DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the County Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Ahmed, Kazi	Halpin, Melisa
Baker, Marie	Hurley, John
Burke, Jacqueline	Joseph, Thomas
Carson, Dan	Kennedy, John
Clark, Michael	Kivlehan, Tom
Colgan, Anne	Lewis, Hugh
Daly, Kevin	McCarthy, Lettie
Dargan, Pierce	McLoughlin, Sean
Dockery, Liam	McNamara, Frank
Dockrell, Maurice	Moylan, Justin
Dowling, Conor	Murphy, Tom
Dowling, Eva	Murray, Fiona
Durkan, JP	O'Brien, Peter
Fanning, Martha	O'Connor, Oisín
Fayne, Mary	O'Driscoll, Eoin
Fleming, Michael	O'Leary, Jim
Gildea, Jim	Saul, Barry
Grainger, Anna	Smyth, Carrie
Hall, Lorraine	Tuite, Lauren

Apologies for inability to attend were received for: Councillor Dave O'Keeffe

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Barry Saul presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Frank Curran, (Chief Executive), Deirdre Baber (Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks), Stephen Brady, (Director of Corporate Affairs), Andrée Dargan, (County Architect), Paul Kennedy, (Director of Planning & Economic Development), Eamonn Magee (A/Director of Finance), Gerard O'Sullivan, (Director of Housing and Water Services), James Phelan, (Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change),
Pamela Graydon (A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Emma McMahon, (Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services), Amy Mangan (Staff Officer, Corporate Services).

C/496/26
(Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the County Council meeting held on 6th July 2026:

It was proposed by Councillor JP Durkan, seconded by Councillor P. Dargan and **RESOLVED:**

"That the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 6th July 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"

C/497/26
(Agenda Item No. 2) Questions (see attached appendix)

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A.1 to A.25 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"

(Agenda Item No. 1) Old Council Chamber
(Agenda Item No. 2) LIHAF linked reductions in house prices in Cherrywood
(Agenda Item No. 3) Access Officer and Access Strategy
(Agenda Item No. 4) Residential Zoned Land Tax
(Agenda Item No. 5) Derelict Site Register
(Agenda Item No. 6) Council Purchased Homes
(Agenda Item No. 7) Planned Maintenance
(Agenda Item No. 8) Art Acquisitions
(Agenda Item No. 9) Art Scheme
(Agenda Item No. 10) Harbour
(Agenda Item No. 11) Overnight Levy Working Group
(Agenda Item No. 12) Finance SPC
(Agenda Item No. 13) Youth Services
(Agenda Item No. 14) Ynys Môn Twinning
(Agenda Item No. 15) Ballyogan Green Waste Charges
(Agenda Item No. 16) Wastewater Infrastructure
(Agenda Item No. 17) Tourism Tax Impact
(Agenda Item No. 18) EU Funding
(Agenda Item No. 19) LIHAP Scheme - Affordable Housing
(Agenda Item No. 20) Closure of Sand Based Pitches
(Agenda Item No. 21) Sand Based Pitch Review
(Agenda Item No. 22) No Units - Choice Based Lettings (CBL)
(Agenda Item No. 23) Medical Priority List
(Agenda Item No. 24) Sports Facilities - No Toilets
(Agenda Item No. 25) Wait Time for Medical Evidence to be Examined

C/498/26
(Agenda Item No. 3.01) List of Conferences and Training for Councillors

List of Conferences and Training for Councillors

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan and **RESOLVED:**

"In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 53 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 attendance by Members at the conferences/seminars/training courses outlined in the foregoing report is hereby authorised."

C/499/26
(Agenda Item No. 3.02) Approval of Nominations for Conference and Training Courses

Approval of Nominations for Conference and Training Courses

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Moylan and **RESOLVED:**

"That Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor Conor Dowling to attend the Policy Forum in Ireland: "Next Steps for the Transport Sector in Ireland" conference on 23rd November;"

C/500/26
(Agenda Item No. 3.03) Conferences & Training Reports Documents Submitted

Conferences and Training Report Documents Submitted

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED.**

C/501/26
(Agenda Item No. 4.01) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

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The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor D. Carson and **RESOLVED:**

"The Council agree that the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/502/26
(Agenda Item No. 4.02) Proposed Disposal of a 15 Year Lease of 17 Woodbrook Copse, Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin, A98 W2T6 to Cheshire Ireland.

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The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth, seconded by Councillor J. Gildea and **RESOLVED:**

"It is therefore proposed to dispose of by the way of a 15-year lease 17 Woodbrook Copse, Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin, A98 W2T6 to Cheshire Ireland, Unit 23 IFC, Fashion City, Ballymount, Dublin 24, D24 PD6H pursuant to S. 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and S. 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000."

