

**5 Mí na Samhain, 2025.
5 November, 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, 10 Mí na Samhain 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, 10 November 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 10 November 2025.

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) October Plenary Council meeting held on 6 October 2025.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) The Public Health Acts, Amendment Act 1890, (Part IV) – document for consideration to adopt.

(b) Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 and in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, Part 8 Application for Newcastle Community Centre - for approval.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 31 October 2025 – document for noting.

(b) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital, standing item.

(c) Procedures Committee Meeting Standing Order Review, for approval.

Recommendations:

To adopt Standing Orders amendments, document attached.

To continue Information Briefings for Councillors.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Presentation from National Transport Authority (NTA) overview of NTA Network Redesign plus other investment in Galway City. Copy on extranet.

(b) Monthly Management Report for November 2025, report for noting.



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- (c) The Galway Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2030, for adoption.
- (d) The Green Space Strategy 2025 - 2034, for adoption.
- (e) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services for approval.
- (f) Update on Section 177AE(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Part X Galway City Council will be seeking the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Development of Kingston Park and Millers Lane - Public Park and Urban Realm Project and all associated works - for noting.
- (g) Parking Payments Report.

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 44/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 04/07/2025

The existing fire station on Fr. Griffin Road is in need of urgent replacement. In consultation with the Chief Executive of Galway County Council and the Chief Fire Officer of Galway City and County Fire Service can the Chief Executive give an update and time frame on the provision of a new site and fire station in Galway City for the Galway City and County Fire Service.

Response issued 03/10/2025

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

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. The signage prohibiting water sports at Silver Strand beach be removed immediately.
2. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.

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3. 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.
4. 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.

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

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.

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?

Q19/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 06/07/2025

Safety Concerns Related to E-Bike and E-Scooter Use on Shared Walkways

Can the Chief Executive advise if Galway City Council will consider installing signage and implementing other safety measures to address the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters on shared pedestrian walkways, such as the Railway Line Walk, which is particularly narrow in some areas?

In light of public concerns and safety risks especially for older people, children, and individuals with mobility challenges, can the Council explore options for signage, awareness campaigns, and potential collaboration with An Garda Síochána and Iarnród Éireann, to support enforcement and safer usage?

Response issued 30/10/2025

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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

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.

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, Co. 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)	AILG	Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues	15 Nov. 2025 9.30a.m – 1p.m.	Radisson Blu Hotel (Athlone)

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(f)	AILG	Overview of the evolving planning context including the new Ministerial Guidelines under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act.	15 Nov. 2025 9.30a.m. – 1p.m.	Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone (Athlone)
(g)	AILG	The European Accessibility Act – What Councillors Need to Know	21 Nov. 2025 10-11.30a.m.	Online
(h)	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