



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

**3 Meán Fómhair, 2025.
3 September, 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 Meán Fómhair 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 September 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 September 2025.

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Special Meeting held on 14 July 2025.

(b) July Plenary Council meeting held on 14 July 2025.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) To consider, if appropriate to resolve that Galway City Council nominate a person to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the office of President of Ireland, in accordance with the Presidential Elections Act 1993, Circular F08-25 and Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258 of 2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018 proposed date to hear a presentation from persons seeking a nomination from Galway City Council to participate in the election for the Office of President of Ireland at **Monday 15 September 2025 at 11a.m.**

(b) Circular Fin. 10/2025: 2026 Budget meeting and other budgetary matters. To fix the date of the Annual Budget meeting proposed date **Monday 17 November 2025 at 3p.m.**

(c) Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 in respect of the proposed Leasing of Land at Mervue, Galway to Mervue United football Club Limited. **Report circulated 27 August 2025.**

(d) Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Doughiska and Renmore Pitch Floodlighting Applications. **Report attached.**

(e) Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended) Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001 No. 1 Munster Avenue. **Report attached.**



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- (f) Change of Date for next Corporate Policy Group meeting to **Friday 31st October 2025 at 11a.m.** - for noting
To agree that NOMs and Qs be submitted by **4pm on Thursday 30th October 2025.**
- (g) To Appoint Members to the Procedures Committee of Galway City Council – **note attached.**

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

- (a) Notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 1 September 2025 – **attached**
Recommendation: Arthur Colohan - request from Civic naming committee for a plaque.
- (b) Update Lands adjacent to University Hospital.
- (c) Report from the Grants Committee meeting held on 29 August 2025 - attached to consider for approval. **Report attached.**

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

- (a) Monthly Management Report for August and September 2025. **Report attached.**
- (b) Taking in Charge Report. **Report attached.**
- (c) Linking University Car Parks to existing city bus services. **Options Report attached.**

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6. Notice of Motions

NOM 10/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 02/03/2025

In future in order to avoid what has emerged on the Upper Clybaun Road where two housing developments opposite each other are under construction with hoardings erected on either side of the road, giving only a 5m clear road space, no pedestrian facilities, very poor sight lines and no public lighting, I request Galway City Council would introduce a Condition which would be applied to every Planning Decision, to compel Developers to complete the public roadside footpaths, within a dedicated time of the Development commencing.

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.

NOM 45/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 06/07/2025

Utility Reinstatement Standards and Oversight

That Galway City Council outlines the current measures in place to ensure quality control and proper reinstatement of footpaths and roads following works carried out by utility providers such as Irish Water, ESB, and others.

Given ongoing concerns about substandard reinstatement works in many areas resulting in long-term damage, safety issues, and additional costs to the Council, I call for the consideration of recruiting a new staff who will be assigned to the Licensing & Technical team to monitor and inspect utility works both prior to commencement and post-completion. This would help ensure compliance with agreed reinstatement standards and reduce the financial and operational burden on the local authority.



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NOM 52/2025, submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on 26/08/2025

That Galway City Council calls on the Government to reinstate the 9% VAT rate for food-led businesses from 1 January 2026 as part of Budget 2026, to protect jobs, prevent further closures. With 99.6% of businesses in the sector being SMEs, failure to reinstate the 9% VAT rate will result in the closure of many small businesses in our communities.

NOM 53/2025, submitted by Cllr. D. Lyons on 29/08/2025

In recent years there is strong evidence that there is a major change for people who pass away who are now being cremated instead of the usual burial in cemeteries/graveyards. I understand that in the City, 30% of people who pass away are now being cremated. I believe in future that this percentage will increase. I am requesting Galway City Council to examine the possibility of providing Columbarium Walls in designated areas in communities rather than in cemeteries.

NOM 55/2025, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council recognises the urgent and growing public safety hazard posed by the unregulated use of high powered e-scooters and e-bikes on footpaths, pedestrian areas, and shared public spaces across the city. The increasing number of collisions, near misses and injuries highlights the need for immediate intervention. Accordingly, this Council agrees:

1. To write to the Minister for Transport requesting the urgent introduction of national regulations requiring licensing, registration, and insurance for high powered e-scooters and e-bikes, in line with other motorised vehicles, to ensure accountability and public safety.
2. To engage with local Gardaí to coordinate a targeted enforcement blitz in high risk areas, including Galway City Centre and Parkmore, where pedestrian safety concerns are most acute.