C/503/26
(Agenda Item No. 5) Report on Temporary Overdraft Accommodation - Year Ending 31st December 2027

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Eamonn Magee, Acting Director of Finance responded to Members' queries.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor D. Carson and **RESOLVED:**

"It is hereby resolved to approve the continuation of the overdraft facility for the period 1st January, 2027 to 31st December, 2027, subject to a maximum of €10m, in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage."

C/504/26
(Agenda Item No. 6) Report on the Membership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor JP Durkan, seconded by Councillor J. Moylan and **RESOLVED:**

"In accordance with Section 128C of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, it is hereby resolved to appoint the nominee listed above for membership to the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee that is hereby submitted to the members of the local authority for consideration. The nominee shall be appointed to the Committee without omission or addition by resolution by the local authority."

C/505/26
(Agenda Item No. 7) Taking in Charge of Roads, Footpaths, Public Lighting, Open Space, Surface Water Sewer, Foul Sewer and Watermains at Stonebridge Wood, Stonebridge Lane, Shankill, Dublin 18 (BC-1916-TIC-01)

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Paul Kennedy, Director of Planning and Economic Development responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to consult with the Parks Section to maintain the area to the same standard as it has been.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gildea, seconded by Councillor J. Bourke and **RESOLVED:**

"The foregoing report of the Executive is **APPROVED** and it is hereby **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), that the roads, footpaths,

public lighting, open space, surface water sewer, foul sewer and watermain at Stonebridge Wood, Stonebridge Lane, Shankill, Dublin 18 (as detailed in Drawing Number (BC-1916-TIC-01) be taken in charge by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council."

C/506/26
(Agenda Item No. 8) Part 8 Proposed Residential Development at Lehaunstown Lane, Dublin 18

Mr. Marin Danciu, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing and Mr. John Parker gave a presentation to the Members.

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

A discussion took place, during which Mr. John Parker, Mr. Marin Danciu, and Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Director of Housing and Water Services responded to Members' queries.

A further discussion took place during which Mr. Gerard O'Sullivan, Mr. Marin Danciu, and Mr. Lei Jiang, Senior Engineer, Housing responded to Members' queries.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gildea, seconded by Councillor J. Moylan and **RESOLVED:**

"The proposed development is in accordance with the provisions of the 2022-2028 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan and with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In accordance with the legislation, the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report, unless the Council, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the development otherwise than as recommended, or decides not to proceed with the development.

Subject to the above approval, Members are hereby notified in accordance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, of the intention to proceed with the proposed development, subject to the conditions outlined above and to any such minor or immaterial alterations to the plans and particulars of the development."

C/507/26
(Agenda Item No. 9) Part 8 Active Travel Mobility Hub

Mr. James Phelan, Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change provided a brief overview of the Active Travel Mobility Hub Part 8 to the Members. Ms. Eilidh Russell, Senior Active Travel Consultant, AECOM gave a presentation to the Members on the Mobility Hub Part 8.

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

A discussion took place, during which Mr. James Phelan, Ms. Eilidh Russell, and Mr. Paul Faughnan, Senior Engineer, responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul advised the Members that the following motion (1) from the floor was received:

Motion (1) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor [INSERT NAME]:

"To amend the Part 8 to include an additional EV cycle drop off point on Carysfort Avenue, in the location of the existing cycle parking, adjacent to the junction to Stillorgan Park (cul de sac road) and beside All Saints NS. Please see attached image and map."

A discussion took place, during which [INSERT NAME & TITLE] responded to Member's queries.

Motion (1) from the floor was ruled **OUT OF ORDER** under Standing Order xx.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul advised the Members that the following motion (4) from the floor was received:

Motion (4) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor M. Halpin and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"That this Council reaffirms its position regarding the removal of e-scooters from the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown National Mobility Hub pilot and requests that the Executive confirm that e-scooters will not be incorporated into the pilot project at any stage during its lifecycle."

Motion (4) from the floor was ruled **OUT OF ORDER** under Standing Order 23(i).

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul advised the Members that the following motion (3) from the floor was received:

Motion (3) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor F. Murray, Councillor M. Clark, Councillor J. Moylan, Councillor T. Murphy, Councillor L. Dockery and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:

"That this Council reaffirms its position regarding the removal of e-scooters from the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown National Mobility Hub pilot and requests that the Executive confirm that e-scooters will not be incorporated into the pilot project at any stage during its lifecycle."

A discussion took place, during which Mr. James Phelan responded to Member's queries.

