



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 26th February, 2018.

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PRESENT

Councillor Declan Hurley, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, Forde, Ó'Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, Collins, M. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, Coleman, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, O'Grady, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, O'Cadhla, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan Foley, O'Brien, N. McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, Hegarty, Hayes.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/2-2

Proposed by Councillor Timmy Collins

Seconded by Councillor Derry Canty

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th of February 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/2-1

TO: Mr John Duggan, on the death of his father Dan.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Members noted the following disposals.

DISPOSAL OF LAND 0.465 HECTARES AT SHANNONPARK CARRIGALINE CO. CORK

3(a)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 13th February, 2017.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY 0.176 HECTARES / 0.0436 ACRES AT FRONT STRAND, YOUGHAL, CO. CORK

3(b)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th February, 2018.

LEASE OF USE OF LANDS 0.62 ACRES/ 0.25 HECTARE AT TONAFORA, DUNMANWAY, CO. CORK

3(c)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 13th February, 2018.

DISPOSAL OF SERVICED SITE 0.2046 ACRES / 0.0828 HECTARES AT 20 ARDMANAGH, ESTATE, SCHULL, CO. CORK.

3(d)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 13th February, 2018.

**LEASE OF LAND AND GRANT OF WAYLEAVE/RIGHT-OF-WAY AT
COURTMACSHERRY, CO CORK.**

3(e)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 08th February, 2018.

DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN 3 RIVERDALE, SKIBBEREEN, CO. CORK

3(f)/2-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of freehold interest in the house and plot as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 19th December, 2017.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN CORK

4/2-2

Members noted the report by the Chief Executive circulated at the meeting which outlined as follows:-

Update on Local Government Arrangements in Cork

At Council's Development Committee meeting in January, Members asked that Council would be updated at its last meeting in February on the work associated with the implementation of the revised boundaries of Cork County Council and Cork City Council.

The following sets out the current status of the work

Meetings with Implementation Oversight Group

Two meetings have been held with the IOG this year to date. These were on the 30th January and on last Friday, 23rd February.

A specific meeting between the Heads of Finance of the County and City, with two financial advisors engaged by the IOG was held on the 19th February.

Further meetings with the IOG are scheduled as follows:

6th March
23rd March
17th April
10th May
5th June

The main business discussed is covered under the main items addressed in this update to Members.

Finalisation of proposed boundary for legislative purposes

The final map which is intended to be appended to the draft legislation was considered at the meeting held on last Friday 23rd February.

This map attached, details the new boundary between Cork City and County prepared by the OSI on the basis of the boundary included in the IOG's report to the Minister on the 6th December and the IOG's recommendation in relation to the 5 minor technical areas.

In line with Council's policy decision on this matter, I have advised the IOG that I am not in a position to confirm Council's approval to same. I have, however, advised that it would appear that there is no technical issue arising from the proposed map subject to one matter that is being considered further this week. That matter is the delineation of the proposed boundary insofar as it aligns with the Monard Strategic Development Zone. The matter has been considered by the Planning Section of the DPHLG and presented at the IOG meeting last Friday. This requires assessment by the Council's Planning Policy Unit and the expression of any views the Council may have on this specific matter for consideration by the IOG prior to finalisation of the detail at this area.

The finalisation of the map by the IOG is therefore imminent. Once finalised, it will be presented to the Minister for attaching to the draft legislation. The IOG have also advised that the map will be sent to each Member of Council once finalised.

Legislation and Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee

On foot of a recent request from the IOG, a preliminary listing of a range of areas that require to be considered from a legislative perspective was forwarded to the IOG on Friday, 10th February. This list is not exhaustive and was prepared without the benefit of a detailed analysis across all service areas being undertaken. This will be done when detailed implementation plans for each service area are being prepared.

The IOG had advised that the DPHLG expect to publish the draft Primary legislation by May with a view to having it confirmed by the Oireachtas before the summer recess. Secondary legislation will be required thereafter to deal with much of the detail required to underpin this boundary and service delivery change.

