

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th JUNE 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Horgan Family on the death of John Horgan.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Michael McCarthy.
- The Egan Family on the death of William Egan.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of James O’Sullivan.
- The Cadogan Family on the death of Patrick Cadogan.
- The Stokes Family on the death of Josephine Stokes.
- The Cambridge Family on the death of Philomena Cambridge.
- The victims of the mass shooting in Pulse LGBT Club.

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

- The Staff of Cork City Council on hosting the Community & Voluntary Awards.
- Jim O’Donovan on his retirement from Cork City Council.
- The Lord Mayor, Management & Staff of Cork City Council on the organisation of the Freedom of the City on Ms. Adi Roche.
- Allan Nolan & Kevin Corcoran on the Documentary Film ‘River Runner’ in which the film tells the story of the River Lee.
- Meitheal Mara on the Ocean to City Rowing Race and the Cork Harbour Festival.
- City Council on the Red Bull Sope Box City Marathon & Ocean to City.
- Best Wishes to Councillor Mary Shields.
- Noelle Lennihan on winning the Gold in Italy.

- Oliver McCarthy on reaching the final of the European Youth Boxing Championship.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **BOOK OF CONDOLENCES**

An tÁrd-Mheara informed the meeting that he would open a Book of Condolences to the relatives and friends of the victims of the shootings in Orlando Florida.

3.2 **CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT**

An tÁrd-Mheara paid tribute to Mr. Jim O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment Recreation Directorate. He congratulated him for his long continued service to Cork City Council and wished him well on his retirement.

3.3 **COOPERATION OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An tÁrd-Mhéara thanked An Chomhairle for its cooperation during his year as Ard-Mhéara, this being his last ordinary meeting as Ard-Mhéara.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items were raised.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 23rd May 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 23rd May 2016 and Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 30th May 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **CORK FILM FESTIVAL FUNDS**

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

Can the CE advise how much funds will be left in Cork City Council reserves once the Cork Film Festival receive their interest free loan?

Can these funds be divided between the directorates to spend in their own areas?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

The Cork Film Festival will be receiving an interest free loan of €200,000 which will be paid back over a period of 8 years. The interest free loan does not impact on the Council's reserves. It is an interest free loan that impacts on the Council's bank account and the funds will be replenished over the lifetime of the loan.

John Hallahan
Head of Finance

6.2 **CITY COUNCIL SPORTS COMMITTEE**

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

For the calendar years 2011 to 2016 inclusive can the CE please confirm the total allocation available for allocation to the City Council's Sports Committee? Can the CE further breakdown each annual allocation to the various Clubs and Sports Groups and indicate her best estimate of each annual allocation break down between Men's Clubs, Ladies Clubs and clubs that cater equally for both Men and Ladies? If 50% of funds are not being allocated to Ladies Sports can the CE please instruct the Sports Committee to ensure balanced funding forthwith?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The City Council had a Sports Capital Grant Scheme from 2007 until 2010, there being no Scheme in 2011 because of financial constraints. Part of the proceeds of the sale of the Council's Refuse Service in 2011, allowed a sum of € 750,000 to be allocated for the years 2012 to 2014 inclusive, there being no Scheme since then.

Council approved grants for each of these years, following recommendations from the Council's Sports Committee, and following public advertisement seeking grant applications from clubs. The Sports Committee carefully considered all applications over a series of meetings each year, with nearly all applicants successful in getting grant aid.

As can be seen from the attached list, nearly all grants were awarded to clubs who cater for male and female participants, with a number of female specific clubs also supported each year.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.3 **CORK SAVINGS BANK**

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

In relation to the expressions of interest in Cork Savings Bank, could the CE clarify:

- a) How are expressions of interest going to be managed by Cork City Council?
- b) Who will assess expressions of interest?
- c) Will there be a panel of experts established to assess each proposal?
- d) Will Elected Members be shown all expressions of interest?
- e) Will Elected Members have representations on any panel of experts formed?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

1. Expressions of interests are being managed by the City Council through the appointment of Lisney, Estate Agents and Valuers.
2. As previously advised to Council, an assessment panel will undertake this task.
3. Yes
4. It is not proposed to show Members all expressions of interest.
5. No - the panel has been formed and received a briefing in advance of proposals being submitted.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.4 **PUBLIC LIGHT FITTINGS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin was deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle held 27th June 2016:-

*How many light fittings are out of commission for longer than two months?
How much funding was available for fixing public lighting fittings in 2015, 2014?
How many were brought back into service this year?*

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

6.5 **PLANNING IN WILTON**

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

To ask the Chief Executive Officer:

1. What is the status of planning associated with the Wilton Shopping Centre?
2. What discussions have taken place with the owners of this site and the outcomes of such discussions over the past two years?
3. What is the current status of the reconfiguration of the road network at Wilton Rd, Bishopstown Rd and Sarsfield Rd?

