

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the County Council Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM**

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for: Councillor Melisa Halpin.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Jim O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Frank Curran, (Chief Executive), Helena Cunningham, (Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Water Services), Stephen Brady, (Director of Corporate Affairs), Andrée Dargan, (County Architect), Anne Devine, (Director of Forward Planning Infrastructure), Catherine Keenan, (Director of Housing), Paul Kennedy, (Director of Planning & Economic Development), Mary Ruane, (A/Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks), Conor Geraghty (Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Climate Change), Elizabeth Clarke, (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs), Hemerson Ramos, (Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs), Anna Jenkins (Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs), Amy Mangan, (Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs).

C/104/25**(Item not on agenda) Retirement of Ms Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing**

Mr F. Curran, Chief Executive Officer, advised the Members that Ms Catherine Keenan, Director of Housing was retiring from dlr in April after 42 years of public service.

The Members and An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, thanked Ms C. Keenan for her service and assistance during her time in dlr and wished her well in her retirement.

Ms C. Keenan thanked the Members and the Executive for their support over the years.

C/105/25**(Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation of Minutes****Minutes of the County Council meeting held on 10th March 2025:**

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

"That the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 10th March 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

C/106/25**(Agenda Item No. 2) Questions (see attached appendix)**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Dargan, seconded by Councillor K. Ahmed and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A.1 to A. 27 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

(Agenda Item No. 1) St Patrick's Day Parade/event 2025**(Agenda Item No. 2) Applicants for Housing****(Agenda Item No. 3) Online Pitch-Booking Process****(Agenda Item No. 4) Bus service to Dublin Airport****(Agenda Item No. 5) Building Blocks Grant Scheme****(Agenda Item No. 6) Fire Safety: Mapping of High-Rise Density****(Agenda Item No. 7) Fire Safety: Fire Drills****(Agenda Item No. 8) Child Benefit Payments****(Agenda Item No. 9) Risks of liability to the Council from Dog Attacks****(Agenda Item No. 10) Risks to employment in the County from US trade tariffs****(Agenda Item No. 11) Derelict Site Levies****(Agenda Item No. 12) Major Emergency Management**

(Agenda Item No. 13) Evaluation of suitable plants to aid rodent control in public green spaces

(Agenda Item No. 14) Brennanstown Road Potential Community Facility Evaluation

(Agenda Item No. 15) Village Design Statement Proposal Engagements for Killiney

(Agenda Item No. 16) Crematorium, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown

(Agenda Item No. 17) IPAS Centre

(Agenda Item No. 18) Integration Forum

(Agenda Item No. 19) Minutes of meeting between Oireachtas members and Council management team

(Agenda Item No. 20) Vacant commercial properties

(Agenda Item No. 21) Update on planned roadworks.

(Agenda Item No. 22) Non Commenced Planning Permission

(Agenda Item No. 23) Rediscovery Centre

(Agenda Item No. 24) Roll out of new Speed Limit and Speed Indicator Signs

(Agenda Item No. 25) Ecofil Outdoor Bottle Water Filling Stations

(Agenda Item No. 26) Bridges in Parks and Beaches

(Agenda Item No. 27) Tree Bonds

C/107/25

(Agenda Item No. 3.01) List of Conferences and Training for Councillors 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

List of Conferences and Training for Councillors

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

Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs advised the Members of an error in the date listed for the Mary Robinson Climate & Nature Conference 2025, which was taking place in May, and not April as stated in the report.

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara, seconded by Councillor M. Clark and **RESOLVED:**

"That 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, as amended, is hereby authorised.”

C/108/25

(Agenda Item No. 3.02) Approval of Nominations for Conference and Training Courses 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

Approval of Nominations for Conference and Training Courses

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

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

AoU & RIAI Conference 2050: Balanced by Design

“That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor T. Kivlehan to attend the AoU & RIAI Conference Ireland 2050: Balanced by Design on 2nd & 3rd March 2025.”

