

4 Feabhra 2026
4 February 2026

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, 9 Feabhra 2026 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, 9 February 2026 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) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.



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Clár/Agenda

Plenary Meeting - Monday 9 February 2026

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

(Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) January Plenary Council meeting held on 12 January 2026.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended Local Government Reform Act, 2014), Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026 – to consider for adoption.

(b) Under Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) Saint Patrick's Day Parade Event Licence 2026 – to consider for adoption.

(c) Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Galway City and County Council Joint Retail Strategy – to consider for adoption.

(d) Section 13 of the Planning and Development 2000 (as amended) Variation No. 1 of Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 – to consider for adoption.

(e) Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 to agree a date for the Annual Meeting. **Proposed Date:** Friday 19 June 2026 at 4p.m.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 3 February 2026 - for noting.

(i) **Recommendation** – Local Government Act, 2001 Section 142 Training and Development Programme for Elected Members – to consider for adoption.

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



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5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

- (a) Monthly Management Report for February 2026 - for noting.
- (b) Parking Payments Report – for noting.

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.

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.

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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 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 06/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on 28/01/2026

That in advance of a review of the Traveller Accommodation Program, approved by this council in 2024, this council will work to identify new sites not included in the program, and consider why previous sites identified in the previous TAP were excluded from the current program.

NoM 07/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on 28/01/2026

That in light of the increase in road traffic fatalities and incidents in 2025, representing a failure of national road safety leadership, that this council will write to the Minister for Transport calling for the following:

- That this council calls on the government to reverse a decision to retain a 50km/h default speed limit in urban and built-up areas and instead proceed with the immediate national implementation of a 30 km/h default, allowing councils to make exceptions as necessary, as recommended by the 2023 Speed Limit Review and legislated for in the Road Traffic Act 2024



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- That funding will be issued to Galway City Council to pilot the installation of red-light cameras at key junctions on publication of the National Safety Camera Strategy later this year, and that any fines collected would be retained by Galway City Council to help offset costs of other road safety improvements.
- That this council has no confidence in the RSA and that the recommendations of the Indecon Report 2024 should be implemented immediately.

Upon adoption, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities.

NoM 08/2026, submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 29/01/2026

That the council examines the feasibility of establishing a Vulnerable Persons Register for Galway City, on an opt-in basis and in compliance with GDPR (Data Protection), to support emergency planning and coordinated responses during extreme weather events or other emergencies, in collaboration with relevant statutory and community agencies.

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?

Q1/2026, submitted by Cllr. P. Keane on 19/01/2026

To ask the Planning Department of Galway City Council to provide details of housing delivery activity within the administrative area of the city for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2025, and to set out the corresponding figures for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2024, including:

- a) the number of dwelling units granted planning permission in each period;
 - b) the number of Commencement Notices filed in each period; and
 - c) the number of BCMS Certificates issued in each period;
- and to indicate the year-on-year change under each heading.

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8. Correspondence

- (a) **Sligo County Council**, Dated 15 January 2026.
Resolution: Investor Court System (ICS).
- (b) **Clare County Council**, Dated 15 January 2026.
Resolution: Housing Aid for Older Peoples Grant.
- (c) **Clare County Council**, Dated 15 January 2026.
Resolution: Oppose GAA fee for children.
- (d) **Offaly County Council**, Dated 22 January 2026.
Resolution: Oppose Mercosur Trade Agreement.
- (e) **Tipperary County Council**, Dated 22 January 2026.
Resolution: E-Scooter/E-Bike Visibility.
- (f) **Correspondence - Michael D. Higgins**, Dated 26 January 2026.
- (g) **Correspondence - Presidency of the Council of the European Union**,
Dated 16 January 2026, Ms. H. McEntee TD Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Mr. T. Byrne TD Minister of State for European Affairs.
- (h) **Correspondence** – Galway Cultural Company, Dated 28 January 2026.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	AILG Tommy Moylan	Conflict of Interest	9 February 2026 11-1p.m.	City Hall and online
(b)	EU Local Councillors Network	Webinar on the EU Affordable Housing Plan	12 February at 14:30 CET.	Online
(c)	AILG	From Policy to Practice; What Local Authorities in Ireland Can Offer to Support Disabled People and an Ageing Population	19 Feb. 2026	Fairways Hotel, Dundalk.
Request to attend - Cllr. Níall McNelis, for approval.				
(d)	Northern & Western Regional Assembly	Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Training Seminar.	25 - 26 Feb. 2026	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.
(e)	Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge.	Cúrsa Gaeilge le Cruinniú an Chomhairle as Gaeilge.	4 - 5 March 2026	Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, An Cheathrú Rua.



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(f)	Celtic Conferences	Final Spring conference of 2026 "The Evolving Role of AI in Public Relations"	6 - 8 March 2026	Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth
(g)	AILG	Briefing on New Housing Plan "Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030"	21 March 2026	Radisson Blu Sligo
(h)	AILG	AILG Annual Conference	22-23 April 2026	Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
(i)	Invitation to Drogheda Civic Trust Summer School 2026 (Louth Co. Co.)	Shared Horizons: Building the Future Together	8-10 May 2026	St. Peter's Church of Ireland Hall, Peter Street, Drogheda.

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business

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