



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

7 Eanáir 2026
7 January 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, 12 Eanáir 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, 12 January 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 12 January 2026

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) December Plenary Council meeting held on 8 December 2025.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Three Year Capital Programme (Capital Projects) 2026 - 2028 - to consider for adoption.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 5 January 2026 - for noting

(b) Report from Grants Committee Meeting 17 December 2025 - to consider for approval.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Monthly Management Report for January 2026 and Quarterly Report for Q4, 2025 - 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.



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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.

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

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

Response issued 5 December 2025.

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

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.

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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.

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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 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.

Referred to Operational Development Strategic Policy Committee, item to remain on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

NOM 01/2026, submitted by Cllr. E. Hoare, 02/01/2026

That Galway City Council commit to prioritising the development of a path from the Baily estate on Circular Road to Siobhan McKenna Road. This process would involve the Directorate progressing a Part 8 application if deemed necessary.

This path is already being used by residents but is very unsafe and a health and safety hazard as residents need to navigate a grass area and a wall.

I propose that the green area is fully resurfaced and a safe and accessible passage created to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely navigate.



Permeability projects form a key part of Galway City Council's Active Travel Plans and this project needs to be progressed.

Furthermore, it will allow residents of the Baily to safely access the 404 bus route within a 5 minute walk. This aligns with the Galway City Development Plan which promotes a 10 minute City.

Referred to Central Area Committee

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

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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.

Response issued 07/01/2026

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.
- (k) **Wexford County Council**, Dated 20 November 2025.



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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.

(m) **Limerick County Council**, Dated: 27 November 2025

Resolution: 150 Anniversary of the Catalpa Expedition, grant posthumous presidential pardon to the six Fenian prisoners concerned.

(n) **Longford County Council**, Dated: 2 December 2025

Resolution: Reverse decision for OAP to pay for blister packs of medication

(o) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025

Resolution: Calls on Government to respond to John Collison/Denis O'Brien comments.

(p) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025

Resolution: Calls for Minister for Health to provide gels/creams over the counter without prescription like other countries.

(q) **Clare County Council**, Dated: 9 December 2025

Resolution: Review Local Government funding, powers and democratic structures.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	AILG	SPC Chair Training Programme	2 Sept. 2025	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Retrospective approval for Cllr. J. McDonagh.
(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)	European Coalition Cities Against	UNESCO (ECCAR) Conference.	23–24 Oct. 2025.	Zurich, Switzerland. Retrospective approval for Cllr. H. Ogbu.

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	Racism (ECCAR)			
(e)	Local Development Companies Network	National Conference: Community, Society, Economy: Summit 2030	30–31 Oct. 2025	Ballina, Co. Mayo. Retrospective approval for Cllr. E. Seoighthe.
(f)	Councillor Travel	Series of meetings in Brussels	3-5 Nov. 2025	Retrospective approval for Mayor M. Cubbard, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. D. McDonnell
(g)	2025 Excellence in Local Government Awards	Chambers Ireland	27 Nov. 2025	Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin. Retrospective approval for Cllrs. M. Cubbard, C. Higgins, N. McNelis, T. O’Flaherty.
(h)	Celtic Conferences	Irish Health Services Entitlements	5-7 Dec. 2025	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.
(i)	Celtic Conferences	The Finance Act	16-18 Jan. 2026	The Four Season's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.
(j)	Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	LAMA Spring Seminar	28-29 Jan. 2026	The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway.
(k)	Celtic Conferences	Misinformation, Disinformation and Fake News	6-8 Feb. 2026	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
(l)	Regional Assemblies in Ireland	Association of Irish Regions Training Seminar 2026	25-26 Feb. 2026	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Co. Donegal.
(m)	Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026	28 Feb. 2026	Royal Convention Centre, Dublin

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

13. Any Other Business