AILG Training Module ‘Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities

“That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor K. Ahmed and Councillor T. Joseph to attend the AILG Training Module ‘Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities’ on 22nd March 2025”

Housing Ireland Conference 2025

“That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor A. Colgan to attend the Housing Ireland Conference 2025 on 30th March 2025”

IPI: Annual Planning Conference 2025

“That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor K. Ahmed to attend the IPI: Annual Planning Conference 2025 on 10th & 11th April 2025”

Mary Robinson Climate & Nature Conference 2025

“That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillor M. Fayne, Councillor J. Hurley, Councillor K. Ahmed and Councillor T. Joseph to attend the Mary Robinson Climate & Nature Conference 2025 on 26th and 27th May 2025”

C/109/25

(Agenda Item No. 3.03) Conferences and Training Report Documents Submitted 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

Conferences and Training Report Documents Submitted

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

C/110/25

(Agenda Item No. 4.01) Proposed Disposal of Land

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

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

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

"That it is agreed to grant a 4-year 11-month Leasehold Agreement for land at two areas at the Public Boat Yard, Coal Harbour, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin to St. Michael's Rowing Club as shown delineated in red on Drawing No's. PL-24-168 and in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the terms and conditions as aforementioned."

C/111/25

(Agenda Item No. 4.02) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

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

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/112/25

(Agenda Item No. 5) Part 8 Planning: Proposed Works at No. 9 George's Place and the former Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire

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

A presentation was given to the Members by Ms A. Dargan, County Architect on No. 9 George's Place and the former Wash House, Kelly's Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.

A discussion took place, during which Ms A. Dargan responded to Members' queries.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kivlehan, seconded by Councillor JP Durkan and **RESOLVED:**

"That the report of the Chief Executive be **AGREED**."

C/113/25

(Agenda Item No. 6) Amendment to Standing Orders

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

Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs brought the Members through the proposed amendments to Standing Orders.

A discussion took place, during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that a number of motions from the floor were received from the floor.

It was **AGREED** to take the sections highlighted in green on the amendments to Standing Orders report at this time, and any relevant motion from the floor.

Motion (5) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor H. Lewis and seconded by Councillor D. O'Keeffe:

"Delete "(i) Motions without notice are not permitted"."

A discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

A roll call vote was requested on Motion (5) from the floor, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Kazi Ahmed		✓	
2.	Councillor Marie Baker		✓	
3.	Councillor Jacqueline Burke		✓	
4.	Councillor Dan Carson		✓	
5.	Councillor Micheal Clark		✓	
6.	Councillor Anne Colgan		✓	
7.	Councillor Kevin Daly		✓	
8.	Councillor Pierce Dargan		✓	
9.	Councillor Liam Dockery		✓	
10.	Councillor Maurice Dockrell		✓	
11.	Councillor Conor Dowling		✓	
12.	Councillor Eva Dowling		✓	
13.	Councillor JP Durkan		✓	
14.	Councillor Martha Fanning	✓		
15.	Councillor Mary Fayne		✓	
16.	Councillor Micheal Fleming	✓		
17.	Councillor Jim Gildea		✓	
18.	Councillor Anna Grainger		✓	
19.	Councillor Lorraine Hall		✓	
20.	Councillor Melisa Halpin			
21.	Councillor John Hurley	✓		
22.	Councillor Robert Jones		✓	

23.	Councillor Thomas Joseph			
24.	Councillor John Kennedy		✓	
25.	Councillor Tom Kivlehan		✓	
26.	Councillor Hugh Lewis	✓		
27.	Councillor Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28.	Councillor Sean McLoughlin	✓		
29.	Councillor Frank McNamara		✓	
30.	Councillor Justin Moylan		✓	
31.	Councillor Tom Murphy		✓	
32.	Councillor Fiona Murray		✓	
33.	Councillor Peter O'Brien	✓		
34.	Councillor Oisín O'Connor		✓	
35.	Councillor Eoin O'Driscoll		✓	
36.	Councillor Dave O'Keeffe	✓		
37.	Councillor Jim O'Leary		✓	
38.	Councillor Barry Saul		✓	
39.	Councillor Carrie Smyth	✓		
40.	Councillor Lauren Tuite		✓	
	TOTAL	9	29	

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared motion (5) from the floor **DEFEATED**.

A further discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

It was proposed by Councillor F. McNamara and seconded by Councillor P. Dargan:

"That the amendments to Standing Orders, highlighted in green on the attached report, be adopted and approved."