The draft heads of the legislation will be sent to the IOG for comment by the DPHLG and it is expected that the IOG will forward same to both Councils for comment.

The IOG has also advised that it is their expectation that once the new boundary map is presented to the Minister that same will be sent to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee for the purpose of it commencing its work on the division of Cork into local electoral areas. Council might note that no terms of reference have been received for this to date. The exact timeline for this is not known at present; however, the IOG expects that it will follow quickly from the finalisation of the boundary map and its presentation to the Minister.

Financial matters

Discussions have taken place at all meetings above mentioned on the matter of financial arrangements between both authorities. The IOG requires these to be undertaken on the basis of the financial principles set out in the IOG's report to the Minister of the 6th December.

The IOG initially expected that the detailed financial arrangements would be finalised by the end of March. The IOG has accepted that this timeline is highly ambitious for both Councils considering the fact that there is a legal requirement to have the Council's AFS completed by that same date, and that in the case of this Council, the Local Government Auditor has commenced preliminary work on the 2017 audit. While the organisation is stretched throughout the year due to resource and financial constraints, the first quarter places additional strain on the system which inevitably impacts on the necessary time and focus to be afforded to the financial matters.

It is now agreed that by mid April a detailed list of all financial areas that need to be addressed, and the manner in which we as a Council would require them to be addressed, would be prepared for

consideration and discussion with the City Council. The City Council is required to prepare on the same basis.

Development of Detailed Implementation Plan

As advised to Council at its Development Committee meeting in January, there is a considerable amount of work associated with this change programme. It is widely acknowledged that this boundary alteration process, and the associated range of tasks and activities involved in ensuring its implementation, represents an unprecedented challenge of local government in Cork. The programme of activities constitutes a large scale, and complex, change management programme impacting on both local authorities and their constituent systems and stakeholders.

It is important to recognise the scale of what is involved. It will, in effect, be the largest change programme that both Authorities will ever have undertaken, with an anticipated service transfer affecting some 82,000 citizens. This is in essence equivalent in scale to many other local authorities in Ireland such as the counties of Laois, Offaly, Westmeath, and larger by 20% than many such as Roscommon, Fermanagh and Monaghan, and twice that of Longford. Indeed, while the City Councils of Limerick and Waterford are now amalgamated with their respective County Councils, their respective populations in 2011 were 57,106 and 46,732. Thus, the boundary alteration in Cork is akin to transferring the entire operations of an organisation that is 40% greater in size than the former Limerick City Council.

In this regard, it is recognised by the IOG that this requires dedicated resources and, that a Detailed Implementation Plan requires a High Level Implementation Team to be in place so that the entire change management programme is effectively planned and delivered. Pending the approval of resources by the DPHLG to enable such a team to be established on a dedicated basis, it is agreed that by the end of March a Transition Plan would be developed which would set out an implementation approach that would then guide the further development of a Detailed Implementation Plan thereafter. This Transition Plan would in essence set out the priority areas of business, both executive and reserved functions, and how they might operate between both Councils, that should ideally be transitioned by the 2019 local elections.

Resourcing the transition

The Outline Implementation Plan submitted by the IOG to the Minister recognized that it is necessary to have a dedicated resource in place that would plan for and manage this change programme.

A **Strategic Implementation Committee** is already in place with the following roles:

- Oversight & guidance
- Direction & setting of appropriate achievable milestones
- Ongoing progress review including due diligence
- Oversee the development of numerous strategies (Resource Plan, Workforce plan etc.)

The membership consists of:

- Chief Executive,
- Three Divisional Managers,
- Director of the Implementation Programme, (once appointed)
- Head of Finance,
- Head of Human Resources,
- Director of Planning
- Director of Corporate Services (as required),
- County Solicitor (as required).