4. What discussions have taken place with the management of CUH/CUMH and the HSE with respect to further developments on the CUH/CUMH medical site over the past two years and the outcome of those discussions.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

1. What is the status of planning associated with the Wilton Shopping Centre?

Planning permission was granted for the redevelopment of Wilton Shopping Centre by An Bord Pleanála under reference PL 28.238279 (Cork City Council reference TP 09/34191) on 19th May 2011 subject to 22 conditions. Permission was granted for a period of ten years and expires on 18th May 2021 (subject to a possible extension of up to 5 years).

2. What discussions have taken place with the owners of this site and the outcomes of such discussions over the past two years?

Records of pre-application consultations are not made publically available until such time as a planning application has been made in relation to the development which was the subject of such discussions. This is because pre planning consultations may very often be of a preliminary nature and the applicant may be considering options prior to making a final proposal (if any) for the site. In any case discussions regarding the site over recent years have been of a very general nature and it is understood that there may be a change of ownership at the site.

3. What is the current status of the reconfiguration of the road network at Wilton Rd, Bishopstown Rd and Sarsfield Rd?

Part 8 Planning for the signalisation of Wilton Roundabout is complete. Part 8 planning for the enhancement of Sarsfield Road and Wilton Road will be published within the coming weeks. This work forms part of the recommendations of the South West Strategic Corridor Study (Wilton Corridor).

4. What discussions have taken place with the management of CUH/CUMH and the HSE with respect to further developments on the CUH/CUMH medical site over the past two years and the outcome of those discussions?

As indicated under item 2 records of pre-application consultations are not made publically available until such time as a planning application has been made in relation to the development which was the subject of such discussions. In any case there have been no discussions over recent years relating to any significant developments at the site. The 2011 application (Ref. No. TP 11/34786) included a document 'Outline Development Control Plan' dated November 2011 which set out a long term (10 year) vision for the development of the campus including Mental Health Unit, and Oncology Unit (Ref. No. TP 14/36198).

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.6 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING UNITS**

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

Can the CE outline the process involved in the disposal of 2 vacant local authority housing units, 5C & 5D Bakers rd? Were all parties previously interested in acquiring these units for commercial purposes alerted to their recent availability?

(Cllr. Mick Nugent)

REPLY

As required under statute, the disposal of 5C and 5D Baker's Road to Probian Ltd for a purchase price of €210,000 (plus VAT if applicable) was formally approved by Council on the 16th March 2016. Contracts have issued to the purchaser and as such the sale of the properties is advancing.

In September 2015 the Council was approached by a representative of Probian Ltd expressing an interest in the properties. This request was considered and referred to the Housing Directorate for consideration. The properties were vacant at this time and in danger of becoming derelict. It was confirmed by Housing that the costs of refurbishing the units was prohibitive and that the location was no longer ideal from a social housing perspective. It was agreed that a sale of the units for the best price reasonably obtainable was the preferred option. Council sought independent sales advice on the price offered, as is normal procedure. The valuer, in his report, confirmed that the price offered was an excellent market price given the size, location and poor condition of the units and absence of planning certainty should a change of use be applied for.

The disposal was presented to Council for approval on that basis.

The Property Department has no record of other parties expressing a formal interest in the properties for commercial purposes on file.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.7 **PORT OF CORK**

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

Can the Council afford to buy the Port of Cork site?

What steps need to be taken to purchase the site?

(Cllr. Des Cahill)

REPLY

The Port of Cork property is currently for sale on the open market and the City Council is not currently in a position to fund the acquisition of same.

Estate agents have been appointed, and the making and acceptance of an appropriate monetary offer will be required to purchase the property.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.8 **PLAYGROUND AT FITZGERALD'S PARK**

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

1. *Can the C.E. tell me if all works to repair the playground at Fitzgerald Park has taken place now?
If so, what was the total cost of these repairs and ground works?
If not, what is the estimated final cost of these repairs & ground works?
Who paid or will pay the cost of these repairs?*

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

The installation of a drainage pipe from the playground to the river to augment the existing drainage system during periods of extreme rainfall and flooding will be undertaken during late June early July.

The works will be undertaken by the Council's Parks Capital Section using Job Initiative staff. The cost involved will be the cost of the drainage pipe and the hire of a mini excavator for a number of days, this should amount to no more than €750 - €1000. Staff costs are provided for in the 2016 budgets.

This item of work was excluded from the main contract in order to bring the contract sum in line with the available budget, cost of the remedial works is therefore Council responsibility.

Jim O'Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation

6.9 **CORK HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS BUILDING**

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

To ask the CE about the Council's future plans for the Cork Harbour Commissioners building? Dating back two hundred years, this is a once in a generation opportunity to

develop a key national state of the art maritime/ diaspora centre through public and private partnership. Can partnerships be forged with the Port of Cork and our universities on its potential? It would be a real shame to watch any future building decay as well as decay of the historic bonded warehouses behind it.

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The City Council does not have plans for the Cork Harbour Commissioners building which is currently for sale on the open market following a decision by the Port of Cork Company. The question of forging partnerships would have been a matter for the Port of Cork.

The City Council is not in a position to fund the acquisition of the property, nor to develop the premises as a maritime / diaspora centre. The City Council is very cognisant of the history and architectural value of the Port of Cork property and will be happy to work with the new owners in advancing development proposals.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.10 **TWINNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORK & LIVERPOOL**

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

Can the CE please provide any updates that may be available on advancing a twinning agreement between Cork & Liverpool? This would be a mutually beneficial agreement for the two cities who share many cultural & heritage links and daily flights between the two cities are becoming increasingly popular.

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

I can confirm that the number of routes being served by Cork Airport has been increasing steadily and represents a significant opportunity to grow the number of inbound visitors to the region. To this end, a co-operative approach is proposed to be taken by the City Council, Cork County Council and Cork Airport to strategically advance targeted marketing.

A twinning agreement with Liverpool has not been advanced significantly. However, the development of links with Liverpool along the suggested lines could form an integral part of growing the relationships and connections that will be integral to sustaining strong visitor numbers, and should therefore be integrated into the co-operative marketing initiative.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.11 **C.C.T.V. IN FITZGERALDS PARK**

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

*Can the C.E. inform the Council of what security is in place in Fitzgerald Park after closing time in relation to C.C.T.V. in particular and mobile patrols?
Is unruly / anti social behavior being recorded around the entirety of the park when the park is closed?*

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

CCTV cameras (including voice over facility) are positioned in the Playground area and operate 24/7. However, the Broadband connection serving the cameras is poor resulting in a break in service from time to time. Options to upgrade the Broadband service are presently under consideration and the appropriate option will be implemented during 2016 should resources allow. If not the works will be included in the 2017 draft estimates for consideration.

Issues of anti-social behavior during park closing times and, reported to the Council are recorded and investigated, appropriate action follows.

Issues of this nature were previously addressed by the Council's Park Ranger Service, this service no longer exists due to the retirement of the two staff attached to the service and the embargo on filling the vacancies. There is no provision in the 2016 budgets to provide an alternative service.

Jim O'Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.12 **FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE FOR COUNCILLORS**

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

That given the huge public investment in the project approved by central and local government 18 months ago - and the dearth of information emanating from those behind the project and ever-changing timelines - a fortnightly update is given to councillors by the CEO on the planned Event Centre and a briefing by the developers is given within one month to determine if and when the project is going ahead.

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

The developers of the Event Centre are engaged in detailed design of the facility in order to ensure that it meets the exacting criteria for modern event centres. Members will be aware that the planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála in 2011. The Steering Committee continues to engage with the developers. The project is going ahead, although more slowly that Cork City Council would like.

As I have explained to the Members previously, this is an ongoing process with commercial sensitivities. Thus, a fortnightly update will not add value to the process the aim of which is the delivery of an Events Centre.

I will invite the developers to meet the Council in Committee and to brief it. I will advise on a date shortly.

I will also update Members as soon as I have further information.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

Following a discussion An Chomhairle approved that an invitation be extended to the Event Centre Developers; to attend a briefing of An Chomhairle in Committee.

6.13 **PROPOSED EVENT CENTRE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline to City Council the up to date position regarding the proposed event centre.

Have all contracts been signed?

What subcontractors have been appointed and for what specific works?

Can the construction be done in piece meal way or must the convention centre be completed first?

Has a time frame for completion of works been agreed, if so what is it?

Is the student accommodation part of this development to be prioritised?

Can the CE confirm that the portocabins on site are in fact to do with the court house redevelopment and not the event centre?

(Cllr Terry Shannon)

REPLY

1. The funding contracts with Cork City Council and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht have not been signed.
2. The hire of subcontractors is a matter for the developers.
3. The event centre need not necessarily be completed first.
4. A time frame for completion has not been agreed.
5. It is not known to Cork City Council whether the student accommodation element will be prioritized.
6. The portocabins on site are being used to service both the redevelopment of the former Capitol site and the former brewery site.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,

Corporate & External Affairs.

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 7th JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 7th June 2016.

7.1 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved an application from Comhairleoirí H. Cremin and K. Collins that their membership of Cork City Partnership and Cork City Sports Partnership be transferred as follows:-

- Comhairleoir H. Cremin from Cork City Partnership to Cork City Sports Partnership.
- Comhairleoir K. Collins from Cork City Sports Partnership to Cork City Partnership.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE– 23rd MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 23rd May 2016.

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 30th MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 30th May 2016.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 7th June 2016.