A roll call vote was requested on the first resolution of Agenda Item 6, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Kazi Ahmed	✓		
2.	Councillor Marie Baker	✓		
3.	Councillor Jacqueline Burke	✓		
4.	Councillor Dan Carson	✓		
5.	Councillor Micheal Clark	✓		
6.	Councillor Anne Colgan	✓		
7.	Councillor Kevin Daly	✓		
8.	Councillor Pierce Dargan	✓		
9.	Councillor Liam Dockery	✓		
10.	Councillor Maurice Dockrell	✓		
11.	Councillor Conor Dowling	✓		
12.	Councillor Eva Dowling	✓		

13.	Councillor JP Durkan	✓		
14.	Councillor Martha Fanning			
15.	Councillor Mary Fayne	✓		
16.	Councillor Micheal Fleming	✓		
17.	Councillor Jim Gildea	✓		
18.	Councillor Anna Grainger	✓		
19.	Councillor Lorraine Hall	✓		
20.	Councillor Melisa Halpin			
21.	Councillor John Hurley			✓
22.	Councillor Robert Jones	✓		
23.	Councillor Thomas Joseph	✓		
24.	Councillor John Kennedy	✓		
25.	Councillor Tom Kivlehan	✓		
26.	Councillor Hugh Lewis		✓	
27.	Councillor Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28.	Councillor Sean McLoughlin	✓		
29.	Councillor Frank McNamara	✓		
30.	Councillor Justin Moylan	✓		
31.	Councillor Tom Murphy	✓		
32.	Councillor Fiona Murray	✓		
33.	Councillor Peter O'Brien	✓		
34.	Councillor Oisín O'Connor	✓		
35.	Councillor Eoin O'Driscoll	✓		
36.	Councillor Dave O'Keeffe		✓	
37.	Councillor Jim O'Leary	✓		
38.	Councillor Barry Saul	✓		
39.	Councillor Carrie Smyth	✓		
40.	Councillor Lauren Tuite	✓		
	TOTAL	35	2	1

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared the approval of the amendments highlighted in green in the report on the amendments to Standing Orders **CARRIED**.

It was **AGREED** to take the sections highlighted in yellow on the amendments to Standing Orders report at this time, and any relevant motion from the floor.

Motion (1) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor P. Dargan:

"21 h) A member may change the order of their motions on notice for a Council meeting by writing to the meetings administrator before 10 a.m. on the ninth clear working day before the date of the meeting. The amended order of motions will be reflected on the final agenda. Where a councillor changes the order of their motions under this clause, their new first motion on notice must be dealt with before another change of order is allowed."

A discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, advised the Members the following motion was received from the floor:

Motion (6) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"21 h) A member may change the order of their motions on notice for a Council meeting by writing to the meetings administrator before 10 a.m. on the **ninth, Change 9th to 5th** clear working day before the date of the meeting. The amended order of motions will be reflected on the final agenda. Where a councillor changes the order of their motions under this clause, their new first motion on notice must be dealt with before another change of order is allowed."

A further discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

A roll call vote was requested on motion (6) from the floor, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Kazi Ahmed		✓	
2.	Councillor Marie Baker		✓	
3.	Councillor Jacqueline Burke		✓	
4.	Councillor Dan Carson		✓	
5.	Councillor Micheal Clark	✓		
6.	Councillor Anne Colgan		✓	
7.	Councillor Kevin Daly		✓	
8.	Councillor Pierce Dargan		✓	
9.	Councillor Liam Dockery		✓	
10.	Councillor Maurice Dockrell		✓	
11.	Councillor Conor Dowling		✓	
12.	Councillor Eva Dowling	✓		
13.	Councillor JP Durkan		✓	
14.	Councillor Martha Fanning	✓		
15.	Councillor Mary Fayne		✓	
16.	Councillor Micheal Fleming	✓		
17.	Councillor Jim Gildea		✓	
18.	Councillor Anna Grainger		✓	
19.	Councillor Lorraine Hall		✓	
20.	Councillor Melisa Halpin			
21.	Councillor John Hurley	✓		
22.	Councillor Robert Jones		✓	
23.	Councillor Thomas Joseph	✓		
24.	Councillor John Kennedy		✓	

25.	Councillor Tom Kivlehan		✓	
26.	Councillor Hugh Lewis	✓		
27.	Councillor Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28.	Councillor Sean McLoughlin	✓		
29.	Councillor Frank McNamara			
30.	Councillor Justin Moylan		✓	
31.	Councillor Tom Murphy		✓	
32.	Councillor Fiona Murray		✓	
33.	Councillor Peter O'Brien	✓		
34.	Councillor Oisín O'Connor		✓	
35.	Councillor Eoin O'Driscoll		✓	
36.	Councillor Dave O'Keeffe	✓		
37.	Councillor Jim O'Leary		✓	
38.	Councillor Barry Saul		✓	
39.	Councillor Carrie Smyth	✓		
40.	Councillor Lauren Tuite		✓	
	TOTAL	12	26	

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared motion (6) from the floor **DEFEATED**.
Motion (1) from the floor was **AGREED**.

