifically for the purposes of this Contract (“Relevant Workers”). Personnel who commence employment more than four weeks prior to the issue of the Letter of Acceptance shall not be considered a Relevant Worker. The Contractor are to use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that these objectives are met.

The Employer undertakes to assist the Contractor and any Specialists/Sub-contractors to provide employment opportunities by providing details of agencies that can assist in the recruitment of suitable employees. Any action taken by the Employer, or its agents, does not imply, and must not be deemed to imply any promise to provide suitable labour/agencies, and does not imply and must not be deemed to imply that any individuals or agencies referred to the Contractors are suitable for engagement. The Contractor will be required to provide regular monitoring information to the Employers Representative, which is to be provided every 3 months for the duration of the construction stage. The primary function of the monitoring information will be to enable the Employer to measure and produce reports on the Contractors performance against the social benefit performance measures. The format of the monitoring reports will be agreed between the Employer and the Contractor. To comply with the Data Protection Act, all monitoring and training documents must include a statement authorising the Contractor to disclose personal data to the Employers Representative/Employer for the purposes of monitoring performance and reporting on the implementation/outcome of the inclusion of Social Benefit requirements.”

The following contracts included this SOCIAL BENEFIT CLAUSE (SBC)

- CNWQR* – Phase 1A
- CNWQR – Phase 1B
- CNWQR – Phase 2A
- Deanrock Housing

(* CNWQR – City Northwest Quarter Regeneration)

The following contracts are due to be tendered and include the SBC.

- CNWQR – Phase 1C
- CNWQR – Phase 2B

Our intention is to continue to include the SBC in future Public Works Contracts housing projects, which are of a suitable scale that Contractors would not have to lay off their own employees to meet the requirements of the SBC.

Community, Culture and Placemaking:

The Cork City Marathon contract for Event Management Services requires a social-inclusion element:

Liaising with the City Council’s Social-Inclusion staff and appropriate organisations and groups to encourage engagement from minority, disadvantaged, or underrepresented communities.

Our social-inclusion objective is largely achieved through the team relay and the half marathon – attracting many who would otherwise never have the opportunity to take an active part in a major city event. Concession fees of 50% are in place for people who are in receipt of benefit, in receipt of a State Pension, who are asylum seekers or students over 18 in full-time education.

Concession fees (50%) are also offered to participants entering via the Cork Local Sports Partnership, Health Action Zones and agencies who are promoting social inclusion.

Fees are waived for participants from Direct Provision Centres, of which we had c. 50 in 2019.

The successful tenderer is bound to offer these concession fees over the term of the contract.

The following contracts included environmental Clauses.

Construction.

The following are some Environmental measures being applied to procurement competitions in the Construction Sector.

- **Climate change** – All new build housing is to comply with the requirements for nZeb (Nearly Zero Energy Building), which includes for a BER rating of a minimum of A3. <https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/standards/nearly-zero-energy-building-standard/>. *Technical Guidance Document L- Conservation of Fuel and Energy – Dwellings* of the Building Regulations is to be complied with, so designs that are tendered would include for various items of technology for this, for example, the use of solar panels and air to water heat pumps.
- **Waste** – For all demolition contracts, the contractors are required to provide details of their proposed waste management plan. The waste management plan is required to demonstrate how contractors propose to dispose of the waste materials, including separation of materials that can be recycled or reused, for example timber and windows/doors.
- **Raw materials** – Materials are generally imported to sites from quarries but contractors are encouraged to use waste materials graded and classified to meet the specification of construction materials (generally granular material) from the construction site or imported from other locations. An example of this would be crushed concrete.

Energy

Housing Maintenance have engaged in a comprehensive Energy Efficiency project over the past few years. Details below

Apartment Deep Energy Efficiency Project Phase 1.

Commenced 2017

Completed 2020

129 Apartments in 14 blocks

8 x contracts

Total Value €6.2M.

All apartments brought up to B2 energy rating or higher.

Apartment Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project Phase 2

Commenced 2018

In hand (Awaiting fund allocation from DHPLG)

81 Apartments in 10 blocks value €4,448,170

4x contracts

Total Value €4,448,170

3 blocks (27 apartment) in Allen Square due for completion in September 2020.

Apartment Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project Phase 3

Design to commence in 2020.

147 Apartments

Estimated value: €9M

All apartments to achieve minimum B2 energy rating.

