



## COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

### Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 23 July, 2018.

#### I LATHAIR

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#### PRESENT

Councillor Patrick G. Murphy, County Mayor presided.

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

Chief Executive, Head of Finance, A/Senior Executive Officer.

#### Suspension of Standing Orders

Councillor Bernard Moynihan proposed, seconded by Councillor Gillian Coughlan a Suspension of Standing Orders at 1:00pm to discuss the Liam Miller Testimonial game and the availability of Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Proposed by Councillor Kevin Conway

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

#### RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

## **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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TO: Justin Crowley on the death of his wife, Alice.

TO: The Higgins and Harty Families, on the death of Kenneth Higgins.

## **STATUTORY BUSINESS**

### **Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:**

Members noted the following disposals.

#### **AMENDMENT TO DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT RAILWAY QUAY, PASSAGE WEST, CO. CORK**

3(a)/2-7

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 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Situation: Railway Quay, Passage West, Co. Cork

Area: 0.0387 hectares (0.091 acres)  
plus the grating of a Wayleave measuring 20 metres long by 7.8 metres wide

Consideration: €10.00 per annum by way of a 35 year lease.

#### **AMENDMENT TO GRANT OF LEASE OF LANDS AT BALLINAGREE, CO. CORK**

3(b)/2-7

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 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Situation: Grant of Lease of Lands at Ballinagree, Co. Cork

Area: 0.7228 hectares (7,228 sq. metres)

Consideration: € 200.00 per annum

#### **GRANT OF LEASE OF LAND AT KILNAGLEARY, CARRIGALINE, CO. CORK**

3(c)/2-7

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 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Situation: Grant of Lease of Land at Kilnagleary, Carrigaline, Co. Cork

Area: 6.2671 hectares as outlined in map.

Consideration: € 200.00 per annum/35 years (by way of lease)

## **GRANT OF LEASE OF LAND AT ST. GOBNAIT'S PARK, MALLOW, CO. CORK**

3(d)/2-7

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 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Situation: St. Gobnait's Park, Ballydahin, Mallow, Co. Cork

Area: 1.284 hectares (3.17 acres) PLUS 0.679 hectares (1.679 acres) – total area 1.963 hectares (4.849 acres).

Consideration: € 200.00 per annum

## **GRANT OF LEASE OF LAND AT CASTLETREASURE, DOUGLAS CO. CORK**

3(e)/2-7

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 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Situation: Lease of land at Castletreasure, Douglas, Co. Cork

Area: 5.848 hectares as outlined on map.

Consideration: € 200.00 per annum/35 years (by way of lease)

## **MANAGER'S REPORT UNDER SECTION 179, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000**

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Members noted the Part 8 Report for Glanmire Road Improvements and Sustainable Transport Works and the cover letter from the Cobh Municipal District Officer in relation to the proposed works.

Members commented that the Part 8 proposal would the village of Glanmire and help alleviate traffic problems. Members noted that the part 8 included a proposal for a greenway through the town into the Dunkettle Interchange.

Members commented that there was a change to the Part 8 proposal in relation to the Brooklodge Grove Road.

The A/ Senior Executive Officer informed members that the recommended change to the Part 8 for Glanmire Road Improvements and Sustainable Transport Works was as follows;

*“Since the special Municipal District of Cobh Meeting on the Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, the Chief Executive Part 8 was recommended for approval, an issue has arisen concerning the intended closure of Brooklodge Grove Road to facilitate the construction of the proposed greenway.*

*Senior Management is prepared to recommend an alteration to the proposed greenway in the vicinity of the bridge at Brooklodge Grove Road without the need for road closure. This section of road will comprise traffic calmed single carriageway road (one way eastbound) and a combined pedestrian and cycle greenway for a distance of approximately 120 meters. This change will provide an interim solution and Council will continue investigating alternative options to protect the integrity of the greenway at the same time as providing an improved traffic management solution to the area in the long term. It is therefore recommended that the project proceed on the basis of this alteration.”*

Proposed by Councillor Pádraig O’Sullivan

Seconded by Councillor Sinead Sheppard

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, 94 No. submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-*

**Glanmire Road Improvements and Sustainable Transport Works**

**MANAGER’S REPORT UNDER SECTION 179, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000**

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Proposed by Councillor Pádraig O’Sullivan

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, 12 No. submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-*

**Provision of Shared Use Cycle & Pedestrian Facility as part of Dunkettle Interchange**

**MANAGER’S REPORT UNDER SECTION 179, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000**

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Proposed by Councillor Danielle Twomey

Seconded by Councillor Susan McCarthy

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, 4 No. submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-*

**N25 Lakeview Roundabout Slip Road Scheme**

## **FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES**

### **ARTS, HERITAGE & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

7(a)/2-7

Proposed by Councillor Timmy Collins

Seconded by Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla

#### **RESOLVED:**

*“That Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla be appointed to the Arts, Heritage & Culture Strategic Policy Committee”*

### **TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

7(b)/2-7

Proposed by Councillor Paul Hayes

Seconded by Councillor June Murphy

**RESOLVED:** *“That Deputy Mayor Councillor Mary Linehan Foley be appointed to Tourism Strategic Policy Committee”*

## **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

### **CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2018-2020**

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The Head of Finance informed members that a summary of the 2018-2020 capital investment programme was circulated to members at the meeting, and then gave a presentation on the Capital Investment Programme 2018-2020, as follows;

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), the attached proposed Capital Programme has been prepared for 2018 - 2020. The Programme indicates ongoing and potential projects that could be considered for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Programme encompasses the current, proposed and potential major infrastructural projects to be undertaken, subject to priorities, availability of funding and resources, over a three year rolling period by Cork County Council. The actual level of expenditure will ultimately depend on the applicable resources being available.

The progression of any project covered by the programme will be advanced on the basis of:

- i. Completing projects already commenced.
- ii. Any contractual obligations in relation to ongoing works,
- iii. Works to be undertaken on foot of current and expected grant allocations and
- iv. Prioritising projects that can attract funding from other sources,
- v. Prioritising those projects that will yield greatest economic and social dividend,
- vi. Projects necessary to continue a reasonable level of advancement in particular areas,
- vii. Stretching our limited internal resources to maximise the economic stimulus attainable over the next few years.

The ability of the Council to deliver the programme is dependent on the availability of adequate funding which is primarily sourced from a combination of government grants, loan finance and development contributions. It must also be noted that the Government monitors all local government and national public sector borrowing together with surplus and deficits across the government sector. There are limits set nationally, taking account of our obligations under the EU budgetary framework, for local government's contribution to the General Government Balance (GGB). Prior to advancement of projects the source of income will need to be identified.

