



Comhairle Cathrach
na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

8 Aibreán 2026
8 April 2026

Fógra/Notice

Cruinnithe Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe Galway City Council Meeting

Do Gach Ball de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe:

A Chara,

Tionólfar Gnáthchruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe ar an **Luain, 13 Aibreán 2026 ar a 3.00in sa Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus ar líne ar MS Teams**. Tá cóip de Chlár an Chruinnithe seo ar fáil ag an bhFáiltiú ar mhaithe le hiniúchadh.

Tá clár an chruinnithe leagtha amach faoi seo.

A Plenary Meeting of Galway City Council will be held on **Monday, 13 April 2026 at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway City Council and online via MS Teams**.

A copy of the agenda for this meeting is available at Reception for inspection.

The agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder. Members are requested to send queries regarding Matters Arising relating to Item 2(a) in writing, in advance of the meeting, to the undersigned.

Ailish Rohan,
Riarthóir na gCruinnithe / Meetings Administrator.



Clár/Agenda

Plenary Meeting - Monday 13 April 2026 at 3.00p.m.

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

(Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended).

2. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) March Plenary Council meeting held on 9 March 2026.

3. Business Prescribed by Statute

(a) Draft Annual Financial Statement 2025 (subject to Audit):

- i. Annual Financial Statements (Unaudited) for year ended 31 December 2025 – for noting.
- ii. Approval of Transfers To/From Reserves as detailed in Note 14 of the Accounts – to consider for approval.
- iii. Section 104, Local Government Act 2001, Approval of Over/Under Expenditure by Division as detailed in Note 16 of the Accounts – to consider for approval

(b) Schedule 14 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Nomination of Elected Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Regional Aquatic Centre under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure fund – to consider for approval.

4. Reports of Committee Meetings

(a) Draft notes of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 7 April 2026 - for noting.

(b) Procedures Committee meeting 3 March 2026 recommendation to bestow the Freedom of the City of Galway - to consider for approval.

(c) Potential Section 183 Lands adjacent to University Hospital - Standing Item.

5. Consideration of Reports of Officials

(a) Monthly Management Report for April and Quarterly Q1 2026 - for noting.

(b) Business case for review of funding for Galway City Council.

(c) Business case for the introduction of a tourist tax in Galway City.



6. Notice of Motions

NOM 33/2025, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 02/06/2025 amend:31/03/2026

That this Council affirms its commitment to transparency and public engagement and resolves that no decision will be made to dispose of, sell, or otherwise transfer any part of Shantalla Park — including lands associated with the proposed helipad — without prior public consultation.

The Council further requests that the Chief Executive provide elected members with details of any consultations with the HSE and all related correspondence and records from January 2025 to present.

NOM 58/2025, submitted by Cllr. C. Higgins on 01/09/2025

That Galway City Council commit to:

1. That the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meets with the Galway City water sports groups to begin meaningful consultation.
2. That Galway City Council develops a Beach Management and Zoning plan **(that fully meets Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)** for all Galway City Beaches.
3. That Galway City Council engages with all stakeholders to develop Zoning plans and maps for all Galway City Beaches **(consistent with Criterion 5 and Criterion 30 of the Blue Flag beach criteria document)** that allows for dedicated launch zones, improved access routes to the water, and provides for safe, inclusive use of our beaches for swimmers, watersports and beach users.

Blue Flag Criterion 30. There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents.

Beaches that support multiple activities must have management plans to prevent accidents and conflicts. This must include zoning for swimmers, surfers, windsurfers and motor craft. At the same time, recreational use of the beach must be managed without a negative impact on the natural environment or the biodiversity of the beach, and with consideration for aesthetic issues.

Swimmers should be protected from all sea craft (motor, sail or pedal). Where necessary, zoning through the use of buoys, beacons or signs must be in place. The same must be done for surfing areas. Distinctions should be made between motor, paddle or sail craft. The use of these various activities must be separated.

Blue Flag Criterion 5. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed.

A map showing the boundaries of the Blue Flag beach area and the location of key facilities and services must be posted on the Blue Flag information board. The required map elements should show the location of: zoning (swimming, surfing, sailing, boating, etc.)

Response issued 03/10/2025. Request to leave on the agenda.