EEMMR projects

Energy and environmental Monitoring Measuring and reporting system

To be installed in 8 properties in Noonan Road in August 2020.

Value €93K

Red-Wolf Project

10 x properties to receive electrical storage heating upgrades and Solar PV,(Photovoltaic) availing of low carbon electricity.

In design phase at present

To be procured and installed in in 2021

Estimated Value €230K

MiniStor Project

1 x property to have low carbon heating and electricity generation system installed.

In design phase at present

To be procured and installed in 2021

Estimated Value €40K.

Also between 2013 and 2019 c. 6500 properties had Attic and/or cavity wall insulation installed as part of low carbon economy project. Value €13M.

Community, Culture and Placemaking:

The Cork City Marathon contract for Event Management Services has an environmental sustainability requirement:

Building on an initiative established in 2019 to eliminate unnecessary waste and to promote environmental awareness by composting organic waste at the finish line and ensuring recycling of plastics. Endeavouring to reduce unnecessary waste, single-use plastic and environmental footprint of our merchandise;

Transport

Cork City Council have introduced the following measures to tackle climate change.

- Introduction of EVs in City Council Fleet- 76 in place to date
- Footpath renewals – greener commuting, reducing carbon emissions, less cars on roads; encouraging more to walk. More renewals expected shortly with increased funding from NTA expected. (National Transport Authority)
- Drainage improvement – adapting to climate action change, reducing impact of flooding and increased lifespans of affected assets, e.g. roads, pipes, houses
- Weed control – use of environmentally friendly products – we have a trial location this year in Bishopstown and would hope to expand to more of the City next year if successful
- Roads resurfacing includes substantial segments of bus and cycle lanes
- Bollards– cycle lanes; direct response to Covid-19

- Grand Parade and Nano Nagle Bridge – completed last month in response to Covid-19. Improving pedestrian experience in the city centre
- Blarney/Tower Rural Villages Renewal Scheme – traffic ramps, cycle lanes, parks; improving the quality of life experience with a focus on green and sustainable development

Cleaning Products and services.

Office cleaning products are provided from the OGP Framework which ensure ecofriendly labeling.

Paper.

Office paper is provided from the OGP framework and includes EU Ecolabel certification.

Uniforms and other Textiles.

The OGP framework is being used by Plant and Machinery for emoluments for outdoor staff. This competition included award criteria for Environmental Management and Control Measures. These included.

Details of Organisations Environmental Management System e.g. ISO 14001 or equivalent and how this system is adhered to in daily work practices.

Details of sustainability measures within the Tenderers own business. For example:

- o Use of EU Ecolabelled products within your own organisation,
- o Innovative products,
- o Waste management policy,
- o Energy and Water usage reduction measures,
- o Transport and supply chain efficiency measures,
- o Reduction in packaging and plastics in deliveries
- o Corporate Social Responsibility

ICT

Our Vmware host refresh in CIX last year included an Award Criteria for hardware energy efficiency.

Green criteria will be included in upcoming tenders for network equipment and City Hall Vmware host refresh.

John Hallahan,
Chief Financial Officer.

4.2 **SEVERE PONDING – ROCHESTOWN ROAD**

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

That a report is furnished into what remedial /resurfacing work can be done to the Rochestown Road R610 to alleviate and address the severe ponding both inbound of Douglas Fingerpost Roundabout.

REPLY

The location concerned has a longstanding drainage issue that has now been handed over to Cork City Council as part of the boundary expansion. Since handover we have undertaken regular maintenance of the gully and outlet lines at the location, however the problem that exists is more to do with the drainage system rather than the amount of maintenance of same. In the short-term there are no remedial or resurfacing works that can be completed to alleviate the problem but we are currently investigating alternative drainage solutions for the area.

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

4.3 **GARVEYS BRIDGE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Collins was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 12th April 2021:-

Can the CE provide a summary of who Garvey's Bridge, Redforge Road, Blackpool is named after and why?

4.4 **INCREMENTAL PURCHASE/REBUILDING IRELAND SCHEME**

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

How many applications has there been to purchase properties through the Incremental Purchase Scheme / Rebuilding Ireland Scheme since the introduction?

How many applicants have been successful and unsuccessful in this process to date?

REPLY

Since the introduction of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) Scheme in 2018 we have received 40 applications seeking a RIHL to fund a house purchase under the Tenant Purchase Incremental Scheme 2016.