This motion seeks to ensure Galway City remains a safe and accessible city for pedestrians, cyclists, and all road users, while also calling for national legislation to provide clear guidance and enforcement.

Response issued 02/09/2025

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NOM 56/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 01/09/2025

This council recognises the essential work carried out in our schools by secretaries and caretakers and the central role played by schools in our communities.
That this council will write to Ministers for Education and Youth and the Minister for Finance reiterating the demands of secretaries and caretakers for pension parity with their public sector colleagues.

NOM 57/2025, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council explore the feasibility of establishing a structured workplace internship programme for young people from Galway, aged 18 and over, within the local authority.

The programme would aim to:

- Provide participants with valuable first-hand experience of local government operations, community services, and policy development.
- Offer meaningful and challenging work opportunities during the summer months.
- Encourage future careers in public service and strengthen civic engagement among young people.
- Provide additional support to Council staff during periods of annual leave or reduced capacity.
- Enhance public awareness of the Council's work and its impact on the community, as seen through the perspective of young participants.

This initiative would serve to build stronger connections between Galway City Council and the next generation of leaders, while contributing to service delivery and community engagement.

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.
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.)

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?

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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?

Q21/2025, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 01/09/2025

Following on from reports in local media this week can Galway City Give an update on Mutton Island Treatment plant. Has Uisce Eireann informed Galway City Council about its concerns and future plans. Are time scales available and what if any threats exist to storm proofing existing site.

What impact does this have on possible future developments for housing.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Waterford City & County Council Resolution: Calls upon Central Bank to take all possible steps to discontinue facilitating the sale of Israeli bonds.
- (b) Waterford City and County Council Resolution: Abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget '26.
- (c) Clare Co. Co. Resolution: Review and amend terms of Defective Concrete Block Scheme.
- (d) Galway Co. Co. Resolution: Announcement of HSE to downgrade Portiuncula Hospital.
- (e) Metropolitan District of Limerick Resolution: College Fee.
- (f) Limerick City & County Council Resolution: Ribbon Development Rules.
- (g) Limerick City & County Council Resolution: Link to Community Welfare Support.
- (h) Offaly Co. Co. Resolution: Include Part V Houses in Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- (i) Donegal Co. Co. Resolution: National Affordable Housing Scheme.

(j) Donegal Co. Co. Resolution: Socio Economic Status.

(k) Tipperary Co. Co. Resolution: Publication of regulations for renewable energy.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conference, Training and other events

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	AILG	Autumn Training Seminar	Wed. 17 th Thurs. 18 th Sept. '25	Westport Woods Hotel, Mayo
(b)	AILG	Canva Level 1 Training – Using Canva to Create Marketing Images	Fri. 26 th Sept. '25 10am – 11.30am	Online
(c)	AILG	OPR Elected Member Planning Training	Thur. 9 th Oct. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Arklow Bay Hotel (Wicklow)
(d)	Celtic Conferences	Practical Guide to Budget 2026	Fri. 10 th and Sat. 11 th Oct. '25	Four Season Hotel, Carlingford Co. Louth
(e)	AILG	OPR Elected Member Planning Training (Out of Region Option)	Sat. 11 th Oct. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Horse & Jockey Hotel (Tipperary)
(f)	AILG	Local Authority Budget Process 2026	Fri. 24 th Oct. '25 10:00am - 11:30am	Online
(g)	AILG	Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues	Sat. 15 th Nov. '25 9:30am - 1:00pm	Radisson Blu Hotel (Athlone)
(h)	AILG	The European Accessibility Act – What Councillors Need to Know	Fri. 21 st Nov. '25 10:00am - 11:30am	Online
(i)	Twinning	Delegation to Chicago Milwaukee	Wed 13 th Aug to Fri 22 Aug. '25	Retrospective

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business

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