It is necessary to point out that there are finite resources, with the progression of some projects being consequent on borrowing that has to be approved and provided for. It is imperative in this context that we maximise the returns from these investments for the benefit of the area. There are many projects across the County that are worthy in their own right, however we have to work within the overall framework of financial availability and those projects that will yield a reasonable momentum for the County. Thus this current programme may not include some projects that we would ideally like to do. However, the 3 Year Capital Programme is a rolling programme, it does not represent the capital budget for the three years and by its nature therefore it is subject to change as it is reviewed annually.

The programme identifies anticipated projects with an estimated total capital investment of €723m and, as is the case in the majority of the 2019 and 2020 predictions, it has been prepared on the basis of the information available and best estimates at the present time and having regard to the measures available to the Council to raise funding. The overall emphasis of expenditure relates to housing provision, roads, environment, recreation & amenity, and flood programmes.

It is important to note that consideration of the capital programme by the Members does not confer Council approval on any individual project. This can only be done through the normal statutory processes and compliance with the Public Spending Code. In particular funding arrangements will need to be clearly identified from the below resources in advance of commitment to any particular project.

Included in the Programme are some projects in the proposed boundary extension area, e.g. Cork Science and Innovation Park, LIHAF Glanmire, and Douglas River FRA & Management Scheme. It is important to the development of the Cork Region that key projects such as these are progressed. Consideration must also be given to the funding of such projects and potential liabilities that may be associated with a project for example borrowing on the LIHAF scheme. These issues will be considered as part of the ongoing Boundary transition discussions.

The recently announced Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) and Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) may also impact on the Council's capacity to deliver projects in the programme. Both funds may require 25% matching investment in the selected projects from the local authority.

- The RRDF Fund will provide investment to support rural renewal for suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas. The Fund will support strategic projects which contribute to sustainable rural regeneration and development. Initial funding of €315 million is being allocated to the Fund on a phased basis over the period 2019 to 2022.
- The URDF applies to the five cities and their metropolitan areas as defined further to the NPF and larger towns with a population of more than 10,000 people (Carrigaline, Cobh, Midleton, and Mallow). The fund is designed to leverage a greater proportion of residential and commercial development, supported by infrastructure, services and amenities, within the existing built 'footprint' of our larger urban areas.

## Proposed Programme

This report sets out a Capital Programme for 2018 - 2020 of €723m. This is summarised as follows:

Nature of Projects	€M
1) Projects at tender or implementation stage	518.1
2) Schemes at appraisal or planning design stage	205.1
	723.2

Projects with total anticipated investment of €518m represent schemes which have already commenced, have been approved in prior years and have progressed to tender stage, together with schemes where the Council has contractual commitments to projects, and are a first priority on spending programmes. Works classified as appraisal are schemes the Council would like to progress but are only at early stages of consideration at this point. However, these are dependent on funding, the Public Spending Code and statutory process compliance.

The sources of funding for the Capital Programme include:

- Government Grants
- Borrowing
- Development Contributions
- Internal Capital Receipts
- Capital reserves
- Provisions in the Revenue Budget

The following is a summary of the funding related to the proposed investment.

	Potential investment	Grants	ICR	Other
	€	€	€	€
<b>Housing</b>	326.28	311.3	2.21	12.78
<b>Roads</b>	214.46	138.08	-	76.38
<b>Water Services</b>	53.56	49.27	-	4.29
<b>Other Works</b>	128.94	36.24	-	92.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>723.23</b>	<b>534.88</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>186.15</b>

Of the €186m funding under the heading "Other", a total of €48m relates to ongoing work programmes that is funded from a combination of capital reserves and development contributions. The remaining €138m is associated with works that may be progressed based both on proven business need and a definite source of funding being identified during programme from future development contributions, reserves, or potential loan funding.

A breakdown of the proposed Capital Programme for 2018-2020 is attached which shows:

1. Investment per Category
2. Investment analysed Contractual/Non Contractual
3. Income sources identified.

The impact of the 3 Year Proposed Capital Programme framed on the summary of the programme headings representing the total programme of €723M is set out below.

## HOUSING:

Programme Area	Service Area	Total Potential Investment 2018-2020
Housing		€M
	Affordable Social Leasing	12.63
	Housing - ICR's	0.54
	Other Housing	8.58
	Social Housing	269.74
	Voluntary Housing	34.79
<b>Total</b>		<b>326.28</b>

### *Affordable Social Leasing*

This area relates to the provision of housing under social leasing schemes. This involves housing authorities leasing properties for the purposes of providing accommodation to households on social housing waiting lists. Leasing introduces greater flexibility in the composition of the housing stock and provides the opportunity for housing authorities to benefit from market conditions to increase output and meet housing need in a cost effective manner. The Social Housing Leasing options include:

- Local authorities leasing properties from private property owners for periods of 10-20 years.
- Approved Housing Bodies leasing from property owners, purchasing on the market or constructing properties and making them available for social housing provision through direct agreements with the DHPLG.
- Local authorities temporarily utilising unsold affordable housing stock.

### *Housing - ICR's*

The funding from Internal Capital Receipts (ICR) arises from the tenant purchasing their Council House. The ICRs are in turn generally utilised to fund/part fund remediation works on social houses.

### *Other Housing*

The schemes included here relate to National Taking in Charge Initiative, funding Mortgage to Rent, repossession for social stock etc, and bonds relating to taking in charge of estates.

### *Social Housing*

The main construction and acquisition of the Council Housing Programme is included in this heading. It involves turnkey housing schemes, single house acquisitions and the main housing construction schemes. The 2018 – 2020 Programme also includes the Buy and Renew Scheme.

### *Voluntary Housing*

This is the progression of social housing delivery in cooperation with Approved Housing Bodies. The Council works with the AHB and DHPLG to deliver housing under the Capital Assistance Scheme and the Capital Advance Leasing Facility. The delivery of this programme is 100% funded.

Total indicative desired programme over 3 years = €326m

- €72m relates to Single House Acquisitions (SHA)
- €39m relates to the Buy and Renew Scheme
- 12 projects > €5m (excluding SHA and Buy & Renew)
  - Barrack Road Youghal
  - 57 No. Housing Units at Poulavone; Ballincollig.
  - OSS Kilnagleary Carrigaline
  - OSS Beechgrove Clonakilty



- Bantry Turnkey Housing
  - Sweetfields Turnkey Housing Project
  - Ballyvinitter Turnkey Housing Scheme
  - Abbeywood Social Housing Scheme; Midleton
  - Kanturk Turnkey Housing
  - Broomfield Social Housing Phase 1
  - CALF Schemes
  - CAS Schemes
- 95% due to be funded by central government grants, high dependency but secure source of funding.

## ROADS:

Programme Area	Service Area	Total Potential Investment 2018-2020
Roads		<b>€m</b>
	Car Parks	2.50
	Fleet Investment	5.87
	Footpaths	2.98
	LIHAF	12.25
	National Roads	129.89
	Public Lighting	24.24
	Regional/Local/ Other Roads	28.48
	Special Development Contributions Roads	8.24
<b>Total</b>		<b>214.46</b>

### *Car Parks*

Provides for the supply or improvement of carparks across north, south and western divisions.