To date, 10 of these applications have proceeded to loan draw down and close of sale. There are 5 applications in progress that we are assisting with.

22 applications have been unsuccessful in obtaining loan approval.

A further 2 applicants withdrew their application and 1 offer expired before the tenant accepted.

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

4.5 **CLASHDUV PARK**

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

Can we get an update on all plans for Clashduv Park with timelines included, possible costing etc?

REPLY

Tenders to upgrade the sports pitch are being assessed at present and it is expected a contract will be awarded in late March. It is anticipated works will commence in late April early May subject to COVID – 19 restrictions being lifted. Part funding for this project is being provided by the Sports Capital Programme.

All footpaths within the park have now been resurfaced.

An application for a Sports Capital Grant for the construction of a tennis pavilion has been submitted to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts Gaeltacht, Sports and Media under the 2021 Sports Capital Programme, a decision on the 2021 programme will be announced later in the year.

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

4.6 **PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE LINK FROM GRANGE ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned pedestrian and cycle link from the Grange Road through the Vernon Mount Valley and over the South Ring Road to Tramore Valley Park including details about when work on the project is likely to commence?

REPLY

The Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is currently at detailed design stage. Seasonal surveys to inform the design are currently underway and further site investigation works will be completed as weather improves. On completion of these surveys the preparation of tender documentation will commence. The Council recently secured initial grant funding of €1.5m in respect of the scheme and it is envisaged that subject to land acquisition the scheme will go to tender in Q3 of this year with construction to be underway before the end of the year.

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

4.7 **BANDON RAILWAY GREENWAY**

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

Can the CE update the Council on plans and / or progress for the Bandon Railway Greenway?

REPLY

Cork City Council has secured a grant allocation of €80,000 for 2021 from the National Transport Authority for preliminary design work relating to the upgrade of the Bandon railway line between the Viaduct and Kinsale Road.

It is proposed to widen the walkway to greenway standard (4m or greater), improve connectivity between adjoining areas and the greenway, provide a safe and convenient corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, improve the living environment along the corridor and provide a limited number of collector routes onto the greenway.

Public engagement and consultation will form part of the design process. The construction phase is likely to commence in 2022 subject to Part 8 planning consent and funding approvals.

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

4.8 **INSPECTION PROGRAMME ON PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING**

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

Can the CE report on the inspection programme carried out by Cork City Council on the private rented housing sector in 2019, 2020 to date?

The report to contain:-

- a. The number of inspections carried out.
- b. The number of dwellings inspected.
- c. The number of dwellings inspected the failed to meet standards on first inspection.
- d. The number of HAP units inspected.
- e. The number of HAP units inspected within 8 months of start of tenancy.

- f. The number of HAP units that failed to meet standards. The report to also contain the amount of Government Payments to made to Cork City Council for carrying out inspections in that period.

REPLY

The statistics for the inspection programme carried out by Cork City Council on the private rented housing sector in 2019 and 2020 are as follows:

Description	2019	2020
The number of inspections carried out	1042	479
The number of dwellings inspected.	862	415
The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet standards on first inspection.	670	115
The number of HAP units inspected.	441	179
The number of HAP units inspected within 8 months of start of tenancy.	0	0
The number of HAP units that failed to meet standards (on 1 st inspection)	290	53
The amount of Government Payments made to Cork City Council for carrying out inspections in that period.	€117,800	€62,300

Please be advised that Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have had a detrimental impact on Cork City Council's ability to enforce the minimum standards in rental accommodation in both 2020 and 2021, with no physical inspections permitted at present, save for emergencies.

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

4.9 ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL COST OF REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS

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

To ask the Chief Executive if this Council carries out any assessment of the additional cost of the premature reinstatement of footpaths, caused by motor vehicles continually parking on such pavements?

REPLY

The City Council does not carry out assessments of additional costs associated with damage caused by illegal parking. It would be exceedingly difficult to carry out such assessments. Footpath renewals are prioritised based on pavement condition, public liability claim history and customer service requests received (logged on the CRM).

It is difficult to determine the reason for pavement failure from these records and accurately associate any damage that may be attributable to illegal parking.

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

4.10 **ATLANTIC POND**

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

To ask the CE for an update on fixing the Atlantic Pond valve problem?

