



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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## Cork County Council

**Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11am.**

### **I LATHAIR**

#### **Comhairleoir Dónal Ó Coileáin, Méara Chontae**

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chroinín, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, De Faoite S, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé SP, Ó Murchú G, Críod, Ó Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padraig, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé T, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó hÉalaithe, Ó Héigheartaigh, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh S, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich

### **PRESENT**

#### **Councillor Danny Collins, County Mayor, presided.**

**Councillor:** Coughlan, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O' Donovan, Collins, Murphy PG, Cronin, O'Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Murtagh, Buckley A, White J, Dalton – O' Sullivan, O' Callaghan, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O' Connor S, O' Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy G, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Hurley, Coakley

Members agreed to adjourn the Meeting until 4 pm.

This Council resolves to suspend Standing Orders 7 and 27 for the duration of this Meeting to enable the Meeting to be adjourned to 4pm today so that the Councillors may now attend important Civic events and the balance of the business of the Meeting shall be concluded when it resumes at 4 pm.

*Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn*

*Seconded by Cllr. Karen Coakley*

Meeting at 4 pm was attended by:

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Chief Executive, Loraine Lynch Head of Finance, Padraig Barrett Director of Services Roads & Transport, Senior Executive Officer.

## **[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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*Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley*

*Seconded by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen*

## **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

Members requested to change the wording on the minutes for the motion discussing pre determined attendance for a road traffic collision. Members asked for the wording to be changed from “suggested a review of PDA protocol” to “proposed a review of PDA protocol”. The Chief Executive confirmed there is no need to review the pre determined attendance at a collision as it is a pre determined response and that the Chief Fire Officer has flexibility to activate if necessary.

## **[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

2/9-2

### **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:**

#### **SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:**

*Members noted the following disposals:*

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:**

*Grant of 2 no. Wayleaves at Dr. Croke Place, Kilbrin, Co Cork*

**2(a)/9-2**

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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Situation:** Grant of 2 no. Wayleaves at Dr. Croke Place, Kilbrin, Co Cork, to facilitate Council housing scheme.

**Area:** 81m x 10m wide and 117m x 10m wide.

**Consideration:** €1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:**

*Disposal of Land at Park Road, Clonakilty, Co. Cork*

**2(b)/9-2**

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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Situation:** Park Road,  
Clonakilty,  
Co. Cork

**Area:** Lease of Land measuring 0.5157 hectares (1.2743 acres)

**Consideration:** €1 nominal fee

***Grant of Right of Way at Ballineen, Co. Cork***

**2(c)/9-2**

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 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

**Situation:** Grant of Right of Way and receipt of Right of Way at Ballineen, Co. Cork.

**Consideration:** €1.00.

**3/9-2**

**PART 8 MANAGER'S REPORT SECTIONS 179(3) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000  
(AS AMENDED)**

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:**

***Proposed by Councillor Michael Paul Murtagh***

***Seconded by Councillor Audrey Buckley***

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's Report on proposed road reconfiguration and public realm enhancements within the centre of Carrigaline and to provide a strategic pedestrian and cycle route through Bridgemount, which is referred to as the Bridgemount Link. This link will provide local connections within Carrigaline and will eventually form part of a wider network that connects to Ringaskiddy, Passage West and Crosshaven. This scheme initiates the implementation phase of the Carrigaline Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan (CTPREP), which was prepared by Cork County Council to provide the framework for an integrated transport network for Carrigaline.

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### **ROAD TRAFFIC SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYELAWS 2022**

County of Cork, Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2022 for Regional & Local Roads

*Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members requested not to proceed with a proposed speed increase on Bantry Road in Dunmanway from 50 km/h to 60 km/h
- Members of the Western Committee agreed that the speed limit here should remain at 50 km/h
- Members queried a timeline on the implementation of these bye laws
- Asked about the position on changes on national roads
- Asked if extra signage will be introduced where there will be special speed limits of 30 km/h
- Queried the process for an appeals process, particularly in relation to the N 28

Mr. Pdraig Barrett, Director of Roads, said the bye laws document will be amended to reflect the reflection of the speed limit in Dunmanway at 50 km. He said TII confirm changes on national routes. Mr Barrett said there is a timeline to introduce the proposed changes by the end of the year and the proposed date of commencement is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. He said the appeals process will be circulated to Members.