### *Fleet Investment*

This represents the investment in the Council's Fleet Replacement Programme. It is for the purchase of replacement plant so that the Council's fleet is roadworthy and efficient. This programme had been suspended for a number of years up to 2014.

### *Footpaths*

Provides €3m for footpath improvements in 2018 -2020 across the eight municipal districts.

### *LIHAF*

This covers the investment under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) which is a key element of Pillar 3 of Rebuilding Ireland. The objective of the fund is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages and thus enable the accelerated delivery of housing on key development sites.

The LIHAF areas included are Carrigaline, Glanmire and Midleton. The project costs are to be shared on a 75%/25% basis between the Exchequer and local authorities, on the basis of the funding application. Loans are available through the HFA to support the 25% finance required by local authorities. To progress the schemes Cork County Council will need to borrow for Glanmire and Midleton Schemes. Any borrowing for Glanmire site will form part of the Boundary discussion on assets and liabilities.

### *National Roads / TII*

These are principally allocations provided by the TII for projects on National Roads in the County. It covers ongoing and potential schemes on both national primary and national secondary roads, including pavement minor improvements (PMI) and major schemes such as Macroom – Ballyvourney By-Pass (N22), Cork to Ringaskiddy (N28) and various resurfacing works. These are generally 100% grant funded.

### *Public Lighting*

Some provision is made for new additional lighting in certain urgent locations and also included is the potential for provision of LED lighting to replace older lights which are less energy efficient.

### *Regional/ Local Roads/ Roads Other*

There are a variety of schemes in this section including:

- Several small regional and local projects many of which have previously commenced,
- Progression through design, land acquisition and construction stages of a number of road upgrade projects, including the Carrigaline Western Relief Road, Bantry and Kanturk Relief roads progression of all which are subject to availability of funding
- Traffic light & Junction upgrades
- Surface water and storm sewer/drainage works
- Housing Estates Taking in Charge
- Special Development Contributions application.

Total indicative desired programme over 3 years = €214m

- €130m relates to National Roads
- 10 projects > €5m (totalling €152m)
  - N28 Ringaskiddy Cork (Total Cost €39.4m)
  - N22 Ballyvourney Macroom Ballincollig
  - LIHAF Glanmire UEA
  - LIHAF Middleton UEA
  - Plant & Machinery
  - Annakisha South Improvement Scheme
  - Clogher X-Waterdyke Realignment
  - National Pavement Minor Improvement Schemes
  - Public Lighting NNR Led Retrofitting
  - Carrigaline Western Relief Rd
- 64% due to be funded by government grants, high dependency but secure source of funding
- Other income would also include potential loan funding for Public Lighting.

### **WATER:**

The Water Services Capital Programme 2018-2020 reflects services which have not migrated to Irish Water and remain functions of the Council.

<b>Programme Area</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Total Potential Investment 2018-2020</b>
<b>Water</b>		€m
	Coastal Protection	5.02
	Flood Relief	47.90
	Water Services	0.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>53.56</b>

### *Coastal Protection*

Proposed projects include:

- Extension/repairs to existing coastal infrastructure and harbour improvement works.
- Installation of new coastal infrastructure (including new marine/leisure pontoons)
- Storm damage repair to coastal, harbour protection (walls, breakwaters, revetments).

Coastal projects are funded from various Government Departments & agencies, viz., includes the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) Programme for coastal and harbour infrastructure including marine leisure, as well as DCHG Island Schemes, and OPW. Most funding is on condition of match funding been available to fund the works elements. Design element of capital works are generally not funded by the grant facility.

### *Flood Relief*

These are principally flood relief schemes funded by OPW including Skibbereen, Douglas, Glashaboy and Middleton. Funding is applied to and received from OPW for Major Flood projects (100% funded) and Minor Works Flood Projects (90% up to €500k).

### *Water Other*

This includes provision towards small waste water/water schemes.

Total indicative desired programme over 3 years = €54m

- €47.9m relates to Flood Relief
- 4 projects > €5m (totalling €45.8M)
  - River Ilen (Skib) Flood Risk
  - Glashaboy River FRA & Mgt Scheme
  - Douglas River FRA & Mgt Scheme
  - Middleton Flood Relief Scheme
- 92% due to be funded by central government grants and necessary for projects to progress.

### **OTHER:**

<b>Programme Area</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Total Potential Investment 2018-2020</b>
<b>Other</b>		<b>€m</b>
	Burial Grounds	2.73
	County Hall Campus and Council Offices	3.84
	CSIP Development	13.94
	Environment	4.40
	Fire	5.87
	Haulbowline Remediation	21.53
	Libraries	7.70
	Other	7.59
	Public Realm	12.10
	Recreation and Amenities	28.00
	Tourism	14.62
Traffic & Transportation	6.63	
<b>Total</b>		<b>128.94</b>

This category covers community, economic and social development. These are critical areas that works are required in to sustain development of County but on which we are highly dependent on own resources capacity to fund.

#### *Burial Grounds*

Provides for the provision, extension or improvement of burial grounds across north, south and western divisions including land acquisition.

### *County Hall Campus and Council Offices*

Includes provision to complete the redevelopment of the Teagasc building for the Fire Services HQ, as well as consideration of new Civil Defence Headquarters for South Cork and provision for Corporate estate/Council building works across the county. The provision also includes a building fund which provides for future depreciation issues of the County Hall campus.

### *Cork Science and Innovation Park*

In 2016, two planning applications for start-up buildings on the Cork Science and Innovation Park (CSAIP) site were granted planning permission subject to conditions which include that the Curraheen N40 interchange be upgraded before any CSAIP building is occupied. There is a plan therefore to proceed with advance works for the infrastructure project to service the proposed Cork Science and Innovation Park at Curraheen in 2018. The advance works will include the installation of a new connection to the Harbour and City Main and the laying of approximately 750m length of watermain.

The Council has engaged with the City Council to determine their position on this key piece of development that will be within the revised City Boundary area. Progression of the works by the County Council will largely be determined by the views of the City Council on this strategic employment area and the commitment of own resources to its further development, as no national funding is currently available for same.

### *Environment, Fire & Haulbowline Remediation*

These categories of spend under the Environment Directorate includes expenditure of €21m for works on Haulbowline under the Islands remediation programme. Other proposed projects in this category, which are dependent on funding include landfill capping, upgrade works at Civic Amenity Sites as well as request for upgrade of laboratory equipment. It also makes provision for the fire stations at Mitchelstown, Macroom, Kanturk and Clonakilty, together with investment in replacement vehicles.

### *Libraries*

Provides for the provision, extension or improvement of libraries across the County, including potential extension of mobile service.