REPLY

Procurement of the new outer valve and associated, localised quaywall repair works is ongoing. The tendering and award of the proposed works has been delayed due to the current Level 5 restrictions. The intention is to carry these works out during summer months (subject to the required funding being obtained and put in place), as a sustained period of dry weather will be required to enable the works to proceed.

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

4.11 **DISABLED PARKING SPACES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the locations and funding for disabled parking spaces provided in the City Council area for the years 2020 and 2021 to date and if the Chief Executive will further comment on disabled parking spaces to be provided in the near future.

REPLY

Requests for Disabled Parking Bays are assessed subject to the applicant satisfying the following criteria:

- The applicant must hold a valid and in date Disabled Persons Parking Permit (issued by either the Irish Wheelchair Association or the Disabled Drivers Association).
- The applicant must have a vehicle registered to the address that the application refers.
- The applicant must have no off-road parking i.e. private grounds for parking/private driveway at the address that the application refers.

In addition there must be sufficient street space to accommodate the bay and an appropriate balance of parking on the street for all users. In 2020 approximately 20

disabled bays were either provided or repainted. This excludes those relocated due to Covid -19 measures such as pedestrianisation of streets. No disabled bays have been installed to date in 2021 due to current restrictions. Once the restrictions are lifted further requests will be addressed.

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

4.12 **POLICY FOR INCLUSION ON SOCIAL HOUSING LIST**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for the policy of Cork City Council with regards inclusion on the social housing list, and does the policy adequately accommodate for young people, including those with disabilities, who wish to live independently of their parents?

REPLY

The Social Housing Assessment Regulations of 2011 provide the legal basis for determining qualification for social housing support. The legislation provides for a two phase sequencing of the assessment process, whereby it must first be determined if a client is eligible for such support, prior to considering their housing need.

There are number of criteria to determine eligibility for social housing support, which are listed below:

- **Age**-Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- **Right to live in Ireland**- Applicants must have a legal right to remain in the State on a long term basis (if they are from another country).
- **Income** – Applicants net income must not be higher that the limits for as specified in the regulations. For Cork City Council, the income limits range from €35,000 annual net income (for a single applicant) up to €42,000 annual net income (for a household of 3 adults and 4 or more children).
- **Access to alternative accommodation** – Applicants must not own, or have access, to a house or other property that they could live in.
- **Local Authority Rent Arrears** – If applicants have previously been a tenant of Cork City Council or any other local authority and owe rent arrears on their previous property, they may not be considered eligible for a new application.

If an applicant is found to be eligible, their housing need is then assessed. The City Council considers all of applicant's circumstances, including the suitability of their current accommodation. The housing need assessment will take into account:

- whether the current accommodation is an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel,

- whether the current accommodation is fit for human habitation having regard to the matters set out in the Second Schedule to the Housing Act 1966,
- whether the current accommodation is overcrowded,
- the extent to which the current accommodation meets any accommodation requirement arising from the enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment of a household member,
- whether persons who are sharing accommodation with another person or persons, in the opinion of Cork City Council, have a reasonable requirement for separate accommodation,
- whether the current accommodation is unsuitable for the household's adequate housing:
 - (i) in any other material respect, having regard to particular household circumstances, including rent affordability, or
 - (ii) on exceptional medical or compassionate grounds.

If an applicant is found to be both eligible and in need, they are deemed qualified for social housing support (i.e. they are added to the housing waiting list).

As the Members are very well aware, social housing is a valuable public asset and demand greatly exceeds supply; the assessment regulations exist to ensure only those most in need of this support are deemed eligible to access it. For any young applicant who is residing with their parents, it must be shown that a need for separate accommodation has been established, and that they are not adequately accommodated in the family home.

The Housing Assessment Officer will make a determination based on all the evidence presented by the applicant. As this assessment is based on the particular circumstances of each individual, it is not possible to give a comprehensive listing which would include all the situations which may be presented by applicants.

