



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí  
Áras an Chontae  
Cnoc na Radharc  
GAILLIMH

13 Feabhra 2024

## CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionólfar **i Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, Dé Luain an 19 Feabhra 2024 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin**. Ba chóir do chomhaltaí fógra a thabhairt don Riarthóir Cruinnithe chun páirt a ghlacadh go cianda i gcuinniú hibrideach tráth nach déanaí ná 1 lá glan roimh an gcuinniú.

You are requested to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held **in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 commencing at 11.00am**. Members should notify the Meetings Administrator in order to participate remotely in a hybrid meeting no later than 1 clear day prior to the meeting.

Mise, le meas,

**L. Keady**

*Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator*

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the following Meetings:**

a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

[Report available on the Extranet]

**2. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

b) Recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group that Galway County Council hold a Civic Reception to honour St. Thomas Senior Hurling Team - 2024 All Ireland Senior Club Hurling Champions.

[Report available on the Extranet]

**3. (a) Presentation by Ms. Tina Ryan, Climate Action Co-ordinator on the Chief Executives report of submissions received regarding the Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.**

**(b) Having considered the Chief Executive's report the members shall, by resolution, make the plan with or without the Proposed Amendments, except that where the members decide to accept the amendment(s) they may do so subject to any modification to the amendment(s) as they consider appropriate.**

*The resolution being pursuant to the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 as it amends the principle Act of 2015, Galway County Council resolves to adopt the Galway County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, having considered the draft plan, the contents of the Chief Executives report on submissions received during the period of consultation and the SEA and AA Reports and determinations, carried out in accordance with the requirements and regulatory provisions of the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC)*

**4. To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt the Galway County Council Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024, in accordance with Section 134(A) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).**

[Report to follow]

5. To consider the County Galway Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023.

[Report available on the Extranet]

6. To consider and if deemed appropriate to authorise the attendance at Conferences, Meetings, Other Events in accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

- (a) **Title of Conference:** Celtic Conferences – The Finance Act 2023 – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Conference:** McKevitt's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

[Report available on the Extranet]

7. To consider and if deemed appropriate authorise the attendance at Training in accordance with Section 142(5A) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

- (a) **Title of Training:** LAMA Training – Building for Success – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

**Date:** 19th & 20th January 2024

- (b) **Title of Training:** AILG Module 1 'Elected Members Briefing: Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct and Local Representation Allowance Update.' – Retrospective Approval

**Assigned Location of Training:** The Fairways Hotel, Dundalk

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Alternative Location of Training:** Greenhills Conference & Leisure Centre, Limerick

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

- (c) **Title of Training:** Association of Irish Regions Conference – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** The Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick

**Date:** 7th & 8th February 2024

- (d) **Title of Training:** AILG Annual Training Conference – Retrospective Approval

**Location of Training:** Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

[Reports available on the Extranet]

**8. To consider the Management Report – February 2024 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).**

[Report available on the Extranet]

**9. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.**

[Correspondence available on the Extranet]

**C O U N C I L L O R S   N O T I C E S   O F   M O T I O N S**

**OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED**

**10. Cllr. Joe Sheridan**

**I will propose:**

"I propose that Galway Co. Co. pay 'Red Alert' standby rates to our Fire brigade 1<sup>st</sup> responders staff to be 'ready to go' upon need in rare but more frequent red alert periods."

**11. Cllr. Alastair McKinstry**

**I will propose:**

That Galway County Council will update and review the Disability Action Plan 2007-2015, taking regard for updates in National policy and legislation, and produce a new Action Plan on inclusion and disability services. The new action plan should be a live document and be aligned with the National Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026.

## **12. Cllr. Dr. Evelyn Parsons**

### **I will propose:**

I propose that GCC collaborate with the Health Services Executive as a matter of urgency in relation to adequate provision of accommodation for Healthcare Staff and their Families who are engaged in providing essential clinical and healthcare services in Portiuncula University Hospital and in nursing homes and home care services.

Ensuring adequate accommodation for essential healthcare staff and their families is crucial for the efficient functioning of healthcare services & the shortage of suitable accommodation poses a significant challenge in attracting and retaining essential healthcare professionals, particularly those from overseas on whom we significantly depend to staff our hospital and nursing homes and care roles.

The local authority has a responsibility to support and collaborate with health services to address this pressing issue. The importance of PUH to the county is contained in the GCDP.

I propose that GCC collaborates with Health Services Executive to ensure there is adequate accommodation available for essential healthcare staff and their families to facilitate the filling of essential posts , that it works closely with health services to identify suitable housing options, including rental properties, affordable housing developments, and temporary accommodations, to meet the needs of healthcare professionals;

including exploring potential partnerships with local housing agencies, landlords, and developers to expand the availability of housing options for essential healthcare staff and their families.

The accommodation lack is such that the establishment of a dedicated task force or committee comprised of representatives from the local authority, health services, housing agencies, and relevant stakeholders is urged to develop and implement strategies to address the accommodation needs of essential healthcare staff and their families and that GCC and HSE work on allocating necessary resources, including funding and staff support, to implement and monitor the effectiveness of the initiatives aimed at providing accommodation for essential healthcare staff and their families, and make adjustments to the accommodation strategies as needed.

### **13. Cllr. Shane Curley**

#### **I will propose:**

This Council actively supports the Boycott Divestment Sanctions campaign and commits to changing procurement policies by not purchasing goods or services, produced or provided, in whole or in part, (as practicable), from Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territory, and that any such contracts should cease as soon as allowed.

This Council calls for the enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill (2018) as a matter of urgency.

### **14. Cathaoirleach's Business**

Invitation received by the Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive from the Galway Association of New York, Inc. to attend the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this coming March 2024.

### **15. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**