Motion (2) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"Amendment to Standing Order 22A(h) – Urgent Business Without Notice

That this council agrees to amend Standing Order 22A(h) as follows:

From:

"...The application for leave to introduce the motion shall be decided upon without debate save in the discretion of An Cathaoirleach. Leave to propose the motion shall be granted if there is no objection to the motion, or, where there is an objection, if not less than half of the total Membership of the Council [20 members] vote in favour of granting leave..."

To:

"...The application for leave to introduce the motion shall be decided upon without debate save in the discretion of An Cathaoirleach. Leave to propose the motion shall be granted if there is no objection to the motion, or, where there is an objection, if a simple majority of the members in favour of granting leave..."

A further discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries

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

	COUNCILLORS:	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Kazi Ahmed		✓	
2.	Councillor Marie Baker		✓	
3.	Councillor Jacqueline Burke		✓	
4.	Councillor Dan Carson	✓		
5.	Councillor Micheal Clark	✓		
6.	Councillor Anne Colgan	✓		
7.	Councillor Kevin Daly		✓	
8.	Councillor Pierce Dargan		✓	
9.	Councillor Liam Dockery		✓	
10.	Councillor Maurice Dockrell		✓	
11.	Councillor Conor Dowling	✓		
12.	Councillor Eva Dowling		✓	
13.	Councillor JP Durkan		✓	
14.	Councillor Martha Fanning	✓		
15.	Councillor Mary Fayne		✓	
16.	Councillor Micheal Fleming	✓		
17.	Councillor Jim Gildea		✓	
18.	Councillor Anna Grainger		✓	
19.	Councillor Lorraine Hall		✓	
20.	Councillor Melisa Halpin			
21.	Councillor John Hurley	✓		
22.	Councillor Robert Jones	✓		
23.	Councillor Thomas Joseph	✓		
24.	Councillor John Kennedy		✓	
25.	Councillor Tom Kivlehan	✓		
26.	Councillor Hugh Lewis	✓		
27.	Councillor Lettie McCarthy	✓		
28.	Councillor Sean McLoughlin	✓		
29.	Councillor Frank McNamara			
30.	Councillor Justin Moylan		✓	
31.	Councillor Tom Murphy		✓	
32.	Councillor Fiona Murray		✓	
33.	Councillor Peter O'Brien	✓		
34.	Councillor Oisín O'Connor	✓		
35.	Councillor Eoin O'Driscoll		✓	
36.	Councillor Dave O'Keeffe	✓		
37.	Councillor Jim O'Leary		✓	
38.	Councillor Barry Saul		✓	
39.	Councillor Carrie Smyth	✓		
40.	Councillor Lauren Tuite	✓		
	TOTAL	18	20	

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared Motion (2) from the floor **DEFEATED**

Motion (3) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"Amendment to Standing Order 32 – Scope of Area Committee Business

That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council agrees to amend Standing Order 32 to broaden the scope of motions permitted at Area Committee meetings as follows:

From:

"The business of the Area Committee shall be confined to matters that are operational, progress-related, representational or informational in nature."

To:

"The business of the Area Committee shall primarily include matters that are operational, progress-related, representational or informational in nature, but may also include other matters of local importance. These may include emerging issues with a specific relevance to the area, strategic concerns affecting the locality, or matters referred by the full Council or Strategic Policy Committees. Where any ambiguity arises, the benefit of the doubt shall be given in favour of permitting the motion".

A further discussion took place during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that further amendments to Standing Orders would be brought to the June meeting of the Organisation, Procedure and Protocol Committee.

It was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** motion (3) from the floor.

Motion (4) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"Amendment to Standing Order 40(b)

From:

"...subject to the requirement that at least two-thirds of the Members present vote in favour, at least one half of Members of the whole Council being present..."

To:

"...subject to the requirement that a simple majority of the Members present and voting are in favour..."

It was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** motion (4) from the floor.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker and seconded by Councillor K. Daly and **RESOLVED:**

"That the amendments to Standing Orders, highlighted in yellow on the attached report, be adopted and approved, as amended."