It should be noted that qualified applicants, who may not be in a position to live independently due to medical or disability requirements, do need to have the supports required to enable them to live independently addressed by an outside agency prior to being considered for an offer of housing, and the City Council regularly liaises with third parties in this regard. In 2020, 68 allocations (just over 10% of the total allocations for the year) were made to applicants who had a primary basis of need based on disability requirements or medical need as outlined below:

Basis of Need	Allocations
Disability requirement - intellectual	6
Disability requirement – mental health	3
Disability requirement - physical	40
Exceptional Medical or Compassionate Grounds	19

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

5. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

5.1 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT WITH KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL TO FACILITATE THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF SIX BRIDGE STRUCTURES ON NATIONAL ROUTES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In accordance with the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 3rd February 2021, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Section 85 Agreement with Kerry County Council to facilitate the repair and rehabilitation of six bridge structures on national routes within the jurisdiction of Cork City Council

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

Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

To facilitate the repair and rehabilitation of Mahon Interchange Bridge, R635 Silversprings Overpass, Killeens Bridge, Father Matt Hogan Bridge, Killumney Bridge and Curraheen Bridge, Cork City Council is of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Kerry County Council would carry out on behalf of Cork City Council its powers functions and duties as a local authority and or as a road authority insofar as they relate to concern and or involve the proposed works set out in the Schedule hereto, insofar as the proposed works shall be situated within the administrative area of Cork City Council and Kerry County Council is able and willing to do so.

Accordingly, Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Kerry County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.

5.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ROAD AT ALDI DEVELOPMENT, HAZELWOOD ROAD, GLANMIRE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 18th February 2021, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of road at Aldi Development, Hazelwood Road, Glanmire, Cork.

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

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 18th February 2021, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the road serving the Aldi Development, Hazelwood Road, Glanmire, Cork, is a public road.”

5.3 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 25th February 2021 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of area of ground, approximately 216 square metres, situated at Kilnamucky, Tower, Blarney, Cork to Cornelius O' Leary, c/o Coakley Moloney Solicitors, No. 49, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boylan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal by way of lease of four enterprise units known as Units 1, 2, 4 and 5 Ballincollig Enterprise Park, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Cork, together with Right of Way to Cork Urban Enterprises CLG, c/o J.W. O'Donovan Solicitors, 53, South Mall, Cork by way of a 25 year lease, at an annual rent of €1.00 (if demanded).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal by way of lease of Stall No. 20, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Margo Ann Murphy, t/a The Roughty Foodie c/o, Stokes McCarthy Solicitors, 19, South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years from the 1st January 2017 at an annual rent of €15.80 per sq. foot plus rates and service charges.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

4. Disposal of the freehold interest in the property situated at Hollymount Industrial Estate, Hollyhill, Cork to Sean Keohane, c/o O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €27,500.00 plus Vat if applicable together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5.4 **PART 8 REPORT ON MILL POND WALK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2015, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th February, 2021 on bank stabilisation works and riverside path repairs along a 100m length of riverbank at Mill Pond, Waterloo Road, Blarney, Co. Cork to reinstate the Mill Pond Looped Walk.

6. **WARD FUNDS PAID IN 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 18th February 2021 on ward funds paid in 2020.

7. **SPORT AND AMENITY FUND 2021**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 18th February 2021 on the Sport and Amenity Fund 2021, noting that a decision on same is awaited from the North West Local Area Committee.

An Chomhairle further noted Comhairleoir D. Cahill's objection to the proposals in the report in respect the South East Ward.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 1st MARCH 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 1st March 2021.

ITEM 2 - LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle passed a vote of congratulations to the Chief Executive on extending her contract of employment for a further three years.

ITEM 9 -AOB

Comhairleoir K. McCarthy expressed concern that Anglesea Street would be renamed MacSwiney Street as opposed to MacSwineys' Street, as previously agreed.

The Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations advised that the reason for same was to address any potential grammatical ambiguity.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st January 2021

8.2 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2020.

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **STREAM ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That all Council meetings, including area committee, SPC, Rapid, Arts Committee, Sports Committee etc. be streamed live the same as council meetings, in the interest of openness and transparency and works of City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 21/036)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to a meeting of Party Whips and Party Leaders to be considered in tandem with the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the review of Local Area Committees.

