Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Oifig an Rúnaí

Áras an Chontae

Cnoc na Radharc

GAILLIMH

13 Deireadh Fómhair 2026

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 Deireadh Fómhair 2026 ag tosú ag 11.00 ar maidin.** Ba chóir do chomhaltaí fógra a thabhairt don Riarthóir Cruinnithe chun páirt a ghlacadh go cianda i gcruinniú hibrideach tráth nach déanaí ná 1 lá glan roimh an gcruinniú.

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 19th October 2026 commencing at 11 a.m.** 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,

U. Ní Eidhin

Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator

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

   a) Minutes of Monthly Plenary Meeting held on 28th September 2026.

   [Report available on the Extranet]

2. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

   a) Minutes of Corporate Policy Group held on 21st September 2026.

   [Report available on the Extranet]

3. **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:** "AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2026" – Retrospective Approval

   Location of Training: Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

   Date: Wednesday 30th September – Thursday 1st October 2026

   Alternative Location of Training: [None]

   (b) **Title of Training:** "AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 5 In-Person October 2026 – Regulator-Political Advertising, Legal, Supervision and Enforcement Unit – An Coimisiún Toghcháin, The Electoral Commission" – Retrospective Approval.

   Location of Training: The Grace Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

   Date: Thursday 8th October 2026

   Alternative Location of Training: Horse & Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary [Out of Region]

   Date: Saturday 10th October 2026

(c) **Title of Training:** "LAMA Autum Training Seminar"

Location of Training: The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Date: Wednesday 21st October – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Alternative Location of Training: [None]

[Report available on the Extranet]

4. **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 – A Practical Guide to Budget 2027" – Retrospective Approval

Location of Conference: The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

Date: Friday 16th, Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October 2026.

Alternative Location of Conference: [None]

[Reports available on the Extranet]

5. **To consider and if deemed appropriate adopt the Galway County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2027-2031**

[Report available on the Extranet]

6. **To consider the Management Report – October 2026 in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).**

[Report to follow]

7. To receive a report on the Memorandum of Understanding with Uisce Éireann for delivery of the Measure A8 Small Settlements Wastewater Programme, including Craughwell and Clarinbridge

[Report to follow]

8. Chief Executive's Business & Correspondence.

[Report to follow]

9. Question Cllr. McNamara

With regard to Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and Certain Related Matters, which found that the Tuam Children's Home was owned and controlled by Galway County Council, with the Bon Secours Sisters contracted for daily management, what does the Council consider to be the exact division of responsibility between its own statutory oversight and the daily management carried out by the Bon Secours Sisters?

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

10.Cllr. Dr. Evelyn Francis Parsons

I will propose:

That Galway County Council writes to the Minister for Health expressing concern at both the high number of women awaiting gynaecology care in Galway and the prolonged waiting times being experienced, including women still awaiting a first outpatient appointment and others waiting more than two and four years for treatment and calls for an urgent, time-bound action plan to reduce waiting lists and improve timely access to gynaecology care.

That a copy of this motion to be forwarded to the CEO of the HSE and to the Regional Health Forum West and North West.

Context -

At University Hospital Galway, 3,333 women are waiting for a first gynaecology outpatient appointment and 2,467 still have no appointment date. The longest waits have worsened since last year with 36 women waiting more than four years for treatment, compared with 14 last year. The figures also reflect the considerable pressure on gynaecology services and on the clinicians and staff working within them.

Behind those figures are women living with pain, heavy bleeding, pelvic symptoms, incontinence and other debilitating conditions, with potential impacts on fertility, work, family life and quality of life. Public representatives are being contacted by women directly affected. Bringing the matter before Council gives elected members across Galway an opportunity to acknowledge those experiences, speak collectively on behalf of the women affected, recognise that timely access to gynaecology care is both a women's health and equality issue, and call for timely, coordinated action by the Minister for Health and the HSE to address the scale and length of these waits.

11. Cathaoirleach's Business

12. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations