



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



**Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon**

Tuesday, 30 August 2022

***Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball,
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA.***

A Chara,

A meeting of Leitrim County Council will be held in the **Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim on Monday, 5 September 2022 at 11.00 am** for the purpose of considering the business set out on the Agenda hereunder.

You are hereby invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes 4th July 2022 (Pages 1 - 34)
2. To consider the setting and specify the period of application of the Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax (Pages 35 - 42)
3. Consider date for Leitrim County Council Budget Meeting
4. Consider date for special meeting to consider the Chief Executive's report on submissions received on the Draft County Development plan
5. Receive presentation on Draft Leitrim Digital Strategy and consider for approval (Pages 43 - 142)
6. Management Reports - June and July 2022 (Pages 143 - 184)
7. Commitments

Under Section 138(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001

8. Report from Corporate Policy Group
9. Attendance at conferences/training
10. Meeting Correspondence (Pages 185 - 212)
11. Presentation from National Broadband Ireland

Notice of Motions

12. Motion from Councillor Des Guckian:

That we write to the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste on the following lines. The extra charges placed on householders who wish to have their lanes re-surfaced under Local Improvement Schemes and Community Involvement Schemes must be regarded as penal charges and double charges. People in country areas are already forced to pay Local Property Tax, for which they are getting no services. To now abolish the extra penal charges, of thousands of euro per household, and to allow the LPT payments to be sufficient replacements is vital in establishing a fair and equitable system.

13. Motion from Councillor Sean McGowan:

I call on the Minister for Education and the Minister for Transport to provide additional school buses to cater for the increased numbers of school children that are availing of and seeking school transport this academic year.

14. Motion from Councillor Sean McDermott:

Can I ask the Environmental Section of Leitrim County Council to investigate the growing issues of plastics been dumped in our rivers. In many cases these rivers have fish stocks which are at risk, many of these rivers flow into lakes nearby.

15. Motion from Councillor Padraig Fallon:

I ask if any further correspondence relating to the purchase of homes by elderly tenants or pensioners, has been received, that will enable a tenant receiving the state pension to buy their home? Has the income level been reduced from €15,000 to €12,500?

16. Motion from Councillor Felim Gurn:

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Social Protection to remove all financial penalties that prevent old age pensioners, including those that live alone, from sharing their home with persons in need of accommodation. This would address the urgent housing shortages in the country, and reduce isolation, loneliness, and safety concerns for

the older population by having someone live with them. Currently an old person living alone will lose their living alone allowances, i.e. tv license and fuel allowances, if they share their home or a home that is empty as result of participation in the fair deal scheme.

17. Motion from Councillor Ita Reynolds Flynn:

I wish to request that Leitrim County Council write to the HSE requesting that Breast Check is available in Carrick on Shannon. Presently, Sligo is the only centre in this HSE region available to Leitrim women.

18. Motion from Councillor Mary Bohan

I propose that Leitrim County Council call on the Government as a matter of urgency to extend the recent grant aid introduced for the purchase and refurbishment of houses in towns to all rural areas. The clause regarding population should be removed and all towns and villages should be included in the scheme.

19. Motion from Councillor Enda McGloin:

To support homeownership and increase access to affordable homes for first time buyers living in rural Ireland, Leitrim County Council calls on the Government to consider a grant or a tax incentive scheme for couples or single persons (who are first time home buyers) to refurbish empty properties in the rural countryside that have, or are about to, fall into dereliction. The emphasis of the scheme should ensure the house improves its energy rating and must be lived in by the applicants after the refurbishment.

20. Motion from Councillor Paddy O'Rourke:

What is the position regarding the provision of charging points for electric vehicles? There is an increasing demand for this service and communities who don't have a charging point are in danger of being left behind, with motorists being drawn towards centres where the service is available, bringing their business and spreading power with them.

21. Motion from Councillor Paddy Farrell:

I call on Leitrim County Council to contact the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, to take action with regard to the failing Ambulance Service in County Leitrim. There have been several cases in Leitrim of critical ill patients were waiting for over two hours before an ambulance reached them.

22. Motion from Councillor Brendan Barry:

I request that Leitrim County Council call on Ministers Norma Foley and Eamon Ryan to change the Department of Education School Transport guidelines and provide more funding, so that more places are provided for concessionary students on school buses. The chaos in

school transport is going to force parents to reduce the hours they work so they can bring students to and from school. What was introduced as a measure to tackle the cost of living crisis is going to end up costing some families a considerable amount of money.

23. *Motion from Councillor Enda Stenson:*

I'm asking for members support in requesting the HSE to immediately open our day care centres. It's no longer acceptable to keep those essential services closed, citing COVID-19 as an excuse.

24. *Motion from Councillor Justin Warnock*

I ask for the support of the elected members in calling on An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD, and the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee TD, to have our Legal Aid system overhauled as it is not fit for purpose. Tens of millions of taxpayers' money is being spent on legal aid for criminal cases annually and this is being exploited by career criminals with the revolving door system which currently exists, to the detriment of victims and our society.

25. *Motion from Councillor Gerry Dolan:*

I call on Leitrim County Council to write to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to abandon plans to introduce mandatory 6 months testing for TB on bovine herds. This is placing an unnecessary burden and cost on farmers and should not be imposed.