8.3.2 **CORK HEALTHY CITIES 10 YEAR STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture and Placemaking, dated 25th February 2021 on the following motion referred to Corporate Policy Group:-

‘That Cork City Council resolves to support the Cork Healthy Cities 10 year strategy to make Cork a child-friendly city and that the Council investigate including the recommendations of this strategy in the council's development plan as well as developing a City Council strategy towards complying with UNICEF's Child Friendly Cities Initiative.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 21/078)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is a core funder and supporter of Cork Healthy Cities. CCC Community Culture and Placemaking staff were involved in the facilitated planning sessions hosted by Cork Healthy Cities to create the 10-year strategy and Cork City Council will continue to work with Cork Healthy Cities for the duration the 10-year plan. Cork City Council is committed to working in a collaborative manner with all main stake holders in Cork Healthy Cities to achieve the actions outlined in the 10-year strategy including ‘exploring the development of a Child Friendly City In Cork City’. The actions taken in this action will align to the Unicef Child Friendly City Initiative and Cork city Council will engage with Cork Healthy Cities in consideration of this status. The Cork City Development Plan is currently under review, and the Draft City Development Plan will consider how best to plan for children and to ensure that Cork City is a family- and child-friendly city.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 22nd February 2021.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th February 2021.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **PARKING PERMIT FOR PRIVATE RENTED PROPERTY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would make it a condition for the granting/issuing of a Cork City Council Parking Permit to an applicant from a private rented property, that proof of the property being registered with the PRTB be presented with each application in keeping with statutory regulations for private rented properties.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. D. Boyle 20/443)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operates a parking permit scheme in accordance with Cork City Parking Bye Laws 2016 and the Parking Permit Policy. The purpose of the scheme is to allow any person legitimately living in the city, either owner occupier or a tenant, who fulfils the criteria in relation to car ownership / car insurance at a city address is entitled to a permit at that address. Whether or not a property is registered with PRTB is outside the terms of the scheme and does not impact on the decision to issue a permit. Ensuring relevant properties are registered is a matter for the PRTB.

10.1.2 **PARKING PERMIT POLICY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘In light of all the parking issues experienced by residents around the UCC area, we request that Cork City Council change their parking permit policy to “no permit should be issued to a person living in rented accommodation unless that property is registered with the PRTB”. This could easily be done by including a tick box on the application form.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. H. Cremin 20/423)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operates a parking permit scheme in accordance with Cork City Parking Bye Laws 2016 and the Parking Permit Policy. The purpose of the scheme is to allow any person legitimately living in the city, either owner occupier or a tenant, who fulfils the criteria in relation to car ownership / car insurance at a city address to be issued with a permit at that address. Whether or not a property is registered with PRTB is outside the terms of the scheme and does not impact on the decision to issue a permit. Ensuring relevant properties are registered is a matter for the PRTB.

10.1.3 **REPORT ON PRACTICES TO AVOID COLLISIONS BETWEEN HGVS AND BRIDGES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on practices and measures in place to avoid collisions between heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) and bridges in the city, including a review of the location of warning signs and height sensors and the causes of recent bridge strikes by HGVs in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 21/007)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual, Cork City Council are required to erect regulatory height restriction signs (RUS 016) wherever the available headroom is less than 5.03m over any part of the carriageway, including hard shoulders. Where appropriate a restricted headroom warning sign (W110) can be used before the point of no return. There is no requirement to provide height sensors.

Depending on the route, either a Garda Permit or a Local Authority Abnormal Load Permit is required for vehicles and loads where the vehicle/load exceeds 4.65m in height.

As part of a review of the existing urban freight study the location of regulatory and warning signs for routes with restricted headroom can be reviewed and any recommendations added to the roads programme and undertaken subject to resources.

10.1.4 **SAFER CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE N27**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will work with TII to develop safer cycling infrastructure on the N27 from Cork Airport Business Park to the Kinsale Road roundabout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 21/013)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is expected that funding will be allocated by the National Transport Authority in 2021 for the improvement of cycling infrastructure on the N27. Such works could be progressed later in the year and executed in tandem with pavement improvement works funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Members will be kept apprised of developments regarding funding allocations and related scheme progress.

10.1.5 **SAFE SCHOOLS ZONES ACROSS THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That this Council begin a roll out of safe schools zones across the City to become effective from August 2021.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 21/017)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council are working with the NTA and the Green Schools programme to secure funding to identify specific infrastructure treatments to address challenges to active travel (walking/cycling/scooting) to school and provide active travel infrastructure improvements to the front of school ‘School Zone’ environment and to rebalance the priority towards active travel and creating a safer more attractive environment for school children at a number of school across Cork City in 2021.