As advised, preliminary work continues on the development of a detailed implementation plan and, under my direction, the Strategic Implementation Committee is of the view that there is a need to

maximize the amount of preparation and change that can be undertaken prior to the Governments desired target date for implementation of the new boundary, the local elections of 2019. This is imperative so as to bring certainty to all stakeholders on the governance and operational arrangements that will be in place for June 2019 and thereafter.

In this regard, I have requested approval from the DPHLG to recruit up to eight additional staff so as to establish a dedicated **High Level Implementation Team**. This team would manage, direct and oversee the implementation process from a Cork County Council perspective. It would be lead by a Director of Services and have a range of staff with the appropriate skill set to deliver on this change programme. It is expected that this change programme will run at least into 2020 and it is therefore envisaged that this High Level team may be in place for a transition period of up to 3 years. I have also requested the DPHLG that a specific financial allocation would be made to cover the costs of transition.

While the High Level Implementation Team can effectively guide and direct the change programme at a cross-organisation level, the team would, in turn, need to be supported by **Directorate Level Implementation Teams** across the organization. The Council is currently advancing plans with regard to the number, scale and extent of such teams and their respective roles and functions. In this regard, an initial assessment of the extent of work associated with this change programme was set out in the Outline Implementation Plan in Appendix B. The 40 page appendix gives an early indication of the considerable number of tasks to be undertaken. The detailed Implementation Plan will elaborate on these and attempt to address timelines and phasing of work. In line with the requirements of the Outline Plan, each Service Area identified within each of our 11 Directorates will require the development of a specific Action Plan to guide the management of the transition. This will most likely require additional dedicated resources at each Directorate level for an appropriate portion of the overall transition time period.

As advised earlier, it is my view that in the interests of local government in Cork, Cork citizens, businesses and all stakeholders, that the transition of business to the City Council, and the restructuring and renewal of Cork County Council, would be completed in as short as possible a time frame. This is necessary so that both Councils can continue to be entirely focused on their core role of maximizing and facilitating the growth of Cork across all service areas and sectors. While this is the desired approach, this Council has an ever increasing workload and service delivery targets to deliver on and cannot afford to allow service delivery to be impacted negatively. Thus the speed and effectiveness of this change programme is very much dependent on the level of dedicated resources that can be applied to the task ahead, while at the same time ensuring that we continue to deliver our services appropriately.

Matters for consideration of Council

To date the Council has operated effectively through utilising its Corporate Policy Group as the governance lead in working with the Chief Executive and Management Team on this matter. It would be beneficial at this stage if Council were to determine how it wishes to guide and input to the decision making process over the coming months.

Matters such as the following require early consideration:

- Impact on organisational political structure insofar as it relates to committees of Council
- Revised local electoral areas for 2019 elections
- Revised Municipal District Structures
- Transition and prioritisation of reserved functions of Council to Cork City Council

- Transitional arrangements between both Councils
- Communications strategy for constituents and all stakeholders

Clearly many of these matters may require consideration at both Full Council and Municipal District level, however there is merit in Council deciding what structure it wishes to use to guide its overall strategic direction. In this regard the Chief Executive advised that he would welcome Council's direction on this matter.

The Chief Executive stated that he will continue to ensure that Council is fully briefed as matters progress.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Members will require time to fully consider the issues set out in the report
- Members voted against this process so it would seem hypocritical to engage with it now
- There are no representatives from significantly affected areas on CPG
- The IOG is dictating this process and Councillors' or citizens' views are not being considered
- Map represents a retrograde step for Cork
- Disappointed that the boundary line near Rochestown has not been changed
- What input did the elected representatives from the technical assessment areas have
- What are the implications for staff
- Have the unions been engaged
- This council doesn't have the resources necessary to fund this transition

- There is a need for a permanent equalisation fund
- There is still an opportunity for Oireachtas members to challenge the ministerial order and legislation
- This Council should consider its legal options
- There is a need to secure the financial future of this council
- There is a need to focus on the matters for consideration in the Chief Executive's Report and to focus on the organisation after the boundary extension
- The correct spelling of Passage West in Irish needs to be added to the map

The Mayor then read out the Minister's response to his request for a meeting between the Minister and the council's party leaders.