**LOCAL PROPERTY TAX:**

Consideration of report on the financial impact of the LPT variation in order to set a local adjustment factor in accordance with the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act (Section 20) 2012, as amended.

The Head of Finance, Loraine Lynch said significant increases across all business areas are forecast for 2023 with inflation growing to 10%. The increase in energy tariffs will require an estimated €4.5 million for 2023.

The Chief Executive said that there have been a number of meetings with CPG. He said the Council was facing considerable increases in its cost base and had no control over this. He said that the revenue budget was largely static and that increases in LPT and rates must be considered and that government support was also needed. He said that the statutory report on LPT had been issued to members and this set out the position.

The Head of Finance outlined the main points of the statutory report under the following headlines (1 – 4)

1. Estimation of Income and Expenditure
2. Financial position of the local authority
3. The local authority's estimation of the Financial effect of the variation of the LPT Rate and its potential impact on service delivery plans, the potential impact on a liable person and potential impact on LPT revenue
4. Outcome of public consultation process

The Head of Finance outlined the current position of the 2023 draft budget which includes provision for energy increases and accounts for a proposed pay agreement. The draft 2023 budget currently shows a gap of €16,875,963 between income and expenditure. She recommended an increase in the LPT of 15% for 2023.

Ms Lynch outlined the impact cuts on services would have and potential impact on directorates. She said a 14% expenditure cut had been applied to nonpay, non discretionary budgets but a large funding gap remained.

**Potential Service Delivery Impact on Housing:**

*Delivery of the Day to Day Repairs Programme Proposed Cut by €440k*

**Service Delivery Impact:**

- Difficulty meeting our requirements in areas such as boiler maintenance and with regard to general rental standards.
- Reduced capacity to respond to repair requests, meaning reduction to quality of service provided to our customers.
- Unable to respond to the backlog in repair requests and ensure long term refurbishment and maintenance costs to individual properties do not become exorbitant
- Due to lack of day to day repairs we foresee long term damage to our assets.

- Risk to Safety of Tenants with potential delay in response time

Housing directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase of €0.86m to cover increasing demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

***Delivery of the Voids Programme Proposed Cut by €120k***

**Service Delivery Impact:**

Negative PR for the Council in not being able to provide the required level of rental stock with the probability of increased repair calls from new tenants. Continued and significant increased pressure on staff to respond to achieve the level of quality of returned properties and maintain the level of turnaround times, our KPI's, and budgets. The condition of Council properties deteriorates requiring more significant budgets in future years to carry out more significant repairs. There will also be the possibility of increased safety risks to tenants and possible insurance claims as it will be difficult to maintain rental standards.

Housing Directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs

***Delivery of the Planned Maintenance Programme Proposed Cut by €53 k***

Housing Maintenance currently providing emergency works only as it is not possible to deliver on the planned maintenance program within existing budgets.

**Service Delivery Impact**

- The housing department will be unable to deliver an adequate planned housing maintenance service in 2023. This will create negative PR for the Council in not being able to provide the required level of response to repairs. Continued and significant increased pressure on staff to respond to all repair requests which can impact across the organisation.
- Condition of Council properties deteriorates requiring more significant budgets in future years to carry out more significant repairs. There will also be the possibility of increased safety risks and possible claims as it will be difficult to maintain rental standards.

Housing Directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase totalling €80k to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

***Delivery of the Estate Management Programme Proposed Cut by €40 k***

The Estate Management Budget provides for grass cutting in Council estates, annual contributions to residents associations and, maintenance of community centre, cutting of dangerous trees, along with phone bills and utility bills for vacant houses. It also allows for works required to boundaries following disputes/court cases.

### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- The grass cutting contract will need to be tendered in 2023. A predicted increase of 30% is expected for the grass cutting contracts in 2023.
- The Estate Management Unit would not have any sufficient funding for current grass cutting schedule, annual contributions, telephone/utility costs would not be covered by 2023 allocation

Housing Directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase of €72k to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs

### **Potential Service Delivery Impact Municipal Districts:**

#### ***Delivery of the Library Service Proposed Cut by €357 k***

Cork County Council libraries are the hub of our communities. The library is a focal point for community and cultural development.

### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- The proposed budget reduction in several of the Library Branches will severely impede the strategic and operational ambitions of the service for 2023. The rollout of extended opening hours is part of the national libraries strategy, with the new library in Bandon to become the first MOL branch in Cork County. Extensive national and local promotional campaigns have highlighted the availability of MOL as a service enhancement that offers more equitable access to library services and facilities, at a time that best suits the community. Budget reductions will reduce the capacity to fully implement the MOL service and limit the service offering to the community.
- Reduced capacity for book stock renewal

Library Section has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase of €173k to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of delivery.

#### ***Operation and Maintenance of Parks Pitches, Playgrounds, Open Spaces Proposed Cut by €189k***

### **Service Delivery Risk:**

- Insufficient funding for grass cutting
- Facilities such as walkways and playgrounds may have to be closed for agreed periods.
- Capital investment to open and improve these facilities will be negatively impacted.
- A reduced budget means reduced services and the standards we have achieved and compromise our Blue Flags. A loss of a blue flag due to poor standards would be detrimental to the local economy and the quality of the visitors experience.
- Risk to Playgrounds maintenance, H&S standards must be maintained for public safety. Risk to public if repairs and maintenance not carried.

Municipal Districts Directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and additional increase of to €754k, for new amenities such as €300k MY Greenway, €220k additional Beach Toilets, and balance to cover increasing demand and to cover increase in cost of delivery.



### ***Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences Proposed Cut by €84k***

Many of the Public Conveniences are provided via contracted services. All of which have increased rates in 2022.

#### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- Current Budget allocation is not sufficient to cover current contracts in place. We are currently reviewing the impact of this, it may result in reduction of maintenance schedule or toilets being closed for a certain % of the year.

Municipal District Directorate has requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

### ***Street Cleaning Proposed Cut by €82k***

Increases in Fuel and energy costs has meant significant increases in the cost of hiring vehicles to carry out Street Cleaning.

#### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- Reduction in street cleaning schedule, negative impact on presentation of towns and villages

Section have requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase of €182k to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

### ***Burial Grounds Proposed Cut by €97k***

The main costs associated with the delivery of this service is the cutting of grass and due to increased fuel prices contractors are quoting significant price increases for 2023.

#### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- The reduction to the budget will mean it will not be possible to provide maintenance services to all Burial Grounds.

Section have requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

### ***Leisure Facilities Proposed Cut by €97k***

Significant increases in chemicals, materials and energy costs means the upkeep and running of facilities such as swimming pools are running over budget.

#### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- Pools such as the one in Cobh are much loved and used by many in the community. The reduced budget allocation may force the pools to reduce opening hours and/or amenity offering as the allocated budget won't cover the running costs for the current operating schedule.

Section have requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of repairs.

### **Potential Service Delivery Recycling Facilities:**

#### ***Facilities Proposed Cut by €670 k***

Significant increases in materials and energy costs including disposal of recyclables means the upkeep and running of facilities such as Civic Amenity & Bring Sites are going to run over budget.

#### **Service Delivery Impact:**

- Recycling facilities are a key community service. In an era on increased cost of living they are even more critical for citizens. However increased costs pose a risk to capacity for materials intake

Environment Directorate have requested reinstatement of Budget and Additional Increase of €239k to cover Increasing Demand and to cover increase in cost of disposal.