### *Other*

This category provides for the following main elements:

- Industrial Development - Includes provision for development of economic infrastructure including new units and potential land acquisition to build the economic development opportunities across the County.
- Information & Technology - IT projects included in the Programme are focused on improving communications, using up to date technology and maintaining a reliable, stable IT environment. The potential projects cover key areas including upgrading and replacing end of life infrastructure and enterprise wide applications. Without ongoing investment to maintain and refresh our ICT assets we will not be able to meet the needs of our customers, achieve the system availability and performance levels required or meet future demands.
- Personnel and Finance - Investment in Programme includes CoreHR project – Upgrade of HR & Payroll system, changes re MyPay and potential upgrade of FMS.
- It also includes provision towards the investigation of school sites on behalf of DoE, and infrastructural works to benefit these sites and other related sites.

### *Public Realm and Recreation & Amenity*

The Municipal Districts & Rural Development Directorate, together with the Roads Directorate will help to deliver the proposed capital programme through the Municipal Districts. The following are some examples of the areas that the directorate will work to progress:-

- Public Realm works and town centre improvements,
- Playground programme,

- Public Convenience programme,
- Greenway projects including Cork Harbour and Midleton to Youghal,
- Carrigaline Skatepark and running track,
- Refurbishment of the Briery Gap Theatre,
- Amenity Parks and walkways,
- Town CCTV projects,
- Council Leisure Centres works,
- Provision of new Beach Guard Huts,
- Development of Boardwalks,
- Application of Special Development Contributions for Recreation & Amenity.

This is an indication of the projects the Council would like to provide. However while there is an element of funding in place for some of these projects many are subject to sourcing of a funding stream and the relevant statutory and Public Spending Code requirements.

#### *Tourism*

The programme includes potential investments in Dursey Cable Car, Spike Island Development Phase 2, Mallow Castle, Camden Fort development. There is some grant funding available for these projects but it is likely a significant portion will have to be sourced from our own resources.

#### *Traffic & Transportation Planning*

The purpose of this investment is to provide sustainable travel infrastructure and to improve the uptake of travel by modes other than the private car, such as walking, cycling and public transport as envisaged in Douglas Land Use and Transportation Study (LUTS) and other strategies.

A significant part of this investment is directed towards the implementation of Douglas LUTS and well as improvements to Little Island traffic and transport. Some planned projects are:

- Little Island Junction Upgrade
- Donnybrook Cross & Bus Stop
- Tramore Valley
- Douglas Village improvements

It is anticipated that the NTA will continue to allocate grant aid over the coming years. Cork County Council will continue to work with the NTA and other national agencies to secure further support for the continued delivery of improvement schemes within Metropolitan Cork. Other capital projects funded by special contributions include Transportation Studies in Little Island, Castletownbere, and Carrigaline.

Total indicative desired programme over 3 years = €129m

- €21.5m relates to Haulbowline Remediation
- €13.9m relates to Cork Science and Innovation Park (CSIP)
- 3 projects > €5m
  - CSIP Infrastructure Scheme
  - Haulbowline Remediation
  - Dursey Island Cable Car
- Only 28% is currently identified to be funded by central government grants and is critical for projects to progress

#### **Conclusion**

The Capital Programme at €723m for 2018-2020 has resulted from a significant amount of analysis by each directorate to outline projects which are required or desired within the County. The progression of the Programme is based on existing capital commitments and as the years progress consideration will be given to commencing other schemes where they are deemed necessary and where adequate

funding sources are in place. Every effort will be made to maximise funding particularly grant funding, from Central Government in order to deliver on projects.

Council Flag	Spending Category	Total Investment	2018-2020	2018-2020 Non-	Total 2018	Total 2019	Total 2020	Grant	ICF's	Other
		2018-2020	Contractual	Contractual	Exp	Exp	Exp	Income	ICF's	Other
		€M	€M	€M	€M	€M	€M	€M	€M	€M
Housing	Affordable Social Leasing	12.63	12.63	-	3.37	6.13	3.13	8.19	-	4.44
	Housing - ICF's	0.54	0.54	-	0.54	-	-	0.05	0.49	-
	Other Housing	8.58	3.82	4.75	5.28	1.71	1.59	4.80	-	3.78
	Social Housing	269.74	147.37	122.37	97.70	116.94	55.10	253.46	1.72	4.55
	Voluntary Housing	34.79	28.19	6.60	9.45	10.20	15.15	34.79	-	-
<b>Housing</b>		<b>326.28</b>	<b>192.56</b>	<b>133.73</b>	<b>116.34</b>	<b>134.98</b>	<b>74.96</b>	<b>311.30</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>12.78</b>
Roads	Car Park	2.50	0.57	1.93	0.77	1.68	0.06	-	-	2.51
	Fleet Investment	5.87	5.87	-	2.87	1.50	1.50	-	-	5.87
	Footpaths	2.98	2.98	-	1.31	0.84	0.84	-	-	2.98
	LHAF	12.25	12.25	-	2.23	6.05	3.98	8.98	-	3.28
	National Roads	129.89	129.89	0.01	18.30	46.89	64.70	129.10	-	0.79
	Public Lighting	24.24	1.32	22.92	1.35	11.08	11.80	-	-	24.23
	Regional/Local/ Other Roads	28.48	4.86	23.62	5.34	12.80	10.34	-	-	28.47
	Special Development Contributions Roads	8.24	8.09	0.15	2.31	2.00	3.93	-	-	8.24
	<b>Roads</b>		<b>214.46</b>	<b>165.83</b>	<b>48.63</b>	<b>34.49</b>	<b>82.84</b>	<b>97.13</b>	<b>138.08</b>	<b>-</b>
Water	Coastal Protection	5.02	0.00	5.02	1.79	1.44	1.79	2.48	-	2.54
	Flood Relief	47.90	27.03	20.87	20.35	17.14	10.39	46.48	-	1.42
	Water Services	0.64	0.03	0.61	0.15	0.10	0.38	0.31	-	0.33
<b>Water</b>		<b>53.56</b>	<b>27.06</b>	<b>26.50</b>	<b>22.31</b>	<b>18.68</b>	<b>12.56</b>	<b>49.27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.29</b>
Other	Burial Grounds	2.73	0.24	2.49	2.23	0.50	-	-	-	2.72
	County Hall Campus and Council Offices	3.84	0.92	2.91	2.53	0.89	0.41	-	-	3.83
	CSIP Development	13.94	-	13.94	5.01	3.93	5.00	-	-	13.94
	Environment	4.40	0.48	3.92	1.09	1.60	1.70	-	-	4.40
	Fire	5.87	3.00	2.87	1.25	2.75	1.87	4.86	-	1.01
	Haulbowline Remediation	21.53	21.53	-	9.44	11.07	1.01	21.35	-	0.18
	Libraries	7.70	0.80	6.90	1.30	4.20	2.20	-	-	7.70
	Other	7.59	2.81	4.78	4.92	1.41	1.26	-	-	7.59
	Public Realm	12.10	6.16	5.94	7.70	2.50	1.90	-	-	12.10
	Recreation and Amenities	28.00	10.34	17.67	13.65	9.35	4.99	1.11	-	26.90
	Tourism	14.62	10.19	4.43	1.32	8.70	4.60	4.72	-	9.90
	Traffic & Transportation	6.63	4.38	2.25	2.21	2.21	2.11	4.20	-	2.43
	<b>Other</b>		<b>128.94</b>	<b>60.85</b>	<b>68.09</b>	<b>52.65</b>	<b>49.13</b>	<b>27.15</b>	<b>36.24</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>723.23</b>	<b>446.29</b>	<b>276.94</b>	<b>225.80</b>	<b>285.63</b>	<b>211.80</b>	<b>534.88</b>	<b>2.21</b>	<b>186.15</b>