10.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

REPORT ON U.S. SUMMIT 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report on the U.S. Summit 2016.

10.2 **DIGITAL AUDIT OF THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out:-

- (A) Digital Audit of the city that identifies where digital innovation is taking place across

all sectors of the city.

- (B) Opportunities for digital innovation within the city.
- (C) Put in place a full digital strategy.
- (D) Sets clear five-year targets for the city, including: doubling the number of Cork firms selling products and services online. A 35 per cent improvement in productivity growth achieved through digital technology. Support for 100 promising local digital start-up companies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/119)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development on the motion.

The report states digital contributes 4.4% to Ireland’s GDP. The digital part of the economy in Ireland is growing at 16% per year – that is more than 10 times the rate of growth of the economy as a whole. Digital already supports almost 95,000 jobs both directly and indirectly in the Irish economy.” – National Digital Strategyi.

Such employment levels and positive growth prospects underline the importance of ensuring that digital is at the heart of Ireland’s economic agenda. In its simplest definition, digital is the use of online technology and ICT to enable Government, Business and Individuals to deliver, participate and inform themselves across a vast multitude of economic and social areas. It is also part of the overall Government commitment to a more digitally empowered society which involves a suite of complementary national measures. These include the National Broadband Plan, the National Payments Plan , the Action Plan for Jobs and the eGovernment Strategy and the eHealth strategy currently being developed by the Department of Health .

Cork City Council is cognisant of the importance of embracing digital and encouraging the digital agenda as part of the smart agenda this is driven through the Cork Smart Gateway. This smart agenda will build on the existing assets, attributes and experiences in the region and will help position Cork as a ‘World-Class Smart Region’. The Cork Smart Gateway2 was established by Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Nimbus Research Centre and Tyndall National Institute to pursue and facilitate the delivery of this agenda.

There are a number of aspects of this motion that are currently being addressed at least in part through different mechanisms and we would suggest that the coordination of the organisations inputting into the development of Cork’s digital ecosystem is an appropriate first step in the delivery of a digital strategy for Cork.

10.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2016 to 31st March, 2016.

10.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016 on Planning Statistics from 1st January 2016 to 31st March, 2016.

10.5 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016 on Planning Enforcement Statistics from 1st January 2016 to 31st March, 2016.

10.6 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016 on the Significant Developments.

10.7 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motions and the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

10.7.1 **TAKE IN CHARGE HYDE PARK**

‘That Hyde Park, a council-built site, be taken in charge immediately to allow essential repairs to be carried out and that in further council-built projects, the taking-in-charge process runs in parallel with construction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/103)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that The Taking in Charge of the above Park is under the remit of the Housing and Community Directorate.

This motion was an item on the agenda of the Housing Functional Committee Meeting of 16th May 2016.

10.7.2 **TAKE IN CHARGE TIVOLI ESTATE UPPER IN MONTENOTTE**

“That Cork City Council would undertake the process as a matter of urgency the taking in charge of Tivoli Estate Upper in Montenotte”.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/111)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that An Chomhairle approved the Taking in Charge of the above estate at its meeting of the 13th July 2015, following the recommendation of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee meeting of 6th July 2015.

10.7.3 **REJUVENATION PLAN FOR THOMAS DAVIS STREET AND DUBLIN STREET**

“That Cork City Council formulate a full rejuvenation plan for Thomas Davis Street and Dublin Street to start a rejuvenation of the entire village of Blackpool including all stakeholders and community organisations”.

(Proposer: K.O’Flynn 16/074)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that Blackpool Village Action Plan was adopted by Council in November 2010, after a public consultation with all the key stakeholders in the area on the Draft Action Plan. It identified the key issues in the area and put forward a number of actions aimed at improving this historic part of the city. Many of the Plans proposals remain to be implemented and continue to be of great relevance to the area. The North Blackpool Local Area Plan, which deals with the area north of Blackpool Village but takes in part of the Dublin St are was adopted in 2011. It is not proposed to prepare an additional Regeneration Plan at this time, rather the intention is to focus on implementing the actions outlined in the exiting Plans and if appropriate, add further actions.

There are a number of housing proposals being progressed for Thomas Davis Street and Dublin Street at present:

Re-development at 27, 28 & 29 Dublin Street, Blackpool	The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government have approved the tender report for the project and a Contractor is in the process of being appointed to deliver ten units of social housing accommodation. Construction will commence by the end of June, 2016.
Redevelopment of 18/19/20/21/22/24 Thomas Davis Street	It is proposed that Cork City Council will dispose of the properties at 20, 21,22 & 24 Thomas Davis Street to Respond Housing Association to facilitate the delivery of a proposed new social housing scheme for this area. The properties at 18 & 19 Thomas Davis Street are already in the ownership of Respond. The DECLG have approved a Capital Appraisal submission in the sum of €6,502,000 for the redevelopment of the site. It is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged by August, 2016.
Lands at Junction of Spring Lane/Thomas	The City Council is currently in discussions

Davis Street & North Ring Road	with an Approved Housing Body (AHB) with regard to the development of the site in accordance with the planning objectives for the area. Its redevelopment will incorporate the delivery of a social housing project. The AHB are currently examining procurement options for the site.
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It is hoped that the redevelopment of these sites for housing will help support shops and other service by bringing additional residents into the area. Action will also continue to be taken under the Derelict Sites Act to address derelict buildings in the area. Funding is also being provided for upgrading of businesses and houses in the area through the 2016 Blackpool Building Regeneration grant scheme.