A roll call vote was requested on motion (3) from the floor, the result of which was as follows:

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
1	Cllr Kazi Ahmed	✓		
2	Cllr Marie Baker	✓		
3	Cllr Jacqueline Burke	✓		
4	Cllr Dan Carson	✓		
5	Cllr Michael Clark	✓		
6	Cllr Anne Colgan	✓		
7	Cllr Kevin Daly	✓		
8	Cllr Pierce Dargan	✓		

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
9	Cllr Liam Dockery	✓		
10	Cllr Maurice Dockrell	✓		
11	Cllr Conor Dowling		✓	
12	Cllr Eva Dowling		✓	
13	Cllr JP Durkan	✓		
14	Cllr Martha Fanning	✓		
15	Cllr Mary Fayne	✓		
16	Cllr Michael Fleming	✓		
17	Cllr Jim Gildea	✓		
18	Cllr Anna Grainger	✓		
19	Cllr Lorraine Hall	✓		
20	Cllr Melisa Halpin		✓	
21	Cllr John Hurley	✓		
22	Cllr Robert Jones			
23	Cllr Thomas Joseph	✓		
24	Cllr John Kennedy	✓		
25	Cllr Tom Kivlehan		✓	
26	Cllr Hugh Lewis		✓	
27	Cllr Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28	Cllr Sean McLoughlin			
29	Cllr Frank McNamara			
30	Cllr Justin Moylan	✓		
31	Cllr Tom Murphy	✓		
32	Cllr Fiona Murray	✓		
33	Cllr Peter O'Brien	✓		
34	Cllr Oisín O'Connor		✓	
35	Cllr Eoin O'Driscoll	✓		
36	Cllr Dave O'Keeffe			
37	Cllr Jim O'Leary	✓		
38	Cllr Barry Saul	✓		
39	Cllr Carrie Smyth	✓		
40	Cllr Lauren Tuite		✓	
	Totals	**29**	**7**	**0**

Motion (3) from the floor was **CARRIED.**

The Part 8 Active Travel Mobility Hub was proposed by Councillor E. O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan.

A roll call vote was requested, the result of which was as follows:

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
1	Cllr Kazi Ahmed	✓		
2	Cllr Marie Baker		✓	
3	Cllr Jacqueline Burke	✓		
4	Cllr Dan Carson	✓		
5	Cllr Michael Clark		✓	
6	Cllr Anne Colgan	✓		
7	Cllr Kevin Daly	✓		
8	Cllr Pierce Dargan	✓		
9	Cllr Liam Dockery	✓		
10	Cllr Maurice Dockrell		✓	
11	Cllr Conor Dowling	✓		
12	Cllr Eva Dowling	✓		
13	Cllr JP Durkan	✓		
14	Cllr Martha Fanning	✓		
15	Cllr Mary Fayne		✓	
16	Cllr Michael Fleming		✓	
17	Cllr Jim Gildea	✓		
18	Cllr Anna Grainger	✓		
19	Cllr Lorraine Hall	✓		
20	Cllr Melisa Halpin		✓	
21	Cllr John Hurley	✓		
22	Cllr Robert Jones			
23	Cllr Thomas Joseph	✓		
24	Cllr John Kennedy	✓		
25	Cllr Tom Kivlehan	✓		
26	Cllr Hugh Lewis		✓	
27	Cllr Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28	Cllr Sean McLoughlin			
29	Cllr Frank McNamara			
30	Cllr Justin Moylan	✓		

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
31	Cllr Tom Murphy	✓		
32	Cllr Fiona Murray	✓		
33	Cllr Peter O'Brien	✓		
34	Cllr Oisín O'Connor	✓		
35	Cllr Eoin O'Driscoll	✓		
36	Cllr Dave O'Keeffe			
37	Cllr Jim O'Leary	✓		
38	Cllr Barry Saul	✓		
39	Cllr Carrie Smyth	✓		
40	Cllr Lauren Tuite	✓		
	Totals	**29**	**7**	**0**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul declared the Part 8 Active Travel Mobility Hub **RESOLVED.**

[INSERT RESOLUTION/MOTION FROM REPORT]

C/508/26
(Agenda Item No. 10) Part 8 - Sandyford Civic Park

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Agenda Item No. 10 Part 8 - Sandyford Civic Park to the October meeting of the County Council.

C/509/26
(Agenda Item No. 11) draft Public Arts Policy 2026-2030

Ms. Deirdre Baber, Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks Department provided and introduction to the draft Public Arts Policy 2026 -2030. Mr. Kenneth Redmond, County Arts Officer, gave a presentation to the Members.

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED.**

A discussion took place, during which Mr. Kenneth Redmond, Ms. Andrée Dargan, County Architect, and Ms. Deirdre Baber responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to deliver a mid-term review when appropriate.