Members thanked the Head of Finance for the 2018-2020 Capital Investment Programme and during the discussion that followed members' comments included as follows;

- The capital investment programme is varied and ambitious.
- Members welcomed that Macroom Bypass, Macroom Fire Station and Briery Gap are included in the programme.
- A sum of €4 million is required to refurbish the Briery Gap in Macroom; however, there is still a shortfall of €1.6 million.
- Unfortunately the Government does not see Briery Gap as a priority and we need to push the Government towards funding it.
- Previously, we delivered many fantastic projects under the capital investment programmes; however, we should be investing more in the areas of footpaths, coastal protection, and greenway projects throughout the county.
- Our footpaths are an under invested sector and we do not fare as well as many of our European counterparts.
- Pedestrian access to Inchydoney beach needs to be improved.
- There are issues with the footpaths in Minane Bridge, Crosshaven, as well as Glengarriff village and its' nearby nature reserve.
- Does the €3 million allocated for footpaths include maintenance works?
- What about the boardwalk for Mallow Town, this could help alleviate some of the problems experienced by pedestrian.
- Members at Municipal District level need to be kept up to date on all footpath programmes.
- Our coastline has fantastic tourism potential.
- Members welcome the new pontoon in Schull, and the recent opening of the Schull to Toormore Trail.

- There is a serious issue in Ring Village where the harbour is silting up.
- The old Town Hall in Clonakilty needs investment as it could potentially be used to provide hot desk facilities in the town.
- Funding needs to be put aside for Skibbereen Town Hall, which should be a focal point in the town.
- The housing figures outlined in the programme are encouraging.
- It is disappointing that €72 million will be used to acquire single houses, and is there a fear we might be outbidding locals who are trying to buy houses.
- There is no reference of an affordable housing programme in the programme.
- How many houses can we expect to build and deliver over the lifetime of the capital programme?
- Why has the Mallow Relief Road been omitted from the programme?
- Is the M20, which is currently at design stage, included in the programme?
- Could funds from Irish Public Bodies (IPB) be used as a source of funding for footpaths repairs and improvements.
- Social housing is our number one priority; therefore, we need to be ambitious and should make no apologies for the ambitious investment programme.
- Even though we have achieved and exceeded our housing delivery objectives, we are behind in terms of delivering on our part 8 schedule.
- Members welcomed the Carrigaline Western Relief Road as a strategic key project.
- It is important that projects located in areas that will be transferred to the new Cork City boundary are included in the capital programme.
- In terms of urban regeneration we need to be ready and should be examining the purchase of strategic sites and buildings including the dock site in Passage West.
- Members asked if there was flexibility for these types of purchases in the future, if they are deemed appropriate.
- We should consider borrowing for future infrastructure projects if government grant aid is not available.
- Delivery of this programme will be dependent on outside influences and funding.
- Unfortunately the programme lacks specifics.
- What is the process for transferring revenue outturns to the capital budget at year end?
- What happens when government grants are not drawn down?
- Following recent flood events that caused €48 million of damage, the Government has left Cork County Council with a shortfall of €11 million.
- The Ballincollig Weir is collapsing more every day and odours are now being emitted from the defunct canals.
- Have the costs of works carried out on the County Hall Campus been fully carried by the council?
- We are lacking an adequate number of fire service water tankers and there are no tankers based in West Cork.
- We should be utilising Council owned land to build social housing.
- What is the current position regarding the Bantry Turnkey Housing.
- Bantry and Bantry Town needs significant investment to provide additional sports facilities.
- €640,000 for water services is very little for our engineers to have at their disposal.
- Agriculture is the key driver of economic activity in many parts of the county and we need to consider planning for water harvesting and irrigation systems in the long term.
- Both marine and recreation will see significant growth in the near future.
- Our ports need to be future proofed for fishing and leisure vessels.
- Members welcomed that development contributions are one of the sources of funding the capital programme.
- There are some legacy issues in Kinsale including the municipal hall that needs a major refurbishment, and also the Fire Station and Engineer's Office.

- At previous budget meetings, the Sinn Fein Party having sought additional expenditure funding was informed that additional funds were not available.
- However, in the last number of years revenue surpluses have been carried in the budget.
- Members complemented the excellent work carried on the part 8 for the Kanturk Relief Road.
- Specifics about the capital investment programme need to be produced for Municipal District level and members should be briefed by the Municipal District Officer.
- Members requested that they receive training in how the budget works?

The Head of Finance responded to members stating that it is an indicative programme and unfortunately funding is limited in terms of grant funding. The Head of Finance confirmed that Coastal Protection is identified as an area of high priority.

The Head of Finance outlined that approximately 500 social housing units are to be constructed under the lifetime of the programme and this figure will help reduce the number of one off houses purchased under the single acquisition scheme. In response to members' queries concerning the drawdown of grant funding and key strategic sites and buildings, the Head of Finance confirmed that we have left no money unclaimed, and that the purchase of key sites and buildings is dealt with on a case by case basis.

The Head of Finance said that the revenue account budget is based on the financial information and figures that were available at the time of preparing the budget, and an improvement in rates collection has allowed us to increase the amount of funding available for public realm improvements and to increase invest in this area.

The Head of Finance informed members that €13.94 million is needed for the development of the Science and Innovation Park at Curraheen. This figure will need to be self funded and will form part of the compensation talks with Cork City Council as this key piece of infrastructure will be within the revised city boundary area.

The Head of Finance stated that the 2018-2020 capital investment programme is not just a wish list, but an indication of what Cork County Council needs in order to achieve its' goals, and that approximately €500 million of the capital programme is tender stage.

In response to member's comments concerning funding from IPB, the Head of Finance confirmed that the level of funds was previously indicated to the Corporate Policy Group and that members should note that Cork County Council has existing liabilities it will need to clear with the funds.

Members raised the following questions;

- Where did the €6.9 million referred to in page 4 of the of the capital investment programme summary come from?
- Who decides where extra money is moved to, and when is this decided?

The Head of Finance outlined that higher NPPR revenue was collected than expected and that fewer commercial rates were struck off than expected. The Head of Finance then said that Cork County Council's rate collection performance had only increased in the past year or two.