He informed the meeting that this response was no surprise to him and again showed a blatant disregard for the members in this process. He urged all members to make representations to their Oireachtas members.

Members agreed to write back to the Minister rejecting his response and requesting again that he meet with the party leaders of Cork County Council.

It was also agreed to write to all Cork TDs inviting them to meet with all members of Cork County Council.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

5-2/2

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Murphy, seconded by Councillor John A. Collins, Councillor Susan McCarthy was appointed to the Regional Health Forum (South).

REPORTS & RECOMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK

6-2/2

“That Cork County Council commits €20,000 funding, from the Council’s Economic Development Fund, to the Sherkin Island BAVA project”

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Delighted with the additional €10,000 allocation
- This is a very worthwhile and valuable project
- Urge the council to enter negotiations earlier, before the start of the next academic year
- All accounts will be presented in future in the manner agreed
- This model of third level education provision could be rolled out in other areas

In response to members’ comments, the Chief Executive made the following points:

- Cork County Council has supported this programme for a number of years and had confirmed its commitment, only the level of funding was to be determined
- A high level of interaction has been facilitated between the executive of Cork County Council and this group
- There is a process in place for applying for funding from the Economic Development Fund

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW

7-2/2

Part 8 Report prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000: **Proposed Construction of 16 no. residential units at Bluepool, Kanturk, Co. Cork**

During the discussion members made the following points:

- There are concerns regarding the density, design and build of this development
- No choice but to go back to liaise with the community and planners
- Certain amount of confusion regarding this planning process
- The proposed change to 12 units would amount to a material change and would necessitate the Part 8 process starting again
- There is an urgent need to deliver social housing
- There is a community in place who would welcome 16 new residents
- The community must be consulted adequately
- The design should be revisited to make the units accessible

The Chief Executive then clarified that following consideration by members of the Part 8 they have three options under the legislation:

1. may be carried out
2. vary by a resolution
3. reject

He further clarified that there is no clarity in the legislation regarding what degree of change would be material. It would be prudent to seek the approval of the Dept with the revised cost plan.

The Part 8 process was advertised correctly was as described and was transparent. The executive is prepared to revisit this Part 8 if that is the members’ wish. While it is important to build houses and reach targets, it is also important to build communities.

A decision is needed within 6 weeks of the Chief Executive's report i.e. the 13th of March.

Councillor Timmy Collins proposed that the number of units in the Part 8 be reduced to 12 on foot of an amendment tabled by the Kanturk/ Mallow MD.

There was no seconder for this proposal.

Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla proposed, seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane that the Part 8 Report be retained as is, i.e. 16 units.

Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy that the Part 8 be deferred and clarification sought from the Dept regarding the review of the scheme.

The Mayor reminded members that they could either approve or reject the Part 8 as it stood.

The Mayor requested that a vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

FOR:- Councillors Jeffers, M. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, Coleman, Lucey, Keohane, O' Cádhlá, Twomey, Mullane, Hayes.

AGAINST:- Councillors McGrath, D'Alton, Desmond, Cauty, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, O'Grady, Barry, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, O'Brien, O'Flynn, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, P. G. Murphy, Hegarty, Hurley

The Part 8 was defeated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

Members noted the following reports.

Cork County Library report for quarter ending 31st December, 2017

8-2/2 (a)

Corporate Services Directorate report for quarter ending 31st December, 2017

8-2/2 (b)

During the discussion that followed one member stated there were outstanding complaints under the Customer Charter that had not been resolved.

In response the Chief Executive confirmed that the report as presented was accurate and any further queries to be addressed to the SEO in Corporate Services.