### **Potential Impact on the Local Property Tax Revenue**

- If Council decides to vary the LPT basic rate upwards (by up to 15%) in 2023, it will retain 100% of the resultant additional income collected.
- Similarly, if the Council decides to vary the LPT basic rate downwards (by up to 15%) in 2023, the resultant loss in LPT income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.
- If Cork County Council decides not to vary the LPT basic rate this will mean a reduction in tax revenue of €2.34m as we currently have a 7.5% variation

#### **Outcome of public consultation process:**

- Public consultation process commenced on the 4th August 2022
- Notice in six newspapers, local and national
- Notice was published on Council website
- Closing date of 16th September 2022 for receipt of submissions
- No submissions were received

Ms Lynch said that the recommendation was that Members would agree to increase the LPT variation rate to 15%. She said the draft 2023 budget has already reduced non pay own discretionary budgets by 14%. Together with rising inflation will mean a 24% reduction, which will significantly impact the level and range of services the Council can provide in 2023. The provision of services will need to be prioritised and will need to approach the work programme for 2023 on a managed risk basis. Ms Lynch said Members are asked to consider the serious risks to service delivery in deciding on a Local Adjustment Factor. LPT will not bridge the gap but will be hugely beneficial in minimising service interruption.

***The Mayor proposed, seconded by Councillor James Kennedy that there be 7.5% variation to the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for 2023.***

***Councillor Declan Hurley proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Martin Coughlan that the 7.5% variation would be fixed for two years.***

### **During this discussion Members made the following points:**

- Members said they cannot ask people to pay a further increase in the current economic climate and said LPT should remain at same level as the current year
- Said the AIRO report highlights the deficiencies in funding for Local Authorities and Cork County Council in particular
- Members requested a letter to be sent to An Taoiseach, Minister McGrath and Minister Coveney to request a meeting to discuss the AIRO Report on funding to Cork County Council
- It is unacceptable that Municipal District requests for works cannot be completed due to insufficient funding
- Communities will not be able to operate sufficiently if Municipal District grants are reduced
- Cork County Council will not be able to provide the services that are needed going forward if government does not provide the funding
- Said it is not acceptable to be in budget deficit with 14% cut on service delivery
- Unacceptable that directorates must make additional cuts on top of already restricted budgets
- Stated the reserves of Cork County Council are at the lowest that they have ever been
- Said Citizens Assembly should look at Local Authorities funding and today's discussion shows that local government is under funded and increased exchequer funding is needed
- Members said they cannot increase the burden that is already on households after an already difficult year – families are to the pin of their collar financially
- The government will need to increase funding, as they did during the Covid 19 pandemic
- Stated the legal requirements to have a balanced budget must be considered
- Members queried how much of an increase would be needed on the rates on budget day and what should the overall budget position be
- Members noted that the Leader programme finishes in December and that this will have a huge impact in the coming year
- Said communities need to have more engagement with this process, surprised no submissions were received during the public consultation process
- It would be appropriate to consider freezing the LPT rate due to the needs of the Local Authority and the extraordinary economic situation of the country
- Some Members said the rate should not be kept at 7.5% for two years as this was restrictive and that it would be tying the council's hands
- Said that members should have the option to review the financial picture for 2024 and not be locked into a 7.5% rate for 2024 at this stage as the economic picture might have changed
- Members asked what were the options to review any resolution to fix the LPT rate for two years

The Chief Executive said the CCMA regularly prepared and submitted papers to the Department on the acute financial matters for Local Authorities. He said full 100% support for pay and energy costs from central government was not expected. There was no scope for enhanced Leaders funding at present. He told Members that it was a legal requirement to have a balanced budget and that implementing this will be challenging.

The Chief Executive said the funding requirement was likely to change after the government budget. He said Members were being asked to decide on the LPT today but it is clear that there will be an impact on service delivery in 2023. He said the budget book will show plans for services for 2023. He reiterated that a 15% increase in LPT is what is required.