10.7.4 **LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR THE MAYFIELD AREA**

“That Cork City Council prepare a Local Area Plan for the Mayfield area as a priority”.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/076)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that Cork City Council has committed to preparing a local area plan for Tivoli and a new local area Plan for the South Docklands in 2016/17. These plans will require the allocation of significant resources over the next two years. Resources are also being allocated inputting into the National Planning Framework, and the Regional Social and Economic Strategies to ensure that Corks needs and potential is recognised in these plans. Resources are also being allocated to urban revitalisation through implementing the City Centre Action Plan, grant schemes for building refurbishment, and pursuing derelict and vacant sites. Regrettably, resources are not available for preparation of additional local area plans at this time.

10.7.5 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A VILLAGE TEAM FOR EACH URBAN VILLAGE/DISTRICT IN CORK**

“Motion to Cork City Council: The establishment of a Village Team for each Urban Village/District in Cork;

1. This would include the local Tidy Towns Chairperson, a Garda Community Sergeant, local business owners and Cork City Council planning experts;
2. The establishment of a Village Manager in each of the six electoral districts to co-ordinate the work of the Village Teams in that district;
3. The roll-out of well-organised village markets and village festivals that compliment local businesses and help increase footfall in the area;
4. Reduced commercial rates for new village based businesses and those in key areas; a commercial rates surcharge of 15% on out-of-town shopping centres;
5. 90 minutes free parking in urban villages;
6. Disincentives to prevent landlords from leaving units vacant or rendering the un-rentable”.

(Proposer: Cllr. K.O’Flynn 16/097)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated the following:-

1. & 2. Resources are not available at this time to set up a team plan led by a Village Manager for each Urban Village/District in Cork. However support is given to these areas by a variety of sections within Cork City Council on an on-going basis. Community wardens provide a valuable function on environmental issues and link with local tidy towns groups. The RAPID process provides co-ordinators to support local communities and other stakeholders in certain areas. In addition, Northside for Business which supports business development on the Northside of the city is aided by Cork LEO.
3. Where feasible Cork City Council will continue to work with local communities to support them in local festivals etc as it does at present.
4. Cork City Council does not have the power to reduce or surcharge rates in particular areas, as rates are based on the rateable valuations currently in force and the Annual Rate on Valuations determined by Council across the entire city. It may be feasible to provide a grant in lieu of rates in particular circumstances and this is being investigated at present for application to areas experiencing significant dereliction and vacancy.
5. On-street parking space is finite and is intended to be used for the convenience of those who wish to spend a relatively short period of time in an area. It is important that a constant turnover of spaces occurs, to ensure ongoing availability and therefore minimise vehicles ‘cruising’ through the network seeking parking space. On street time limits and charges are the means to achieve turnover. Free parking for limited periods would create difficulties in enforcement for customers who overstay the free time. It is likely that this would lead to abuse of the spaces by vehicles parking for long periods, thereby reducing turnover and footfall in these areas, creating the opposite of the intended effect.
6. Derelict sites legislation provides measures to tackle run-down properties and encourage their reuse, while the new powers under Housing and Regeneration Act of 2015 will provide powers to tackle vacant sites. There are currently no direct powers to ‘disincentivise’ vacant units and vacant units attract a reduced level of rates. On the positive side, grant schemes are available in areas like Blackpool and the South Parish in 2016 for refurbishment of rundown business and residential properties, which should help support re-use of vacant buildings.

10.7.6 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE QUARRY, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

“That the Planning Department expedite the preparation of draft plans for public consultation in relation to the Quarry, Ballyhooley Road”.

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 16/131)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that The Environment Directorate, the City Architect's Department and the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate have engaged with the local community around addressing the improvement of the Quarry in Ballyhooley Road between St. Luke's Cross and Dillon's Cross. The lands are zoned for Public Open Space in the City Development Plan but have become the location for some anti-social behaviour which needs to be addressed.

Proposals in relation to environmental improvements and extensions to the rear gardens of certain dwellings are being prepared. The possibility of some lands being developed for housing is also under consideration. Depending on the nature of the final agreed proposals, it may be necessary to vary the Cork City Development Plan in order to implement them.

A further report will be brought to Council when the proposals are finalised.

11. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 7th June 2016.

11.1 **COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE GRANT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016 on the Community Maintenance Grant Scheme.

11.2 **BONFIRE NIGHT PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016 on the Bonfire Night Project.

11.3 **OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT**

'That Cork City Council undertakes a feasibility study on placing outdoor gym equipment at various amenities throughout the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 16/069)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that Cork City Council is satisfied that specialist outdoor gym equipment is suitable for a number of amenity areas in the City. However, the installation of outdoor

gym equipment is not considered an immediate recreation priority and, given the current financial constraints it is unlikely the Council will be in a position to finance same for some time.

11.4 **MEMBERS OF CORK CITY COUNCIL CLEANSING DEPARTMENT BE PERMANENTLY POSTED IN FARRANREE AND FAIRHILL**

‘Can a member of Cork City Council Cleansing Department be permanently posted in Farranree and Fairhill as a result of negative IBAL reports.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 16/073)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that areas in question are serviced by a mechanical suction sweeper. There are certain streets where the mechanical suction sweeper cannot fit and therefore does not enter.

The areas are also serviced by the illegal dumping collection vehicles.

Localised littering is addressed on a needs basis by redeployment of manual sweepers. However, in light of available staffing and budget resources it is not possible to assign a manual sweeper permanently to the area.

11.5 **BONFIRE FREE ZONES**

‘That Cork City Council examine the green area across the city that were damaged on bonfire night on previous occasions and designate them Bonfire Free Zones in conjunction with local residents, groups and An Garda Síochána.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/086)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that the Environment & Recreation Department will continue as in previous years to liaise with local resident groups to deter unauthorized fires which damage green areas. The support includes erection of No Bonfire Signs, writing to householders, supporting alternative activities on the night such as Willow Park, etc., with the key element being local willingness to cooperate in prevention of damaging fires.

11.6 **REINSTATE RUBBISH BIN AT CANTY’S FIELD, NEAR CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

‘That the rubbish bin removed at Canty’s Field, near Connaught Avenue, be reinstated as it can easily be collected with others in the area (a nearby business of UCC to sponsor if necessary).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/095)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that there are five remaining litter bins at Canty's Field, this is considered adequate in the context of the size of the area. There is no provision in the 2016 estimates to finance a replacement bin.

11.7 **DOG DNA REGISTRATION SCHEME**

‘That Cork City introduce a dog DNA registration scheme’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/105)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that the introduction of a Dog DNA registration scheme would require the following:-

- (i) Development of a computerized database of City Wide dog DNA records.
- (ii) Voluntary submission and registration of pet DNA samples by dog owners.
- (iii) A testing regime for dog faeces, found as litter, for comparison with the database.
- (iv) Legal acceptance of such evidence to support prosecution.

The investment in database development, registration and sampling would be very considerable. DNA sampling and analysis would cost in the range of €100 to €200 per sample. Even if a registration service were provided free, it is unclear what level of compliance would be forthcoming. Compulsory registration would require legislation.

Currently, within financial constraints, and in the absence of an appropriate legislative framework the introduction of such a scheme is not feasible.

11.8 **MAYFIELD AREA BE ALLOCATED A WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING SERVICE**

‘That the Mayfield area, particularly adjacent to businesses be allocated a weekly street sweeping service. The areas in question are the business areas adjacent to the old TSB and around the corner past Supervalu down to the library on Old Youghal Road. Also the area from Dillon’s Cross to St Luke’s Cross require to be included in a weekly street sweeping roster.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/112)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that the area in question is serviced by a mechanical suction sweeper and any illegally dumped waste is collected by one of the pickup vehicles.

Localised littering is addressed on a needs basis by redeployment of manual sweepers. However, in light of available staffing and budget resources it is not possible to assign a manual sweeper permanently to the area.

11.9 **AMENITY AND RECREATION PROJECTS FUNDED BY CAPITAL SPENDING PROGRAMMES FROM 2009 TO 2017**

‘That Cork City Council would report on amenity and recreational projects funded under the Capital Spend Programme from 2009 to 2017 and would provide details as to the status of such projects, their initial projected cost, final cost (and reason for difference) and would also provide a breakdown on a ward by ward basis’.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/143)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report sets out below the detail of amenity & recreation projects completed by City Council since 2009:-

Cork South West Ward

Clashduv Park – paths, drainage, tennis courts	€436,000
Lee Fields – Car Park	€50,000
Murphys Farm – pathways, cycleways, Curraheen Walkway	€1,000,000
Also 2 new pavilions provided in 2007/2008	€1,100,000
School Path, Glasheen – Pathway	€45,000
Mardyke Gardens, Fitzgerald Park	€2,600,000
Playground Fitzgerald Park	€650,000
Banks of Lee walkway – new path	€178,000
Togher pitches Lehanaghmore	€100,000
Skate Park Mardyke	€300,000

