

| <b>Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council<br/>held in the Council Chamber, City Hall and Online via MS Teams<br/>on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3.00p.m.</b> |   |
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| <b>Presiding</b>  | Cllr. P. Keane, Mayor of the City of Galway   |
| <b>Present<br/>(Elected Members)</b>  | Councillors: A. Burke, A. Cheevers, J. Connolly, M. Cubbard, A. Curran, J. Forde, S. Forde, F. Fahy, E. Hoare, D. Lyons, J. McDonagh, D. McDonnell, N. McNelis, T. O'Flaherty, E. Seoighthe   |
| <b>Present (virtually)</b>  | Councillors: H. Ogbu  |
| <b>Present (Executive)</b>  | Mr. L. Cleary, Chief Executive<br>Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services<br>Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services<br>Ms. H. Kilroy, Director of Finance<br>Mr. D. Pender, Director of Services<br>Ms. L. Fanning, A/Director of Services<br>Ms. F. Holland, Senior Engineer<br>Mr. M. Cormican, Senior Engineer<br>Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator<br>Ms. A. Kenny, Administrative Officer |

**Note:** The Minutes of the Meeting and Agenda items are recorded in the order of their consideration.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intent to conduct the business of the meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection.

**1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).**

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item 1 and invited comments. There were no conflicts of interests declared.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

**(a) Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item 2(a) and invited comments. There were no matters of accuracy or matters arising.

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| <b>Proposed By: Cllr. N. McNelis</b>   | <b>Seconded By: Cllr. F. Fahy</b> |
| 2(a) Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Galway City Council held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 |                                   |
| <b>The minutes of the September ordinary meeting were agreed and adopted.</b>                            |                                   |

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| <b>In favour: 17</b>   | <b>Against: 0</b> | <b>Abstain: 0</b> | <b>Absent: 1</b> |
| <b>The nominations to SPCs were considered and unanimously agreed.</b> |                   |                   |                  |

#### 4. Reports of Committee Meetings

##### (a) Draft note of Corporate Policy Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item 4(a) and invited comments.

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| <b>Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons</b>   | <b>Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell</b> |
| 4(a) Draft note of Corporate Policy Committee meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024. |  |
| <b>Noted and agreed by Council.</b>  |  |

##### (b) Draft note of Corporate Policy Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item 4(b) and invited comments.

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| <b>Proposed By: Cllr. D. Lyons</b>   | <b>Seconded By: Cllr. D. McDonnell</b> |
| 4(b) Draft note of Corporate Policy Committee meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 |  |
| <b>Noted and agreed by Council.</b>  |  |

Cllr. D. Lyons referred to the recent briefing with the NTA, and to questions submitted through Mr. D. Pender and that no response has been received to date. Mr. D. Pender agreed to follow up with the NTA on this matter.

Cllr. D. Lyons added that it was a council meeting that he initially proposed the NTA be invited to and not a stand alone briefing/workshop and proposed that this Council invite the NTA to a council meeting. This was Seconded by Cllr. J. Connolly and agreed.

Ms. A. Rohan briefed Members on the new Corporate Planning process and informed Members that the consultation period is now open for submissions.

Cllr. D. McDonnell referred to the information briefings/workshop and asked if they can take place in the afternoon rather than the morning to accommodate Members. Mayor P. Keane agreed to include this issue on the agenda for the next CPG meeting for discussion.

## 6. Notice of Motions

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item 6 and to NOM Ref. 37/2024 and invited comments.

Mr. L. Cleary welcomed this motion and informed Members that the executive is very much in support of this motion.

Mayor P. Keane proceeded to a vote and called for a show of hands in favour of NOM 37/2024.

**NOM Ref: 37/2024 Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on 12/09/2024**

**Seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell**

Galway City Council fully implement the objective of the Public Service Apprenticeship Plan 2023 that local authorities recruit at least five craft apprentices annually, to commence the process of reestablishing an appropriate baseline of craft apprenticeship in the public service aligned with current need and service delivery models.

**In favour: 16**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**This motion was unanimously carried.**

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to NOM Ref. 39/2024 and invited comments.

Cllr. J. Connolly referred to the bike rental scheme located outside City Hall and queried how often they are used. He proposed that this bike rental area be looked at to see if it could be changed to an ebikes rental scheme. Cllr. D. Lyons Seconded this proposal.

Cllr. A. Curran suggested that this be an agenda item at the next Project Development SPC meeting. Mayor P. Keane asked Cllr. M. Cubbard, Chair of the Project Development SPC, to include this as an agenda item at the next SPC meeting. This was agreed.

Mayor P. Keane proceeded to a vote and called for a show of hands in favour of NOM 39/2024.

**NOM Ref: 39/2024 Submitted by Cllr. J. Connolly on 18/09/2024**

**Seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell**

Galway City Council calls on the NTA to support the development of an ebike rental scheme in the city.

**In favour: 16**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 2**

**This motion was unanimously carried.**

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to NOM Ref. 41/2024 and invited comments.

Ms. L. Fanning briefed Members on this motion. Following the briefing from Ms. L. Fanning, Cllr. N. McNelis withdrew this motion:

**NOM Ref: 43/2024 Submitted by Cllr. N. McNelis on 07/10/2024**

That this council will disregard the half-rate Carer's Allowance in full and the Disability Allowance received by children aged between 16 and 18 in full when calculating the rent of Council tenants under the Differential Rent Scheme (DRS). The Council notes that there are plans for a national review of the DRS, however, this has yet to commence. In the interim, the Council will implement changes to its DRS based on this motion. These can be updated pending publication of the national review of the DRS.

**This motion was withdrawn.**

## 7. Questions

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item no. 7 and to Q6/2024 and invited comments.

Mr. P. Greene informed Cllr. J. Connolly that a response to Q6/2024 has been prepared and is ready to issue to Members.

## 8. Correspondence

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item no. 8 and invited comments.

**Proposed by Cllr. D. Lyons**

**Seconded by: Cllr. S. Forde**

- a. Resolution passed by Roscommon County Council, received on 16/09/2024, regarding reduction in match funding.
- b. Resolution passed by Roscommon County Council regarding illegal dumping, received on 16/09/2024.
- c. Resolution passed by Roscommon County Council regarding VAT rate hospitality sector, received on 16/09/2024.
- d. Correspondence from the CCMA regarding the Galway Wastewater Strategy – Public Consultation, received on 27/09/2024.
- e. Correspondence from the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI), received on 23/07/2024.
- f. Correspondence received from Minister of Transport in response to NOM 25/2024.

**Correspondence was noted.**

## 10. Conferences & Training

Mayor P. Keane referred Members to agenda item no. 10 and invited comments.