The Chief Executive said that the capital investment programme is not just a wish list and that every figure in the programme is supported with a detailed plan. The Chief Executive said that the Cork County Council is committed to delivering on these capital projects which were requested and selected by the elected members and Divisional Managers.



The Chief Executive commented that in September a detailed briefing will be provided to members on the projects to be delivered per Municipal District, and that members were previously advised that the Association of Local Government (AILG) will be providing budget training to members as part of the AILG autumn training seminar.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31ST MAY, 2018.**

9/2-7

Members noted the Financial Report to the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, which outlined as follows;

In line with national guidance this report is issued at Divisional Service level recognising the strategic role of Full Council. The budget profile spend to May is 41%. The % actual spend to May is 34%. The following outlines the main variances in performance against budget for Expenditure and Income.

### **PERFORMANCE – EXPENDITURE**

- **HOUSING**
  - Under spend A06 Support to Capital and A08 Housing Loans as loan charges payable twice yearly June and December.
- **ROADS**
  - Loan charges Middleton NNR to be reflected in June expenditure.
  - Regional and Local Roads Grant discretionary spend over to May 17 impacted by Storm Emma. Current under-spend on Restoration Maintenance and Improvement as majority of work takes place after May
- **WATER**
  - Spend slightly under against budget but reflects recoupage of expenditure under our SLA with Irish Water (Contra to income)
  - Maintenance Contracts for Public Conveniences PO raised for full year
  - Support to Water Capital is over budget but recoupage from IW so contra increase in income.
- **PLANNING**
  - Expenditure marginally under budget largely due to Economic Development Fund capital transfer to yet to be reflected.
  - Other areas of Expenditure slightly over profile spend due to application of Town and Village funding from 2017 (contra to income) and full year contract commitments posted to financials for SICAP and Carrigaline Food Units.
- **ENVIRONMENT**
  - Under profile due to loan charges (to be paid in June) and legacy landfill work not yet started.
  - Water Safety and Litter Control slightly under budget reflecting seasonality but will see an increase in spend in summer months.
  - SE Waste Management Plan and Fire Service Agreement contributions yet to be paid
- **RECREATION & AMENITY**
  - Under budget for end of May; Seasonal in nature as large % of this spend is incurred during the summer period.
  - Arts programme and GMA /TDF under profile spend.
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- **AGRI & EDUCATION**
  - Piers/harbours, land drainage and coastal protection under profile but expenditure will increase during the summer months.
  - HEGS under budget, contra to income
  
- **MISCELLANEOUS & CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE (CMC)**
  - Strike off of uncollectable Rates will be reflected at year end.
  - Loan charges to be reflected in June 2017.
  - Central Management Charge is on target for May

## **PERFORMANCE-INCOME**

- **HOUSING**
  - Under budget, contra to expenditure loan charges to be recouped in July.
  - Grant recoupment claims for RAS and Housing Grants to be reflected in July report.
  
- **ROADS**
  - Under budget: Income due re Storm Emma and Road Grant recoupment to process which will be reflected in future income.
  - Parking income is slightly under profile but can be seasonal in nature.
  
- **WATER**
  - Income slightly under against budget but reflects recoupment of expenditure under our SLA with Irish Water (Contra to expenditure)
  - Support to Water Capital recoupable from IW is over budget (contra expenditure.)
  
- **PLANNING**
  - Income marginally ahead of profile due partly to planning fee income and the application of deferred Town and Village income from 2017 (contra expenditure)
  - Conservation and Heritage grants income under budget as recouped later in year.
  
- **ENVIRONMENT**
  - Legacy landfill income is contra to expenditure and will be claimed when works commence
  - Civic amenity site income under profile, will increase over summer months
  - Waste enforcement grant paid twice yearly and Civil defence grant due at year end.
  
- **REC & AMENITY**
  - Income ahead of profile due to capitalisation of unspent GMA/TDF and Arts program from 2017 and swimming pool income being ahead of budget.
  
- **AGRI & EDUCATION**
  - Mooring fees under budget and food safety grant recoupment due.
  - HEGS under budget, contra to expenditure
  
- **MISCELLANEOUS AND CMC**
  - Casual trading licences under profile. NPPR slightly ahead of profile. Compensation from Department for former IW rates and national pay agreement compensation due over summer months.
  - Central Management Charge income is on target for May

## RATE COLLECTION:

Rate Collection reflects the full charge for the year as per bills issued. Rate collection shows an increase on this time last year due an increased number of customers paying earlier compared to comparative months in 2017.



## Cork County Council

Adopted Income & Expenditure Budgets by Division and Service, up to Period 201805

Adopted Budget

Division of Service Deso	Expenditure						Income			
	Exp Annual Budget	Exp Actual YTD	Exp Commitments	Exp Act & Comm YTD	Exp Budget Remaining	Exp %	Ino Annual Budget	Ino Accrued YTD	Ino Not Realised	% Real
A - Housing & Building	45,990,030	12,303,479	2,401,943	14,705,422	31,284,608	32%	(45,822,805)	(12,725,810)	(33,096,995)	28%
B - Road Transport & Safety	68,124,877	20,118,873	4,613,427	24,732,300	43,392,577	36%	(43,318,688)	(12,282,195)	(31,036,493)	28%
C - Water Services	29,185,214	9,957,098	419,310	10,376,408	18,808,806	36%	(33,239,947)	(11,654,964)	(21,584,983)	35%
D - Development Management	28,868,041	8,030,284	3,269,277	11,299,561	17,568,480	39%	(11,688,024)	(4,995,160)	(6,692,864)	43%
E - Environmental Services	37,921,855	11,083,537	1,220,451	12,303,988	25,617,867	32%	(8,473,109)	(2,632,000)	(5,841,029)	31%
F - Recreation & Amenity	22,427,101	5,330,385	2,863,108	8,193,493	14,233,608	37%	(2,709,107)	(2,107,670)	(601,437)	78%
G - Agri, Educ, Health & Welfare	4,311,944	1,350,081	48,767	1,398,848	2,913,096	32%	(2,172,950)	(668,796)	(1,504,154)	31%
H - Miscellaneous Services	42,722,840	7,342,344	329,758	7,672,102	35,050,738	18%	(23,293,163)	(8,719,909)	(14,573,174)	37%
J - Central Management Charges	46,509,088	17,255,739	2,203,503	19,459,242	27,049,846	42%	(4,076,000)	(1,762,231)	(2,313,769)	43%
LPT - LPT							(16,571,259)		(16,571,259)	
RATES - Rates							(131,721,415)	(132,211,971)	490,556	100%
	326,060,990	92,771,819	17,369,545	110,141,363	215,919,627	34%	(323,086,467)	(189,760,865)	(133,325,602)	59%

The report as given, shows the accrued income across all our services.

### Rates Collection Statement

The Collections Statement below advises of the income received across the main income streams.