C/114/25

(Agenda Item No. 7) dlr Grants Scheme 2025, Round 2 Provisional Recommendation (Arts, Heritage and Business Area Promotion)

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

Ms M. Ruane, A/ Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks gave a presentation to the Members on the dlr Grant Scheme 2025, Round 2 Provisional Recommendations.

A discussion took place, during which Ms M. Ruane responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to proceed with notifying the recipients of the Grants ahead of the minutes of the meeting being adopted.

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

"That it is hereby resolved to formally approved payment of the grants outlined in the attached schedule where supported by the appropriate documentation, under the dlr Grants Scheme 2025"

C/115/25

(Agenda Item No. 8) Vacancy on the Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee due to the resignation of Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Green Party

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kivlehan and seconded by Councillor O. O'Connor and **RESOLVED:**

"That Councillor Eva Dowling be appointed to the vacancy on the Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor Oisín O'Connor, Green Party."

C/116/25

(Agenda Item No. 9) Vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee due to the resignation of Councillor Meabh Cody, Green Party

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kivlehan, seconded by Councillor C. Dowling and **RESOLVED:**

"That Councillor Oisín O'Connor be appointed to the vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Councillor Meabh Cody, Green Party."

C/117/25

(Agenda Item No. 10) Cathaoirleach's Business; Councillor J. O'Leary

a) Votes on Motions without Notice

In accordance with Standing Order 22 c) (iii), it was agreed to take a vote on motions received without notice.

Motion (1) without notice under Part 4:

"Motion submitted under Standing Order 22 (A) (h) regarding Agenda Item 13.01 (b) County Council Meeting April 14th "Email received from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications dated 21st March 2025 in response to correspondence issued by the Council"

"That this Council writes in response to the Department responsible for Communications and to the Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport to encourage that the Department proceed to actively progress a pilot scheme for installation of full-fibre broadband in suitable candidate urban 'broadband blackspot' locations affected within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in areas that have been taken in charge by the council (where the council can discuss as a result streetscape management and viability for potential pilot scheme options) and that organization of a briefing between representatives of the Department, council management and councillors would be recommended to discuss this prospect further."

It was **AGREED** to take motion (1) without notice when agenda item 13.01 (b) was reached.

b) Votes of Condolence

A vote of condolence was passed with the family on the death of Ms Mary Lavery R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the family on the death of Fr Dermot Laycock, R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the family on the death of Fr Denis Kennedy, R.I.P.

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

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

c) Vote of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was passed for Barry Connell, owner and trainer of Marine Nationale, the winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the 2025 Cheltenham Festival.

A vote of congratulations was passed for Loreto Hockey Club on winning EY Hockey League 2025 for a second year in a row.

d) Acknowledgement from An Cathaoirleach

On behalf of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, expressed well wishes to Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett and Councillor M. Halpin.

C/118/25

(Agenda Item No. 11) Annual Report 2024

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

Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs gave a brief outline of the Annual Report 2024.

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

C/119/25

(Agenda Item No. 12.01) Chief Executive's Monthly Report - March 2025

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

Mr F. Curran, Chief Executive, brought the Members through the highlights of the March 2025 Management Report and Quarter 1 2025 Management Report.

A discussion took place, during which Mr F. Curran, Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr M. Ruane, A/ Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks, Mr P. Kennedy, Director of Planning and Economic Development and Mr C. Geraghty, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Climate change department responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to include a Property Management Section in the Chief Executives Monthly Report going forward.

A further discussion took place, during which Mr F. Curran, Ms M. Ruane, Mr P. Kennedy, Ms C. Keenan, Director of Housing and Mr C. Geraghty, responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to arrange a site visit for Councillors to the Glenamuck Road.

It was **AGREED** to revert to Stillorgan Ward Councillors with a date for a meeting regarding Glenalbyn Swimming Pool.

It was **AGREED** to bring a presentation back to a future meeting on the location of EV chargers throughout the County.

It was **AGREED** to liaise with Councillors regarding a process for the closing of CRMs.

The Chief Executive's Monthly Report for March 2025 was **NOTED**.

C/120/25

Change in order of Agenda

It was **AGREED** to take Agenda Items 13 and 14 before moving to Members Motions as per Standing Order 13 (1) (vi).

C/121/25

(Agenda Item No. 13.01) Ministerial/ Departmental Correspondence Received

The following items of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated to the Members, were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**:

- a) LG 07-2025 Elected Members Training 13th March 2025.
b) Email received from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications dated 21st March 2025 in response to correspondence issued by the Council.

