

**3 Nollaig 2025.
3 December 2025.**

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A Chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an **Luain, 8 Nollaig 2025 ar a 3.00in sa Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus ar líne ar MS Teams**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

A Plenary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 8 December 2025 at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway City Council and online via MS Teams**. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder. Members are requested to send queries regarding Matters Arising relating to Item 2(a) and 2(b) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.



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Clár/Agenda Plenary Meeting - Monday 8 December 2025.
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1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) November Plenary Council meeting held on 10 November 2025.

(b) Annual Statutory Budget Meeting held on 24 November 2025.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the disposal of two sections of land at Shantalla, Galway – **for approval.**

Report circulated to Members on the 24 November 2025.

(b) Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, granting of temporary leasehold and licence on lands at the former Galway Airport at Carnmore, Co. Galway to Galway Flying Club – **for approval.**

Report circulated to Members 26 November 2025.

(c) Galway City Council Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025 Part VIII Civic Offices, Crown Square Block C – **for approval.**

(d) Draft Parking Control Bye Laws 2025 – **for adoption.**

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 December 2025 – document for noting.

(b) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital - Standing Item.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

- (a) Monthly Management Report for December 2025 - for noting.
- (b) The Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2030, for adoption.
- (c) The Green Space Strategy 2025 - 2034, for adoption.
- (d) THRIVE Integrated Urban Strategy - for adoption.
- (e) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services - for noting
- (f) Parking Payments Report – Response to queries attached following questions on the Report at the November Plenary meeting.

6. Notice of Motions

NOM 33/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025

That this Council affirms its commitment to transparency and public engagement and hereby resolves that no decision will be made to dispose of, sell, or otherwise transfer any part of Shantalla Park — including lands associated with the proposed helipad — without first conducting a full and proper consultation process with the local residents and relevant community.

NOM 58/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
2. That Galway City Council develops a Beach Management and Zoning plan **(that fully meets Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)** for all Galway City Beaches.
3. That Galway City Council engages with all stakeholders to develop Zoning plans and maps for all Galway City Beaches **(consistent with Criterion 5 and Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)** that allows for dedicated launch zones, improved access routes to the water, and provides for safe, inclusive use of our beaches for swimmers, watersports and beach users.

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Blue Flag Criterion 30. There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents.

Beaches that support multiple activities must have management plans to prevent accidents and conflicts. This must include zoning for swimmers, surfers, windsurfers and motor craft. At the same time, recreational use of the beach must be managed without a negative impact on the natural environment or the biodiversity of the beach, and with consideration for aesthetic issues.

Swimmers should be protected from all sea craft (motor, sail or pedal). Where necessary, zoning through the use of buoys, beacons or signs must be in place. The same must be done for surfing areas. Distinctions should be made between motor, paddle or sail craft. The use of these various activities must be separated.

Blue Flag Criterion 5. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed.

A map showing the boundaries of the Blue Flag beach area and the location of key facilities and services must be posted on the Blue Flag information board. The required map elements should show the location of: zoning (swimming, surfing, sailing, boating, etc.)

Response issued 03/10/2025. Request to leave on the agenda.

NOM 62/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis 28/10/2025

That this council asks the HSA to investigate the serious safety concerns raised about the Queens Gap and Eel Cages on the River Corrib., that this Council again asks Inland Fisheries to remove same.

Galway Fire and rescue personal are unable to access the river at these points.

NOM 63/2025, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe 31/10/2025

This Council expresses its dismay at and opposition to the government's intention to abolish the Triple Lock, which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas.

The Triple Lock has ensured that Ireland's participation in overseas missions (with more than 12 defence personnel) would always require approval from: 1. the Cabinet 2. Dáil Éireann and 3. that the mission they are being deployed on would have a UN mandate either from the Security Council or the General Assembly.

In 2001, the Irish people rejected the Nice Treaty over concerns that it would drag Ireland into EU military structures that would threaten our neutrality. To get the electorate to approve the EU Treaty, the government with the agreement of the other EU Member States, through a "solemn declaration" introduced the Triple Lock. This Declaration was reiterated following initial rejection of the subsequent Lisbon Treaty.

Therefore, this Council rejects government's plans to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, considering the proposal signifies a breach of trust with the Irish electorate and a serious diminution of Irish neutrality.