South Central Ward

Tramore Valley Park – new park ongoing	€2,000,000
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The Lough – improvements €10,000

Bishop Lucey Park – incorporating Christ Church lane €68,000

South East Ward

Marina Pontoon €600,000

Kennedy Park – Pathway upgrade €75,000

Ballinlough Park – Pathway upgrade €75,000

Ted McCarthy Golf Course – mobility path works, €45,000

Safety netting

Douglas Pool - upgrade €490,000

North West Ward

Bridevalley Park – new park €403,000

Fairfield – new path network €95,000

Churchfield Allotments €150,000

Popham Park – new pavilion €150,000

Fairfield Pavilion – new pavilion €140,000

Cork North Central

Dr. Mary Hearn Park – new park €110,000

St. Anne’s Park – new park €105,000

Military Cemetery – new park €500,000

Many of the projects were undertaken on an incremented basis dependent on Job Initiative staff resources and available development contributions.

11.10 TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING

‘That Cork City Council will put together a task-force to address the serious issue of illegal dumping in Cork City, Council will engage with Dublin City Council to determine what

recent measures it has implemented to tackle dumping, such a task force would complement the recent initiative by elected members in relation to dog fouling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/147)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that as part of the Street Cleaning and Litter Management activities Cork City Council has an illegal dumping investigation unit consisting of one pick up vehicle which services the entire City. Waste collected by this vehicle is examined by the Litter Wardens for any evidence to enable fines to be issued to the persons responsible for illegal dumping the waste.

Contact will be made with other Local Authorities, particularly Dublin City Council, to assess the feasibility of replicating recent initiatives introduced by them, having regard to staffing, cost and data protection implications.

A further report can then be prepared.

11.11 **SIGNAGE IN KENLEY ESTATE TO PREVENT LITTERING**

‘That City Council would erect permanent signage in Kenley Estate to prevent littering and dumping of grass/hedge cuttings on a green area that the residents are after cleaning up recently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/125)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that signage will be erected shortly.

11.12 **INSTALL DOG FOULING BINS**

‘Following on from the success of Dog Fouling Awareness week, that Cork City Council would put in place a number of Dog Fouling Bins on a nominated road, say Old Youghal Road on the Northside and a similar stretch of road on the Southside and monitor these roads re dog fouling levels over a six week period. If successful this initiative could then be rolled out gradually across the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/133)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to refer this issue back to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee.

The report stated that City Council has in the past erected dog litter waste bins in public parks and walkways throughout the City. These bins were prone to vandalism and were replaced by standard litter bins. There are no plans at present to reintroduce specific dog fouling bins as it is in order to use standard bins for disposal of dog litter.

The cost of dog disposal litter bags is extremely modest, and they are widely available to purchase at supermarkets and pet shops throughout the City. The cost and availability is not a barrier to responsible dog owners disposing of litter droppings in existing litter bins.

11.13 **TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEES**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with interested community groups and associations to facilitate the development and creation of local Tidy Towns committees and that Cork City Council would recommence the annual competition for gardens, estates and public spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/144)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd June, 2016.

The report stated that the City Council facilitated a Tidy District’s Competition until recent years, but in general, the Competition attracted the same entries each year, with only a limited number of award winners.

The Council’s Community Maintenance Grant Scheme introduced in the past few years proves to be a far more effective measures to encourage residents/community groups to enhance their areas, with 54 groups last year being allocated a total of €8,000 in grant aid towards provision of equipment, enhancement works etc., in their estates.

Consideration will be given at budget time to increasing the budget available to the scheme and to broaden the qualifying criteria for grants.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following summaries of Conference/seminars attended:-

- AILG 3rd Annual Conference 1916 in Buncrana, Co. Donegal on the 5th – 6th May attended by Comhairleoir M. Shields.

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

15. **TRAINING**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir S. Martin at AILG Training Event in Dundalk on Saturday 18th June.

15.1 **AILG TRAINING MODULE 3 2016 – LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING AN UPDATE BRIEFING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at a training event entitled Training for Elected Members to take place in the Lakeside Manor Hotel, Virginia, Co. Cavan held on the 23rd June 2016.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **INSTALL C.C.T.V. AT THE KNOWN BLACKSPOTS FOR LITTERING**

‘That City Council would install C.C.T.V. at the known blackspots for littering / dumping around the city and prosecute the offenders thus putting out the message that this will not be tolerated into the future when the pay by weight is introduced to householders.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/126)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.2 **SIGNAGE BE ERECTED ASKING CYCLISTS TO AVOID CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS**