It was **AGREED** to take motion (1) without notice in conjunction with this item, as agreed under Cathaoirleach's Business.

Motion (1) without notice:

It was proposed by Councillors J. Kennedy, J. Burke, P. Dargan, J. Gildea and B. Saul and seconded by Councillor L. Hall:

"That Motion submitted under Standing Order 22 (A)(h) regarding Agenda Item 13.01 (b) County Council Meeting April 14th "Email received from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications dated 21st March 2025 in response to correspondence issued by the Council":

"That this Council writes in response to the Department responsible for Communications and to the Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport to encourage that the Department proceed to actively progress a pilot scheme for installation of full-fibre broadband in suitable candidate urban 'broadband blackspot' locations affected within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in areas that have been taken in charge by the council (where the council can discuss as a result streetscape management and viability for potential pilot scheme options) and that organization of a briefing between representatives of the Department, council management and councillors would be recommended to discuss this prospect further".

Motion (1) without notice was **AGREED**.

C/122/25

(Agenda Item No. 13.02) Ministerial/ Departmental Correspondence Issued on foot of a Council Decision

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this heading.

C/123/25

(Agenda Item No. 14.01) Other Correspondence Received

The following items of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated to the Members, were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**:

- a) Letter from Sligo County Council dated 13 March 2025 re Resolution Confidential Counselling and therapy notes.
b) Letter from Sligo County Council dated 13 March 2025 re Resolution additional needs placements in schools.
c) Letter from Clare County Council dated 11 March 2025 re Resolution - Funding for Early Years Educators.
d) Email received from Cllr. Oisín O'Connor dated 1st April re resignation as chair of Climate Action SPC.
e) Email received from Cllr. Meabh Cody re resignation as member of Housing SPC dated 2nd April 2025.

C/124/25

(Agenda Item No. 14.02) Other Correspondence Issued on foot of a Council Decision

The following items of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated to the Members, were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**:

- a) Letter issued to the family of Ms Jennifer Johnston dated 3 April 2025 regarding vote of condolence passed on the death of Ms Johnston R.I.P.
- b) Letter of Congratulations sent to Ms Sarah Healy on winning a gold medal in the Indoor European Championships.

C/125/25

Change in order of Agenda

As per Standing Order 13 (1) (vi), it was **AGREED** to move to Members Motions at this time.

C/126/25

(Agenda Item No. 20) Housing Vacancy Rate Times

It was proposed by Councillor M. Clark and seconded by Councillor J. Moylan:

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the publication of the findings of the National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC), outline what this Council can do to improve and reduce the housing vacancy rate time, given that this Council was one of 10 Local Authorities identified with vacancy rates above 2.81% (with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown at 2.88%)."

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

A discussion took place in which Ms C. Keenan, Director of Housing responded to Members' queries.

The motion was **AGREED**.

C/127/25

(Agenda Item No. 21) Sports Pitches

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Keeffe and seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy:

"That this Council acknowledges the very significant deficit of playing pitches for many clubs across the county and the deficit, in particular of Astro turf pitches that are playable in all weather, the Council further acknowledges that many of these clubs are also lacking appropriate clubhouses and facilities and that these shortages will be exacerbated by the increase in the numbers of homes in the County and the welcome increased participation in pitch sports, particularly by girls and women, therefore we call on the Chief Executive to work with the clubs to provide the pitches and facilities they need and ensure the clubs have the access and control they need to properly serve their members."

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

C/128/25

(Agenda Item No. 22) Road Traffic Accidents

It was proposed by Councillor C. Dowling and seconded by Councillor O. O'Connor:

"That the Chief Executive, in acknowledgement of the shocking number of road accidents this year, will work with An Garda Síochána to develop a comprehensive review of traffic accidents across Dún Laoghaire Rathdown to inform regulatory and safety considerations for future traffic infrastructure development and management. This review will include but not be limited to typical accident areas; safety issues at these locations; incident location characteristics; and commonality between accidents."

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

A discussion took place, during which Mr F. Curran, Chief Executive and Mr C. Geraghty, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Climate Change responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that slides from the Road Safety Together Working Group would be circulated to the Members.

The motion was **AGREED**.

C/129/25

Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos:15 – 19 and 23 - 59 to the May meeting of the County Council.

C/130/25

Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8:11 PM.