NOM 64/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 03/11/2025

Addressing Dampness and Mould in HAP and RAS Housing in Galway City
Rationale:

The prevalence of dampness and mould in HAP and RAS properties in Galway is causing serious concern among tenants, with some reports indicating severe health impacts. Learning from the tragic case that led to Awaab's Law in the UK, it is imperative that Galway City Council takes proactive steps to safeguard residents' health and well-being, prevent unnecessary harm, and ensure that all housing under its remit meets safe and habitable standards.

I am calling on Galway City Council to urgently audit all affected properties, implement robust remediation procedures, and ensure tenants have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes. This is about protecting the health and wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable residents, and it cannot wait.

I propose that Galway City Council:

1. Recognises the growing reports and concerns from tenants in HAP and RAS housing regarding dampness and mould and acknowledges the serious health risks associated with prolonged exposure to these conditions, including respiratory issues and other long-term impacts.
2. Notes the example of Awaab's Law in the UK, introduced following the tragic death of 2-year-old Awaab Ishak due to mould exposure in social housing. This legislation establishes a legal duty for landlords to address hazards like damp and mould within a fixed timeframe and highlights the importance of timely intervention to protect tenants.
3. Requests the Council to conduct a comprehensive audit of all HAP and RAS properties under its remit to identify and record the extent of damp and mould issues, prioritising properties with reported health impacts.
4. Calls on the Council to develop and implement a clear protocol for landlords and property managers, including:
 - Timely inspections of reported issues
 - Immediate remedial works where hazards are identified
 - Regular maintenance schedules to prevent recurrence
 - Clear communication channels for tenants to report concerns without fear of blame or reprisal
5. Urges that Galway City Council explores legislative and policy frameworks similar to Awaab's Law to ensure that tenants in all social, HAP, and RAS

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housing have enforceable rights to safe, healthy homes, and that landlords are legally accountable for remedial action within a defined period.

NOM 65/2025, submitted by Cllr. A. Burke 05/11/2025

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NOM 68/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins 16/11/2025

That Galway City Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request the following measures in order to ensure a pipeline of certainty for housing delivery in Galway City:

1. The publication of annual housing delivery targets for Galway City across social, affordable, cost-rental, and private tenures, recognising that yearly targets are essential to planning, sequencing infrastructure, securing finance and maintaining a continuous delivery pipeline.
2. The immediate prioritisation of Galway City sites for the Housing Infrastructure Fund, given the critical need for water, wastewater and transport upgrades to unlock serviced land and accelerate the delivery of homes already identified in our development plan.
3. The establishment of a Department-led Housing Roadshow in each local authority, including Galway City, bringing senior Department officials, elected members, and local housing and planning teams together to examine the detail

of the new national housing plan, resolve local bottlenecks and ensure that national policy aligns with local delivery capacity.

This Council affirms that without annual targets, serviced land and direct Departmental engagement, Galway cannot maintain the housing pipeline required to meet the needs of families, renters and communities over the coming years.

NOM 73/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu 25/11/2025

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to amend the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill so that its scope includes the prohibition of trade in services, in accordance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and the Resolution co-sponsored by Ireland at the United Nations General Assembly. Furthermore, this Council urges the Government to enact the legislation in full before the end of 2025.

NOM 74/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons 27/11/2025

Having received a large number of representations and correspondence from concerned residents and parents of children attending the Knocknacarra Educate Together National School who are seriously concerned regarding road safety on Cappagh Road Lower, I am requesting Galway City Council Roads Department/Active Travel Department to investigate the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures on Cappagh Road South including extra signage, repeat 50 KPH signs, Speed Detector Signs and any measures that will reduce speed on this road.

Referred to West Area Committee meeting

NOM 75/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh 27/11/2025

That Galway City Council initiate the necessary process to amend the relevant by-laws to prohibit the overnight parking of camper vans, motorhomes, or similar large recreational vehicles on the public streets of the Claddagh.

In recent months, a significant increase in overnight camper van parking has created difficulties for local residents, including reduced availability of parking

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spaces, obstruction of sightlines, and increased pressure on an already limited residential parking environment.

Accordingly, this Council agrees to review and amend the by-laws to ensure that overnight parking in the Claddagh is restricted to private cars only, and that appropriate enforcement measures are implemented to protect residential amenity. Refer to Operational Development SPC

7. Questions

Q17/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025

Can the Chief Executive detail what consultations, if any, have taken place between Galway City Council and the HSE regarding (a) the proposed helipad in Shantalla Park, and (b) any potential disposal or transfer of lands within Shantalla Park? Furthermore, can all relevant correspondence, meeting notes, and records of communication between the Council and the HSE on this matter, from January 2025 to the present, be provided to elected members?