The Meeting Administrator detailed the revoking or amendment of a motion from the standing orders as follows:

Standing Order Number 24:

“A motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council can only be made on notice inserted in the Agenda, and such notice shall specify the resolution to be revoked or amended and furnish the terms of the motion to be made; but no such motion shall be allowed to appear on the Agenda to revoke or amend any resolution of Council within six months of the date of the adoption of, such resolution except with the written assent of not less than one-third of the total membership of the Council. A resolution may not be revoked at the meeting at which it has been adopted.

It shall be necessary for adoption of a motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council that not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting . vote in favour and subject to such other requirements as may be specified in Standing Orders and to any statutory requirements”.

The Mayor called for a vote to be taken on the amended motion as follows:-

*Members of Cork County Council resolve, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012 (as amended), that for the period 1st November, 2022 to 31st October, 2024 the basic rate of Local Property Tax shall stand varied by a local adjustment factor of 7.5 percent for 24 months and this will be applied in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Cork County Council.*

*The notification of this variation shall be sent to the Revenue Commissioners and the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.*

**FOR:** Councillor Coughlan, O'Donovan, Collins, Murphy PG, O'Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Buckley, O'Callaghan, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, Moynihan Gobnait, Looney, Coughlan Martin, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Linehan – Foley, Healy, Twomey, Ahern, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley

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**AGAINST:** Councillor Murphy Kevin, O'Sullivan John, O'Sullivan Marie, Cronin, Murtagh, White, Barry, Sheppard, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, Dawson, O'Shea J.P, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Lynch, Lucey, O'Shea Tony, Hegarty, McCarthy Susan, Quaide

[20]

**ABSTAIN:** Councillor Dalton O'Sullivan

[1]

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE**

Correspondence received 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from Minister Darragh O'Brien in response to the Council's letter dated 11/07/22 in relation to increasing the grant system for the replacement or upgrade of all septic tanks that need attention.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.*

**[h] NOTICES OF MOTION  
FOGRAÍ RÚN**

7/9-2

**BIKE TO WORK SCHEME**

“That City and County Councillors would qualify for the government's Bike To Work Scheme. At present Departmental rules deem councillors to not be employees and to consequently not qualify for the scheme.”

*Councillor Marcia D'Alton proposed, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said that presently public representatives do not qualify for the Revenue Commissioners cycle to work scheme as they are not deemed employees
- Members spoke of the benefits of this scheme for Elected Members
- Public representatives travel regularly to events and meetings
- It would be a good societal contribution to use a bike for these events rather than a car
- Every incentive possible needs to be used to encourage people to take up active travel
- Said this scheme should be open to everyone, including Elected Members
- The Department needs to take more of an informed view of the current restrictions in place for the scheme and Members agreed that the Department be asked to consider extending the scheme to elected representatives

**[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

8/9-2

**TO:** Donal O'Riordan on winning the Intermediate Road Bowling King of the Road

**TO:** Crosshaven Triathlon Club on the very successful “Tri Tabhairne” Olympic length triathlon event

**TO:** East Cork Golf Club Ladies Intermediate Team who recently won the Golf Ireland Intermediate Final

**TO:** Noreen O' Callaghan, the staff and pupils of Watergrasshill National School for ensuring that Watergrasshills first ever "Culture Night" was an outstanding success

**TO:** Crosshaven Rugby Club on the very successful Legends Day on September 19<sup>th</sup>

**TO:** Arts Office Team on a very successful Culture Night

**TO:** The Senior Men and Senior Women's Teams of Passage West Rowing Club who both won their categories at the recent National Championships held in Schull

**TO:** Youghal Coast Guard Station on 200 years of service to the community

## **[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**9/9-2**

1. Members queried the potential of modular housing in Skibbereen. The Chief Executive said the Office of Public Works are looking at a range of sites across Cork County and Municipal Districts will be updated as necessary.

**~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~**