The Mayor then called for an extension of time to 2pm

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy
Seconded by Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

LITTERING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING

9-2/2

Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Councillor Des O'Grady, the following notice of motion:-

“To seek a report outlining the extent of use of covert surveillance equipment to tackle the issues of littering and illegal dumping. The report should outline the number of locations where such equipment was used over the past three years and the number of prosecutions or fines to result from its use. Please categorise the type of locations, for example, at a Bring Site, on areas of public open space, along public roads and so on. Please also clarify the annual budget available for the use of such equipment and if the Council owns its own equipment or engages private operators? “

Members noted the report from Liam Singleton, Senior Engineer, Waste & Energy Services, Environment, which outlined as follows:-

The Environment Directorate of Cork County Council has made the decision to hire the services of competent CCTV suppliers as they have the necessary expertise, Insurances, Data Protection Controls and Health and Safety requirements in place, rather than purchase this type of equipment, as it provides the best value for money.

All incidents of illegal dumping and fly tipping are investigated in an effort to determine the offender so as to issue fines, where possible. Litter Wardens monitor known black spots on a weekly basis and liaise with local community groups on a regular basis.

Where detections by the Wardens are not possible and dumping at a particular location is of such a scale / frequency to warrant its use, CCTV surveillance cameras may be utilised in order to tackle / deter illegal dumping. This is determined on a case by case basis and the CCTV is typically installed for 2-4 weeks at a time.

Sites identified as requiring CCTV cameras have to be assessed for the suitability of surveillance equipment in advance of deployment as not all sites are suitable, for example, suitable locations at which to place cameras; where the dumping is not concentrated in one specific area, then the extent of the dumping may be outside the range of the cameras. The Council on occasion has previously used CCTV as part of its efforts to detect those engaged in illegal dumping. The effectiveness of CCTV varies from site to site ranging from no evidence / fines being detected to multiple fines being issued.

In 2017, an application for funding was made by the Environment Directorate, under the Anti Dumping Initiative provided for by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment (DCCAE), which was successful. This funding allowed for the placement of temporary covert cameras and the cleanup of the area in question, and was relatively successful.

The discretionary budget for Litter Control in 2018 is €15,500 and it is from this budget that we would fund the provision of temporary covert CCTV, where this work would be deemed the best use of our resources. This budget is also utilised to provide equipment such as bags, gloves, litter pickers to support cleanup activities by community groups, erecting “No Dumping Signs” at various locations etc. The decision to utilise this fund for CCTV is made on a case by case basis, so as to balance the demands with other work items, requiring funding.

Table 1 following outlines the various Municipal Districts at which cameras were deployed, the types of areas where the cameras were temporarily installed and the number of resulting fines issued.

Table 2 sets out the level of activity with regard to the deployment of covert CCTV for 2018 year to date, for information purposes.

An application for funding is being submitted on Friday March 2nd under the 2018 Anti Dumping Initiative and we would hope to carry out surveillance at approximately 15-20 additional locations in 2018, depending on the level of grant funding received.

Year	Municipal District	No. Of Locations Monitored	Type of Sites Monitored	Number of Fines Issued
2017	Mallow-Kanturk	3	Public Roads / Bring Sites	11
	Fermoy	2	Public Roads	0
	Blarney-Macroom	3	Public Roads / Bring Sites	0
	Ballincollig - Carrigaline	2	Bring Sites	10
	Bandon-Kinsale	2	Public Roads / Bring Sites	0
	Cobh	8	Public Roads / Bring Sites	13
	East Cork	1	Public Roads	0
Totals =		21		34

Year	Municipal District	No. Of Locations Monitored	Type of Sites Monitored	Number of Fines Issued
2016	Blarney-Macroom	2	Public Roads	2
	Fermoy	2	Public Roads	0
	East Cork	1	Public Roads	0
	Cobh	1	Public Roads	0
		6		2

Year	Municipal District	No. Of Locations Monitored	Type of Sites Monitored	Number of Fines Issued
2015	Bandon-Kinsale	2	Public Roads	1
	West Cork	2	Public Roads	0
	Ballincollig - Carrigaline	1	Public Roads	0
	Fermoy	1	Public Roads	0
		6		1