Q20/2025, submitted by Cllr. T. O'Flaherty on 29/08/2025

Please clarify the following in relation to parking in Galway City:
How many Pay & Display parking machines are there in the city and how many of them are out of order?
How much income has Galway City Council lost as a result of difficulties with the Pay & Display parking meters since January 2025 (with details of income for 2025 year to date, 2024 Jan-Aug inclusive and 2023 Jan-Aug inclusive)?
To what extent is the Council aware of instances where the parking app has not worked, is this an ongoing problem and how widespread is it (temporary glitches, out for hours, out for days)?
How many parking fines have been issued in relation to parking in areas covered by parking meters (with figures for the corresponding periods in 2024 and 2023)?
How many of these have been paid? How many court proceedings have been issued in any case of non-payment of fines this year (with corresponding figures for 2024 and 2023)?
If a motorist receives a parking fine currently, would this stand up in court taking into account the fact that the machines are cashless and cardless?
What is the current projected total income from parking meters in 2025, and what was the corresponding income in '24 and '23?

Response issued 03/10/2025. Request to leave on the agenda until a full response can issue.



Q24/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 28/10/2025

To ask the Chief Executive the detail in tabular form the total number of CPOs each year since 2020, total spent each since 2020, total amount received each year and the current level of arrears since 2020 And to detail the Budget for turning around void units each year since 2020, the total number refurbished each year the expected number of units to be refurbished in 2026.year and an update on the current status of each of those sites; the total amount levied under the Derelict Sites Act each year.

8. Correspondence

- (a) **Limerick City and County Council**, Dated 30 September 2025,
Resolution: Call on Minister for Agriculture for Ash Dieback Disease compensation.
- (b) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 3 October 2025,
Resolution: Call on Department Transport, Agriculture and Environment coordinate Ash Dieback response.
- (c) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 22 October 2025,
Resolution: Endorse the End Discrimination of Inheritance Tax (EDIT) Campaign.
- (d) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 22 October 2025,
Resolution: Reform Dog Breeding Establishment Act (2010) to incorporate Stouts Law.
- (e) **Donegal County Council**, Dated 4 November 2025,
Resolution: Emergency Household Response Package
- (f) **Galway Culture Company** response to invite.
- (g) **Response from Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht** re Town\City Gift Cards referring to Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment.
- (h) **Kerry County Council**, Dated 02 November 2025.
Resolution: Endorses the End Discrimination of Inheritance (EDIT) campaign.
- (i) **Clare County Council**, Dated 13 November 2025.
Resolution: Call to reject EU Single Common Fund.
- (j) **Laois County Council**, Dated 6 November 2025
Resolution: Establish Referendum Commission for Presidential Elections.

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- (k) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 20 November 2025.
Resolution: Express solidarity with Survivors of Irelands Industrial and Reformatory Schools.
- (l) **Donegal County Council**, Dated 26 November 2025.
Resolution: Public Information Campaign – Electrical Wiring in Older Homes.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conference, Training and other events

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	Local Development Companies Network	National Conference: Community, Society, Economy: Summit 2030	30–31 Oct. 2025	Ballina, Co. Mayo. Retrospective approval for Cllr. E. Seoighthe.
(b)	La Touche Legacy	The Emerging New Ireland	19-21 Sept. 2025	Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Retrospective approval for Cllr. D. McDonnell.
(c)	Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA)	LAMA Conference Autumn Seminar	16-17 Oct. 2025	Gorey, Wexford. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
(d)	AILG	SPC Chair Training Programme	2 Sept. 2025 9.15-4p.m.	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
(e)	Councillor Travel	Series of meetings in Brussels	3 – 5 Nov. 2025	Retrospective approval for Mayor M. Cubbard, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. D. McDonnell
(f)	2025 Excellence in Local	Chambers Ireland	27 Nov. 2025	Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin.

	Government Awards			Retrospective approval for Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. T. O'Flaherty, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. N. McNelis.
(g)	Celtic Conferences	Irish Health Services Entitlements	5 - 7 Dec. 2025	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

12. Other Business set forth in the notice convening the meeting

13. Any Other Business

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