10.1.6 **SHELTERED BICYCLE PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That, as part of its programme to increase cycling in the city, this Council seek to make available bicycle parking that is sheltered and where possible open for different bicycle types such as cargo bikes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 21/018)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is seeking funds from the NTA to continue its programme of installing bicycle parking. The feasibility of providing sheltered bicycle parking facilities and parking for different bicycle types such as cargo bikes can be examined once funding is secured.

10.1.7 **RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 3rd February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That consideration be given to the provision of residential car parking facilities outside of the city centre, but accessed by public transport, as can be found in several European cities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 21/019)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) includes proposals the development of a series of Park

and Ride facilities across the City. Indicative locations were identified in the strategy at Bandon Road, Ballincollig, Carrs Hill, Cork Airport, Blarney /Stoneview and Dunkettle. It is intended that such facilities would be located so as to optimise public transport access for road users. In accordance with the Strategy it is envisaged that the identification of specific locations as well as the related design, planning and land acquisition would be progressed at an early stage with the delivery of facilities to be co-ordinated with introduction of corresponding public transport improvements.

The viability and desirability of public car parks for residential parking outside the City centre is very much dependent on local characteristics and future planning policy. Such facilities would also typically need to be associated with both a significant reduction in existing parking capacity (on road and private) as well as improvements in active travel facilities and public transport services. There are no proposals at present for the development of public car parks for residential parking across the City. However, as set out in CMATS, opportunities to develop such facilities as part of more multi functional mobility hubs can be explored within the Councils development plan, local area plan or master planning processes.

11. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th February 2021.

11.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, on Housing for December 2020.

11.2 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 12th February 2021 on Affordable Housing.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8p.m.

12. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th February 2021.

12.1 **DRAFT CORK CITY HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2021-2026**

An Chomhairle noted that the Heritage Officer gave a presentation on the draft Cork City Heritage and Biodiversity Plan 2021-2026.

12.2 **LIVING CITIES INITIATIVE**

An Chomhairle noted that the Executive Planner outlined the progress of the scheme to date.

12.3 **MOTIONS**

12.3.1 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN FARMING AND CITY FOOD PRODUCTION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 11th February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on opportunities for urban farming and city food production, including the benefits for community, biodiversity and employment, that can be included in the Cork City Development Plan 2022-28.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 21/064)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Development Plan will have objectives to support local food produce. A more comprehensive review on the opportunities for urban farming could be considered as part of the review of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

12.3.2 **ZONING OF BESSBORO SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 11th February 2021 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘Tar éis chinneadh Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí pleanáil a dhiúltú d’fhorbairt tithíochta ag láthair Bessboro (Uimh. Thag: 20/39705), cinnteoidh an Chomhairle, tar éis aon achomhairc, go zónálfar an limistéar d’fheidhmeanna neamh-chónaitheacha, feidhmeanna fóilíochta nó taitneamhachta, b’fhéidir.’

‘Following the decision by Cork City Council to refuse planning for a housing development at a site Bessboro (Ref. No: 20/39705) the Council subsequent to any appeals will move to ensure the area is zoned for non-residential, perhaps for recreational and amenity purposes.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. H. Cremin 21/072)

The report of the Director of services stated that zoning of lands at Bessboro will be reviewed as part of the City Development Plan. I recommend that this motion is referred to the special committee established by the Lord Mayor to address matters relating to Bessboro.

13. **SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its special meeting held, 24th February 2021.

14. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd February 2021.

15. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd February 2021.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd February 2021.

17. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd February 2021.

18. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd February 2021.

19. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 8th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 8th February 2021

20. **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019-2023 STEERING COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee from its meeting held, 15th February 2021.

21. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from An Garda Siochana dated 2nd March 2021.
- Letter to Garda Headquarters dated 18th February 2021.
- Letter from the Department of Transport dated 24th February 2021.

- Letter to the Minister for Environment, Climate & Communication dated 13th January 2021.
- Letter from the Irish Prison Services dated 23rd February 2021.
- Letter to the Minister for Justice & Equality dated 18th February 2021.
- Letter from the HSE dated 23rd February 2021.
- Letter to the HSE dated 18th February 2021.
- Letter from Tipperary County Council dated 23rd February 2021.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 22nd February 2021.
- Letter to An Taoiseach dated 18th February 2021.
- Letter from Tipperary County Council dated 15th February 2021.
- Letter to Oversight Committee dated 13th February 2021.
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 12th February 2021.
- Letter from Department of Education dated 12th February 2021.
- Letter to the Minister for Education dated 13th January 2021.
- Email from Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform dated 10th February 2021.
- Letter to Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform dated 13th January 2021.
- Letter from Clare County Council dated 9th February 2021.
- Letter from Clare County Council dated 9th February 2021.
- Letter from Department of Transport dated 7th February 2021.
- Letter to Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications dated 13th January 2021.
- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated 4th February 2021.
- Letter to An Taoiseach dated 13th January 2021.
- Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 2nd February 2021.
- Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 2nd February 2021.
- Letters from Sligo County Council dated 3rd March 2021.

22. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

24. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management report for January 2021.

26. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

An Chomhairle agreed to refer motion 21/121 - Funding For Polish Culture Centre to the Community Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee rather than to the Corporate Policy Group.

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **MAKE 16th JANUARY A PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Government, in particular the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Transport to consider making the 16th January a public holiday in recognition of the fact that, on 16th January 1922, the last Viceroy of Ireland formally handed over control of Dublin Castle and the machinery of government to Michael Collins and the Provisional Government. The event marked the end of centuries of British rule in this part of Ireland and the birth of an independent Irish State.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 21/088)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Forde, vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Boylan, D. Forde, S. O’Callaghan, D. Canty, G. Kelleher. (6)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, O. Moran, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, F. Ryan, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Boyle, S. Martin, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, H. Cremin. (18)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, L. Bogue, T. Moloney. (3)

As those voting against the motion were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéara declared the vote and the motion defeated.

27.2 **PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BILL 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion noting Comhairleoir D. Forde’s reservations:-

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to Local Democracy. As advocates for the empowerment of local government, we can never support or accept any diminution in the reserved functions and powers of Elected Councillors.

I also have concerns regarding the potential long term implications for local authorities in delivering social and affordable housing on local authority held land due to the extensive remit of the LDA. I believe that this is a major battle in our ongoing fight to preserve the local democratic function in the face of ever increasing centralism.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 21/093)

27.3 **PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BILL 2021**

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'That Cork City Council make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to Local Democracy.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 21/094)

27.4 **PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BILL 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion noting Comhairleoir D. Forde's reservations:-

'I am calling on Cork City Council 's Elected Members in particular those Elected Members whose party are in Government to make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to Local Democracy. As advocates for the empowerment of local government, we can never support or accept any diminution in the reserved functions and powers of Elected Councillors.

I also have concerns regarding the potential long term implications for local authorities in delivering social and affordable housing on local authority held land due to the extensive remit of the LDA. I believe that this is a major battle in our ongoing

fight to preserve the local democratic function in the face of ever increasing centralism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 21/103)

27.5 **REVIEW OF THE FORESTRY ACT 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity seeking a review of the Forestry Act 2014; in particular the exemptions to requiring a felling licence for trees in urban areas, which has the effect of limiting actions that can be taken with regards to the biodiversity emergency declared in the City of Cork in May 2019.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 21/113)

27.6 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A MATERNITY LEAVE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That the CE will enquire from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the progress being made on the implementation of a maternity leave scheme for Councillors and report back to the Council.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. L. Bogue 21/116)

27.7 **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will send a letter of support which condemns the racial and misogynistic abuse being inflicted on the Lord Mayor of Dublin Cllr Hazel Chu.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. L. Bogue, Cllr. D. Boyle 21/118)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to all Local Authorities.

27.8 **CLOSURE OF BANK OF IRELAND BRANCHES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the CEO of Bank of Ireland, the Minister for Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank in light of the announcement by Bank of Ireland of closures of branches across Ireland including a number in Cork. Council believes this is the wrong decision at the worst possible time, with serious consequences for customers and staff, and calls for a moratorium on closures during the pandemic.’

‘Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí chuig POF Bhanc na hÉireann, an Aire Airgeadais agus Gobharnóir an Bhainc Cheannais de bharr fógra Bhanc na hÉireann ar dhúnadh craobhanna trasna na hÉireann, a bhfuil cúpla ceann i gCorcaigh san áireamh. Creideann an Chomhairle gurb é seo an cinneadh mícheart ag an am is measa ar fad, le himpleachtaí dáiríre do chustaiméirí agus d'fhoirne, agus lorgáinn an Chomhairle moratóir ar aon dúnadh eile le linn na paindéime.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. H. Cremin 21/125)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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