Table 1: Deployment of Covert CCTV 2015-2017 re Litter & Illegal Dumping

Year	Municipal District	No. Of Locations Monitored	Type of Sites Monitored	Status
2018	Fermoy	1	Bring Sites	CCTV currently

				insitu
	Blarney-Macroom	1	Public Roads	Tender awarded – Awaiting Installation
	Ballincollig - Carrigaline	1	Public Roads	Currently at Tender Stage
	Cobh	1	Bring Sites	Currently at Tender Stage
	East Cork	2	Bring Sites	CCTV insitu at one location & awaiting installation in the 2 nd location
Totals =		6		

Table 2: Deployment of Covert CCTV – 2018 (January 1st to February 16th) re Litter & Illegal Dumping

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- The Council needs more technology and more resources to deal with this issue
- The budget allocation is very small
- What effect did the cameras have in the 21 areas where they were located, did littering cease in these locations
- Need to ensure the signs are in Irish
- There is a need to liaise with the City Council and TII to clean up the Sarsfield Road Roundabout
- There needs to be more bring sites and the hours need to be extended
- There needs to be a multi faceted approach to this issue
- A one day countywide blitz cleanup might encourage people to keep the county clean
- The message needs to get out regarding the active enforcement by the Council
- There needs to be more litter wardens appointed

The Chief Executive informed members that an application was being submitted on Friday for the national dumping initiative.

STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE CLEAN UP

10-2/2

Councillor Des O’Grady proposed, seconded by Councillor Eoghan Jeffers, the following notice of motion:-

“To seek a written report on the separate amounts requested by Cork County Council and the amounts received from central government to deal with storm and flood damage clean up and repairs during the period from 28th June 2012, when major flooding took place in the county, to the aftermath of Storm Ophelia in October 2017. The report to include the date or period of each separate event, the amount sought by the Council in each case and the consequent amount received from government”

Members noted the report from the Director of Services, Roads which outlined as follows:-

Date of weather event		Weather Event		Amount Sought	Amount Received
2012 /2013	28th June 2012	Heavy rain - flooding		3,110,285.10	2,543,812.10
2013 /2014	December 2013/January 2014/February 2014	Heavy rain - flooding & strong, destructive winds	Clean up costs & immediate urgent repairs	1,356,700.00	1,356,700.00
	December 2013/January 2014/February 2014	Heavy rain - flooding & strong, destructive winds	Public Roads Infrastructure /Bridge repairs	2,602,600.00	1,008,039.29
2015	10th - 12th September	Heavy rain	Public Roads Infrastructure	1,816,461.42	1,715,705.42
2016	December 2015	Storm Desmond; Storm Eve; Storm Frank		16,395,249.00	12,483,729.00
2017	16th October	Storm Ophelia		2,015,102.55	1,492,827.82
				27,296,398.07	20,600,813.63

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- This report shows a €6.7 million deficit in the funding sought from Central Government in the last 5 years for flood and storm damage, repair and cleanup
- This deficit in funding is impacting on local services
- There seems to be a trend of only receiving 60% of funding sought
- The full amount of funding is never granted by the Department

Members agreed that they would write to the Minister to request full payment of the amounts sought by Cork County Council from Central Government to deal with storm and flood damage clean up and repairs during the period from 28th June 2012, when major flooding took place in the county, to the aftermath of Storm Ophelia in October 2017.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the CCMA are constantly in touch with the Department and that they consistently lobby regarding financial issues such as this.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

TO: CBS Secondary School on winning the Munster Senior B Hurling Final.

TO: CBS Secondary School on winning the Munster Senior B Football Final

TO: Dan O'Sullivan on winning the CEIA Teacher of the Year Award

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor informed the members that due to the forecast for adverse weather conditions the Mayoral Reception scheduled for Wednesday, 28th would be deferred to a later date (to be decided).

Communications will be issuing press releases and updates in the coming days and members are asked to keep an eye on their emails for information on the storm and the Council's response.

Members can also check severeweather.ie for updates.

This concluded the business of the meeting.