It was **AGREED** to review the department who oversees the Golden Ball.

It was proposed by Councillor P. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Public Art Policy 2026-2030 is adopted in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Act 2001."

C/510/26
Change in Order of the Agenda

It was **AGREED** to take Part 4 of the agenda ahead of Part 3.

C/511/26
Vote of Condolence

A vote of condolence was passed with the Lavelle family on the death of Mr. John Lavelle R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the Moore family on the death of Mr. John Moore R.I.P.

An Cathaoirleach, the Members, the Chief Executive and staff observed one minutes silence as a mark of respect.

C/512/26
(Agenda Item No. 13) Cathaoirleach's Business; Councillor B. Saul

Motion under Cathaoirleach's Business

It was proposed by Councillor B. Saul and seconded by Councillor JP Durkan:

"That this Council commends An Garda Siochána for their work in the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, including recent seizures and targeted local operations, and recognises the ongoing efforts of An Garda Siochána in policing within the County."

The motion raised under Cathaoirleach's Business was **AGREED.**

C/513/26
Motion to Suspend Standing Orders

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul advised the Members that the following motion (2) from the floor was received:

Motion (2) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor M. Halpin, Councillor L. Tuite, Councillor M. Fanning, Councillor J. Hurley, Councillor H. Lewis, Councillor A. Colgan, Councillor C. Dowling, Councillor O. O'Connor, Councillor T. Kivlehan, Councillor E. Dowling, Councillor C. Smyth, Councillor L. McCarthy, Councillor P. O'Brien, Councillor T. Joseph:

"That this Council will write to the Minister for Transport, Minister for Public Expenditure and Minister for Finance calling for the immediate reversal of the planned public transport fare increases as part of Budget 2027.

The Council notes that increasing the cost of public transport by 15-33% risks undermining our stated objectives under the County Development Plan and Climate Action Plan to encourage modal shift, increase public transport use and reduce congestion on our roads. If passed, a letter with this motion should be sent to other 30 local authorities."

A roll call vote was requested on motion (2) from the floor, the result of which was as follows:

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
1	Cllr Kazi Ahmed		✓	
2	Cllr Marie Baker		✓	
3	Cllr Jacqueline Burke		✓	
4	Cllr Dan Carson		✓	
5	Cllr Michael Clark		✓	
6	Cllr Anne Colgan	✓		
7	Cllr Kevin Daly	✓		
8	Cllr Pierce Dargan		✓	
9	Cllr Liam Dockery		✓	
10	Cllr Maurice Dockrell		✓	
11	Cllr Conor Dowling			
12	Cllr Eva Dowling	✓		
13	Cllr JP Durkan		✓	
14	Cllr Martha Fanning	✓		
15	Cllr Mary Fayne		✓	
16	Cllr Michael Fleming	✓		
17	Cllr Jim Gildea		✓	
18	Cllr Anna Grainger		✓	
19	Cllr Lorraine Hall		✓	
20	Cllr Melisa Halpin	✓		
21	Cllr John Hurley	✓		
22	Cllr Robert Jones			
23	Cllr Thomas Joseph	✓		
24	Cllr John Kennedy		✓	
25	Cllr Tom Kivlehan	✓		
26	Cllr Hugh Lewis	✓		
27	Cllr Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28	Cllr Sean McLoughlin			
29	Cllr Frank McNamara		✓	
30	Cllr Justin Moylan		✓	
31	Cllr Tom Murphy		✓	
32	Cllr Fiona Murray		✓	

	Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
33	Cllr Peter O'Brien	✓		
34	Cllr Oisín O'Connor	✓		
35	Cllr Eoin O'Driscoll		✓	
36	Cllr Dave O'Keeffe			
37	Cllr Jim O'Leary			
38	Cllr Barry Saul		✓	
39	Cllr Carrie Smyth	✓		
40	Cllr Lauren Tuite	✓		
	Totals	**15**	**20**	**0**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Saul declared motion (2) from the floor, request to suspend Standing Orders was **NOT AGREED.**

C/514/26
Call Over of Members' Motions

It was **AGREED** to take a call over of Members' motions at this time.

C/515/26
(Agenda Item No. 74) EU Funding

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Driscoll:

"That the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Council's involvement in EU projects, including a list of ongoing/planned projects and associated EU funding."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** by the Members.

C/516/26
(Agenda Item No. 53) Tennis and Padel Ball Recycling

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:

"That the Chief Executive pilot tennis and padel ball recycling in one of the recycling centres in the County."

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED.**

C/517/26
Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos: 10, 12, 12.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.04, 14, 14.01, 14.02, 15, 15.01, 15.02, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75 to the October meeting of the County Council.

C/518/26
Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8:03 PM.