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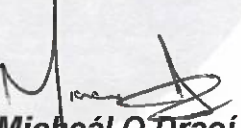
FÓGRA CRUINNITHE

**Meeting of Wexford County Council
On Monday 14th November, 2022 - 2.30 p.m.
Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de'n Chomhairle mar a léirítear thuas.

Mise, le meas,


Micheál O'Draoi
Runai

Attendees may attend in person or remotely via Teams

If you intend to attend remotely please let the County Secretary know by 1pm Friday 11th November, 2022 and the necessary TEAMS link will be forwarded to you.



County Council Meeting – 14th November, 2022 – Agenda

- 1. Presentation to the Council – National Broadband Ireland**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes:**
 - 2.1 County Council Meeting 10th October, 2022
- 3. Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**
 - 3.1 Intention to dispose of land at Bishopswater, Wexford.
 - 3.2 Intention to dispose of property at Knockrathkyle, Edermine, Co. Wexford.
 - 3.3 Intention to lease a plot of land at Coolcotts Wexford.
- 4. Audited AFS 2021 & Audit Report 2021**
- 5. Housing Allocation Scheme 2023**
- 6. Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase**
- 7. Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023 - 2027**
- 8. Chief Executive's Report**
- 9. Minutes of CPG**
 - 9.1 Minutes of CPG Meeting 7th November, 2022
- 10. Minutes of Meetings (For Noting):**
 - 10.1 New Ross Municipal District Meeting – 14th September, 2022
 - 10.2 Rosslare Municipal District Meeting – 21st September, 2022
 - 10.3 Borough District of Wexford Meeting– 19th September, 2022
 - 10.4 Enniscorthy Municipal District Meeting – 19th September, 2022
 - 10.5 Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District Meeting – 20th September, 2022
 - 10.6 Transportation & Water Services SPC – 23rd June, 2022

11. Correspondence and Communications

- 11.1 Letter from Monaghan County Council re motion Citizens Assemblies dated 6th October, 2022.
- 11.2 Letter from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re: motion Justice for Noah Donohoe dated 10th October, 2022.
- 11.3 Letter from Donegal County Council re motion turf policy dated 20th October, 2022.
- 11.4 Letter from Offaly County Council re motion ambulance service dated 26th October, 2022.
- 11.5 Letter from Cork County Council re: resolution on waste dated 24th October, 2022
- 11.6 Email from Private Secretary to Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Eamon Ryan, TD dated 3rd November, 2022

12. Councillor's Conferences and Training

12.1 Councillor's Conference Reports:

- Conference Report - Cllr. G. Laffan, - "A Practical guide to Budget 2023" held in Carlingford, Co. Louth.
- Conference Report - Cllr. F. Staples, - "A Practical guide to Budget 2023" held in Carlingford, Co. Louth.
- Wexford London Association Delegation Report – October 2022

13. Deferred Notices of Motion – Council Meeting 10th October, 2022

13.1 Cllr. L. Kelly

"The Cycle to Work scheme is only applicable where the bicycle and safety equipment is provided by an employer to either a director or someone in its employment. Thus, where an employer-employee relationship does not exist, for example, in the case of self-employed individuals, students, retired individuals, job seekers or those in unpaid work, such individuals can't qualify for the scheme. We ask the Minister of Finance to amend the current Cycle to Work scheme or create a new scheme which will include the above excluded individual/groups"

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Finance for consideration.

13.2 Cllr. T. Forde

"This council asks that Minister Darragh O'Brien take stock of the current housing crisis in County Wexford and immediately declare the districts of the county a rent pressure zone."

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.3 Cllr. J. Sullivan

"This council namely Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to extend the Defective Concrete Blocks Redress Scheme nationwide with immediate effect to automatically include all Counties in Ireland as the 10% levy on concrete blocks, pouring concrete and other concrete products will apply nationwide and furthermore to include redress for houses whether complete or under the course of construction for concrete affected by Mica, Pyrite, Pyrrhotite, Alkali Silica Reaction or any other inappropriate aggregates or materials."

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.4 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"We ask that Wexford County Council explore purchasing properties for sale that are currently occupied with HAP tenancies."

Response of the Executive:

The Councils homeless unit reviews household circumstances when any homeless presentation is made. In situations where the property is being placed for sale on the open market, the Council can seek approval from the Department to purchase the property where the housing needs of the household can be adequately met, the property is in good condition and the price is within purchase bands.

13.5 Cllr. D. Hynes

"This council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the issue that has arising in many instances since the 'Vision for Change' 2006 was enacted, where people suffering from addiction are not admitted into psychiatric care and this has led to tragedy on a number of occasions."

For Information:

A Vision For Change is a Department of Health policy which detailed a model of mental health service provision for Ireland.

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration.

13.6 Cllr. T. Forde

"We ask that Wexford County Council implement a 60 day homeless prevention plan for all those at risk of losing their homes or tenancies and also ask that Minister Darragh O'Brien provide any necessary resources to assist with the implementation of such a plan."

Response of the Executive:

The South East Regional Strategic Management Group has adopted a Regional Homeless Prevention & Support Project (RHPSP) which is being operated in all 5 LA's in the region. The RHPSP prioritises homeless preventions by way of applying early interventions, mediation and prevention measures to those seeking homeless services/emergency accommodation. To ensure consistency in how the service is being provided across the region, the following steps are used by all staff that carry out homeless assessments and provide homeless supports.

Conduct a homeless assessment and identify client's immediate needs – "At Risk" following issue of NTQ - Provide support/advice to client re: validity of the notice and ensuring current social housing application information is up to date. Clients that are "At risk" of homelessness do not have an immediate need for alternative accommodation and all relevant supports are offered to them i.e. early intervention, mediation with other relevant third parties e.g. family, landlords other agencies.

Clients who present who are not social housing applicants receive immediate support with completing a social housing application. These applications are processed by the HSSU/Placefinder and are prioritised over all other social housing applications.

Clients will always be encouraged to try and source alternative private rented accommodation and are issued with up to date HAP forms. This does not mean that the HSSU are not also working to find a solution to meet the applicant's needs. The HSSU, utilise social housing allocations, Housing First tenancies, licenced properties and main stream HAP tenancies to provide social housing supports.

13.7 Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin

"This council asks that Minister Darragh O'Brien reintroduce a temporary ban on evictions in the private market to protect vulnerable renters who abide by their tenancy agreements and to ensure they keep a roof over their head and to review this policy on a yearly basis."

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

13.8 Cllr. D. Hynes

"I ask the minister for local government to bring in. Legislation to rectify the situation where a whole section of society is excluded from running in council elections due to the fact that working class people who work in Factories, shops etc are unable to run for this council because employers won't allow. Employees the time off to. Attend. Meetings etc , "

Response of the Executive

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration.

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

14. Notices of Motion

14.1 Cllr. B. Murphy

"That this Council writes to the Minister for Housing requesting that the minimum grant funding offered under the Croí Cónaithe Fund launched in 2022 be doubled. This would mean €30,000 increases to €60,000 for the renovation of vacant properties, and €50,000 increases to €100,000 for the refurbishment of derelict properties. This increase in the grant available would reflect the recent rise in the cost of building."

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Housing for consideration.

14.2 Cllr. L. McDonald and Cllr. B.A. Murphy

“Wexford County council calls upon the government to create and implement a national domestic violence register as a further measure to assist in the fight against domestic violence in Ireland”

Response of the Executive:

If passed, this motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Justice for consideration.

15. Any Other Business