	Arrears	Charge	Receipts	Closing
Rates	14,887,518	132,192,480	46,646,156	100,433,842
Housing Loans	3,872,978	1,847,970	1,952,946	3,768,002

## REPORTS & RECOMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COBH

10/2-7

Members agreed to defer the notice of motion from the Municipal District of Cobh to the next meeting to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, HERITAGE**

11/2-7

Members agreed to defer the correspondence from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the next meeting to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN COUNCIL ESTATES**

12/2-7

Councillor June Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane, the following notice of motion:-

*To request this council to form a specialised subcommittee interlinked with relevant departments and bodies, i.e.; Housing, environment Guards, Tusla etc to deal with serious or ongoing antisocial behaviour in Council Estates. Also to increase the amount of funding allocated to Housing Estate management.*

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

Council Estate Management Unit operates in accordance with Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 and in line with the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2016 adopted by Members. The unit implements Council policy with regard to preventing and dealing with anti-social behaviour. In carrying out its duties staff within the unit liaise where necessary with outside agencies to ensure a comprehensive response to any complaints received. It works closely with the Gardaí, HSE and other relevant agencies where required. Cork County Council has a Joint Policing Committee in place which has a strategic co-ordinating role in the area of policing and crime. The Committee comprises of Garda Síochána, Local Authority officials, Elected Representatives and community and voluntary reps.

Revenue funding is provided for estate management on an annual basis for each of the three divisions. This funding allows for works such as estate enhancement and facilitates in assisting in setting up Resident Associations which allows tenants to take ownership of their estates. The Estate Management function is to be discussed at the next Housing SPC on the 23rd July, 2018.

Members thanked the Director of Services, Housing for the response and during the discussion that followed members' comments included as follows;

- Very little has been done to alleviate anti social behaviour in our housing estates.
- People are so desperate for help in these estates that they are turning to radio stations for help and this is wrong.
- People are at the stage where they want to leave their homes and go on the housing transfer list.
- There have been reports of incidents where people are using playgrounds and residents' front doorsteps as toilets.
- These neighbours from hell can cause disruption for an entire estate.
- It would be helpful if there was a subcommittee established to deal with serious behavioural and anti social problems in the estates.
- Community and neighbourhood watch groups are very important initiatives that can help reduce the levels of anti social behaviour.

- Where the Council's Estate Management Committee is working, it is working very well.
- There are certain measures we can use, including additional public lighting in estates, that will help alleviate problems.
- We also need additional staff on the ground.
- Two experience estate management officers based in the Southern Division recently retired, and were replaced by only one officer.
- This is not progress but a step backwards.
- It is disappointing that an advert to replace the member of staff has not yet appeared.
- We need someone to liaise with communities, families in order to help them secure funding.
- We need to have divisional meetings at least twice a year to specifically discuss anti social behaviour issues.
- The overall purpose of this subcommittee is to get these issue resolved.

Members agreed that the matter would be discussed further at the Housing SPC following the meeting.

### **ROAD LINING EQUIPMENT**

13/2-7

Councillor Joe Carroll proposed, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy, the following notice of motion;

*As a response to the very evident lack of clear road linings all across Cork County, that this council would engage with neighbouring counties, with a view to purchasing their own lining equipment. The current arrangements are clearly not working and this is now very obviously a health and safety issue which needs to be addressed as soon as possible.*

Members noted the response from the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, which outlined as follows:-

Cork County Council has outsourced its' road lining and marking requirements for many years. For the past decade or so, markings on the National routes has been directly procured by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (formerly the National Roads Authority), so the extent of road markings procured directly be the Council has reduced considerably. Most of the road marking carried out nowadays is on roads that have been resurfaced or surface dressed or else specific road safety projects which are directly chargeable to a Grant, as the scope for renewal of road markings from maintenance funds has become very limited, due to the overall reduction that has take place to these funds.

The Council had a road marking machine of its own in the Southern Division, 20 plus years ago but it abandoned the practise due to it being uneconomic. Indeed the reduction in the scale of work as outlined above would definitely have expedited that decision, if it had been still in operation when TII took direct control of the marking on the National Roads. Road marking work is mainly seasonal, very much weather dependant and indeed if Local Authorities had a road marking crew, all counties and indeed Municipal Districts s would be looking for the crews around the same time. The road marking process involves hot materials and the handling of chemicals, in addition to traffic management, all of which of course have been impacted by the increased Health & Safety standards introduced in recent years. In general the local authority sector is not structured to have the flexibility required carry out operations such as road marking over a wide geographic area in an effective manner.

It is acknowledged that there are a limited number of road marking contractors operating at present but this reflects the workload available, which is constrained by the overall road maintenance budget.

The proposal in the motion is not considered to be practical on cost, efficiency or logistical grounds. The performance of road marking contractors is being monitored closely across the county and an instruction has been issued to the Engineers supervising works, that in cases where contractors do not meet their commitments in getting works done expeditiously, that the offer be withdrawn and the work awarded to the next contractor.

During the discussion that followed members' comments included as follows;

- Some members said that they were disappointed with the response to the notice of motion.
- Road markings are completely worn away on many of our roads.
- We are totally dependent on 2 contractors from other counties to carry out works and it is incredibly frustrating that we need wait almost a year for works to be done.
- Who is responsible for monitoring these contractors?
- White lines are an important guide to traffic during times of heavy fog and road markings dramatically improve road safety.
- There are no markings on the R585 Cork to Bantry road and none in Mourneabbey.
- In Midleton, the line painting contractors carried out works on one side of the road but it took five weeks before they completed the other side of the same road.
- The absence of adequate road markings is a poor reflection on local authorities.
- Why can we not buy our own road marking equipment, this will enable us to manage the machine's allocation and usage.
- Cork County Council is certainly large enough to justify the cost of purchasing a road marking machine.
- We need to stop outsourcing this work to contractors and start using our own staff.
- Our own road marking machine would mean we could get lines down wherever or whenever needed.
- Some members stated we should be looking at another solution and a better solution.
- This is a policy issue that need to be considered by the Road and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

The Chief Executive said that members could discuss further the response to the notice of motion with the Director of Services at the Roads and Transportation SPC meeting.

The Chief Executive stated that the current process of contracting road marking contractors is the most efficient and cost effective method, and that Cork County Council will not be purchasing road marking machines into the future.

Members agreed to refer the matter to the Road and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for further discussion.

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

At 1:10pm, following the proposal of Christopher O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn Melissa Mullane, members agreed an extension of time until 2:00pm.

### **DISABLED PERSON GRANTS**

14/2-7

Councillor Danielle Twomey proposed, seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane, the following notice of motion

*“That this council report on the number of applications on the waiting list for DPG grants with Cork County Council. This report should include*

1. *The number of approved applications from 2016 and 2017, that works are still awaiting due to lack of funding.*
2. *The number of approved applications made in 2018 to date.*
3. *The breakdown of what works are due to be done on these applications. And in which priority they will be carried out in.”*

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

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has approved a figure of €822,890 for 2018 for adaptations and extensions to social housing stock. The maximum funding for each DPG extension is €75,000.

A number of approved applications from 2016 and 2017 are still currently being progressed due to the fact that Cork County Council has concentrated on carrying out works on the highest medical category as a priority to ensure those applications approved with the highest medical need have their works completed as quickly as possible. Delays have also taken place due to the tenant not engaging with the Council/Contractor or unforeseen additional works arising after the contractor commenced the works. The table below outlines the number of DPG works that were carried out to local authority dwellings to date.

	DPG Extensions	Minor Works	Total
2016	3	74	77
2017	9	109	118

The number of approved applications received in 2018 for DPG Extensions is eight. In addition, fifty-two applications for minor works have been received.

While there remain 138 applications outstanding from 2016 and 2017 (110 minor works and 28 Extensions) Cork County Council are progressing twelve of these DPG extensions in 2018 with the highest medical priority of E4. There are no E1 to E3 applications outstanding from previous years. It is expected that 2017 figure for minor works will be exceeded in the current year which should clear the outstanding minor works applications on hand from previous years. The vast majority of minor works are for level access showers, ramps and stair lifts with the order of priority set out in the table above.

During the discussion that followed members' comments included as follows;

- Despite people having recently received their approval for a Disabled Person Grant (DPG) they will have to wait until the backlog from 2016 and 2017 has been cleared.
- We are seeking additional funding for DPGs.
- The Minister had stated that we spent only €800,000 on DPG works in 2017.
- A lot of people living with a disability want to stay in their own homes.
- The report does not outline how much Cork County Council has spent on DPG works over the last number of years.
- We need to face up to this challenge as best we can.
- We are currently entering an active building phase and we must ensure that an adequate percentage of suitable accommodation is included.
- The life changing benefits that the works will deliver should also be considered when a DPG application is being considered and not just finances.
- How are the different categories of applications E1, E2 etc drawn down?
- We need to focus on clearing this backlog

The Mayor said that future proofing our housing stock is something that we need to ensure we are focussing on; however, we are very limited in terms of what we can do under the guidelines of scheme.

The Chief Executive confirmed that Cork County Council spent €5.8 million in 2017, and this figure is comprised of €4.9 million in mobility grants and €900,000 on our own works.

## **ONE PERCENT FOR ART BUDGET**

15/2-7

Councillor Melissa Mullane proposed, seconded by Councillor Eoghan Jeffers, the following notice of motion

*“That this council makes it obligatory when granting Part VIII or any other public planning application that all building projects include the One Percent for Art Budget in the overall capital budget estimate”.*

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

Introduced in 1978, the Per Cent for Art Scheme is a government initiative, whereby 1% of the cost of any publicly funded capital, infrastructural and building development can be allocated to the commissioning of a work of art.

Capital programmes where the Per Cent for Art applies include: - public housing projects, (social and affordable schemes); transport and roads; environmental schemes such as drainage schemes, pump stations and reservoirs; public buildings such as libraries, public offices, schools, hospitals, medical centres, prisons, arts buildings - cinemas, theatres, art centre; conservation works carried out to public buildings and sites and, urban and village renewal schemes.

Since 1997, this scheme has been made available to all capital projects across all government departments. Local Authorities are entitled to apply for Per Cent for Art funding for any government funded capital scheme.

The Percent for Art budget must however be included in the overall capital budget estimate for new capital construction projects. Local Authorities can only ring fence such funding upon confirmation from the relevant parent Department that the Per Cent for Art scheme funding will be made available as part of their overall capital estimate.

Guidelines for the Implementation of the Per Cent for Art Scheme are available at <https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2015/07/public-art-per-cent-for-art1.pdf>.

Cork County Council has availed of funding for certain centrally funded capital projects over many years. As the Council does not currently have an overall policy in relation to the utilisation of Per Cent for Art funding there is merit in the matter being considered by and through engagement with the relevant Government Departments, who fund many of our capital projects.

During a discussion on the matter, members raised the following points;

- We should avail of the scheme in all cases and make it obligatory.
- Funding should be ring fenced in all of our capital projects.
- Some artists find it very difficult to get work around the county.
- Public art is very valuable and the benefits under this scheme could be massive in terms of employment.



Members agreed there would be merit in forwarding the matter to the Arts Culture and Languages SPC for consideration.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

16/2-7

Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath, the following notice of motion

*“In the interests of democracy, but without endorsing the policy positions of anyone or any Party, that this council:*

1. *Wishes to nominate a candidate for the office of President of Ireland.*
2. *Invite potential candidates to submit written proposals for consideration by members and invite them to address Council at a meeting designated to make such nomination.*
3. *That the meetings administrator should make arrangements for this as soon as the electoral process allows it.”*

Members agreed that any candidate, who contacts the council concerning a nomination as a candidate for the office of president, would be invited to address full council.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

### **LIAM MILLER TESTIMONIAL**

During a discussion on the matter, members' comments included as follows;

- We want to encourage discussion amongst all of the different stakeholders involved and to ask the G.A.A, County Board and event organisers to resolve the issue as soon as possible.
- We always encourage the spirit of community and we should be celebrating the talent that was Liam Miller.
- It is a critical issue that is being discussed around the city and county
- It is encouraging there has been some movement from the G.A.A., which has received some unfair criticism.
- There are rules governing the use of the G.A.A's grounds and pitches.
- €30 million of public funding was put towards the new stadium on the condition it would be open to public and charitable events
- It is disappointing a meeting has not been set up between both parties.
- This is going to be a charity game, not a match, and there will be no winners at the end of the day.
- Everyone wants it to be played in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.
- We are very proud of Páirc Uí Chaoimh, which is a tremendous facility.
- The grounds should be opened up for charity events just like this.
- The G.A.A needs to look at the bigger picture.
- This is a very delicate and sensitive situation and the Mayor should offer his assistance.
- The Miller family have our support and the support of everyone in Cork.
- The Mayor together with the Lord Mayor need to speak on behalf of the people of Cork.

The Mayor informed members that following the meeting he would make contact with GAA representatives and with Liam Miller Testimonial Organising Committee offering his assistance

Members agreed to defer the remaining agenda items (No.17 to 20) until the next meeting to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

## **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

TO: Passage West Rowing Club on hosting the County Rowing Finals.

TO: Manus O’Callaghan, Jimmy Gyves, Graham Murphy and Rory Barrett on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mallow Lifesaving Team winning the All Ireland competition “President’s Trophy”.

Councillor Gearóid Murphy proposed that a Civic Reception be held for the members of the Mallow Lifesaving Team.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Opening of Tenders**

The following tenders were opened at the meeting:-

- One Tender for Multidisciplinary Design and Construction Team for Detailed Design, Construction & Handover Stages of new Rapid Build Housing Schemes at Abbeywood, Baneshane, Midleton.
- Four Tenders for the appointment of an Engineering Design team for the Refurbishment & Conversion of The James O’Neill Building to a new library at Kinsale.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**