‘That signage be erected on the footpath between Kent Railway Station and Tivoli asking cyclists to avoid cycling on footpaths. An elderly resident was hospitalised recently walking out her door and was hit by a cyclist. Apparently it’s a regular hazard in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/135)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.3 **THAT SIGNAGE BE PUT IN PLACE ADVISING DRIVERS OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON THE RAILWAY BRIDGE ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That prominent signage be put in place advising HGV drivers of height restrictions of the railway bridge on Lower Glanmire Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/136)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.4 **EXAMINE THE TIMERS ON LIGHTS AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN GLASHEEN**

‘That City Council would examine the timers on the lights at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Summerstown on Clashduv Road Glasheen as it takes approx 3/4 minutes for the green man to come on after pressing the push-button.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/151)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **REPLACE ROOF OF ENGLISH MARKET AND CORK CITY LIBRARY WITH SOLAR PANELS**

That Cork City Council would take inspiration from leading companies such as Google, Apple, Mars, Ikea and in particular Sainsbury's Stores who have installed 135,500 PV panels across their stores in the UK, USA and Europe. We would look to do the same with our English Market and Cork City Library by replacing the roof in solar panels. This would not only reduce Cork City carbon foot print also allowing the energy to be sold back to main grid and help minimise energy cost for the City. 19/05/2016

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 16/169)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.6 **HEALTH & SAFETY ASSESSMENT ON THE FEVER HOSPITAL STEPS**

'That Cork City Council carry out a full health and safety analysis on the fever hospital steps'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 16/170)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT DOUGLAS HALL LAWN**

'That Douglas Hall Lawn would be added to the list of parks to the traffic calming list. At a minimum signage & road markings would be enhanced in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/171)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.8 **BYE LAWS IN RELATION TO BUSKERS**

'Can Cork City Council adopt similar bye laws to Dublin City Council in relation to buskers? Recent results show improvements in Dublin and we should adopt the new procedures.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/172)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.9 **RELOCATE FLAGPOLES OUTSIDE CIVIC OFFICES TO MCSWINEY QUAY**

‘That Cork City Council arrange for the dysfunctional flagpoles outside the civic offices to be relocated to the McSwiney Quay entrance with their elevation being adjusted to the appropriate height in line with existing flagpoles. The cost of the work to be borne by the firm of architects/engineers/consultants who recommended locating them outside civic offices where there are in effect redundant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/173)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.10 **CLEAN UP OF SHRINE AT LADYS WELL**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough and appropriate clean up of the Shrine and surrounding area at Lady’s Well in order to improve the area and highlight what should really be a tourist attraction on Leitrim Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/174)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.11 **SECURE ROOF OF THE OLD BUTTER EXCHANGE SHANDON**

‘That a rescue plan be put in place to secure the roof of the old Butter Exchange in Shandon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/176)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.12 **RESTORE SPOTLIGHTS ON ST. ANNE’S CHURCH**

‘That the spotlights on St Anne’s Church Shandon be restored. The historic building was once lit up to great effect in the early evenings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/177)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.13 **PRUNE TREES AT ROCKFIELD ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees within Rockfield Estate, Church Road Blackrock, as a matter of urgency. A number of these trees are encroaching on properties within the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/178)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.14 **MOBILE ZIP WIRE ACTIVITY IN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council assess the feasibility of bringing a mobile Zip Wire activity to a prominent location in the City that would be an exciting attraction, for a set period of time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/179)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.15 **ALTER FOOTPATHS ON OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET**

‘That conscious of the many people tripping and falling, the poorly designed footpaths along Oliver Plunkett Street are altered to distinguish them from the road surface and are safety proofed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/183)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.16 **REPORT ON UN REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the recent UN report on homelessness in Cork and give it’s perspective on same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/186)

Housing & Community Functional Meeting

16.17 **INTRODUCE A NO FRY ZONE**

‘That Cork City Council will determine if it can introduce a 'No Fry Zone', namely restrict fast-food outlets from opening near schools in line with Department of Environment guidelines.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/187)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **REVERSE THE LAST GOVERNMENT DECISION WHICH MADE CORK COUNCIL LIABLE FOR ALL HOUSING DEBT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the incoming Minister for Environment to reverse the last Government decision which made Cork Council liable for all housing debt, given they were only implementing Government Policy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/155)

17.2 **CHANGE THE DEPT FUNDING MODEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the incoming Minister for Environment to change the dept funding model and target cash strapped local authorities which increased funding targeting:-

- (A) Estate Resurfacing
- (B) Public Lighting Programme
- (C) Green to parking
- (D) Traffic Calming and laneway closures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/156)

17.3 **INVESTIGATE INSURANCE INDUSTRY EXPLANATIONS FOR INCREASES IN INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises the increasing pressures placed on young drivers as a result of exorbitant insurance premiums. Cork City Council calls on the Oireachtas to fully investigate the Insurance industry explanations for these increases and ensure that the rationale behind the valuations of premiums are based on sound actuary practices and are found to be in line with European industry norms.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 16/185)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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