NOM 06/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Curran on 28/01/2026

That in advance of a review of the Traveller Accommodation Program, approved by this council in 2024, this council will work to identify new sites not included in the program, and consider why previous sites identified in the previous TAP were excluded from the current program.

Agreed 9 February 2026 to remain on Agenda – Response issued 19 February 2026, agreed March meeting to remain on agenda for the next meeting.

NOM 17/2026, submitted by Cllr. E. Seoighthe on 24/02/2026

That Galway City Council retire the ceremonial Sword and Mace to the Galway City Museum to ensure their proper preservation and protection, and that they be used for display purposes only going forward. Furthermore, that the Council initiate an open call for artists to create new ceremonial pieces to be used for official and public events, reflecting the culture, values, and identity of contemporary Galway.

Agreed to remain on Agenda for the next meeting.

NOM 23/2026, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 24/03/2026

That Galway City Council:

- Supports equal access to toilet facilities for people with chronic and invisible illnesses
- Recognises the need 'No Wait Cards' to be placed on a statutory footing for people with chronic and invisible illnesses who require urgent access to toilet facilities.
- Develops a voluntary 'No Wait' initiative, which invites local businesses to participate by allowing urgent toilet access to people who hold a valid a No Wait Card.
- Provides recognition or incentives to business for their participation in the No Wait initiative, through promotional material such as window stickers, or through advertising in local business networks.
- Works with the relevant health organisations and disability groups to raise awareness of the initiative with retail businesses.

NOM 24/2026, submitted by Cllr. S. Forde on 30/03/2026

That this Council write to the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, requesting that the National Transport Authority (NTA), in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), establish a dedicated, ring-fenced fund for the ongoing maintenance of active travel infrastructure, including cycling and pedestrian facilities, with funding allocated to local authorities on a sustainable, multi-annual basis.

NOM 25/2026, submitted by Cllr. A. Cheevers on 01/04/2026

Calling on Galway City Council to introduce a Bye Law that there is a total ban on E Scooters on Public Footpaths in Galway City this should be introduced in the interest of safety of residents.

7. Questions

Q2/2026, submitted by Cllr. H. Ogbu on 23/03/2026

What is the current cycle or average number of years between road resurfacing works across Galway City, and what criteria are used to prioritise roads for resurfacing, particularly where roads have deteriorated to a poor or unsafe condition?

Furthermore, can the Council provide a list of roads scheduled for resurfacing in the current and upcoming programme, broken down by ward?

Q3/2026, submitted by Cllr. J. McDonagh on 31/03/2026

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on the Derelict Sites Register, including the enforcement of levies, and in particular to identify all Council-owned derelict properties, including vacant housing units, confirm whether these are included on the register, and outline the timelines and actions in place to bring them back into active use. Furthermore, to outline how the Council is preparing for the transition to the new Derelict Property Tax system, including measures to ensure accurate registration, effective enforcement, and maximising compliance in advance of its introduction.

8. Correspondence

- (a) **Sligo County Council**, Dated 2 March 2026.
Resolution: Mother and Baby Scheme.
- (b) **Galway County Council**, Dated 6 March 2026.
Resolution: Increase provision of Irish medium education.
- (c) **Clare County Council**, Dated 10 March 2026.
Resolution: Disability payment.
- (d) **Correspondence** – Uachtarán na hÉireann, Dated 13 March 2026.
- (e) **Longford County Council**, Dated 12 March 2026.
Resolution: Emergency Disability funding Budget 2026.

9. Items for Councillors Information

10. Conferences & Training

	Provider	Details	Date	Location
(a)	Aras na nGaeilge	Cúrsa Gaeilge do Chomhairleoirí		Aras na nGaeilge Retrospective approval for Cllr. M. Cubbard.
(b)	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Annual Conference 2026	21 March 2026	Approval for Cllr. E. Hoare and Cllr. D. McDonnell.



(c)	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Briefing on New Housing Plan - Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030	21 March 2026	Radisson Blu Sligo Approval for Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
(d)	Northern & Western Regional Assembly	Association of Irish Regions Training Seminar.	25-26 February 2026	Buncrana, Co. Donegal. Retrospective approval Cllr. T. O'Flaherty
(e)	Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026	28 February 2026	Royal Convention Centre Dublin Retrospective approval Cllr. A. Cheever
(f)	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Annual Training Conference 2026	22-23 April 2026	Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
(g)	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) / Maynooth University	Microcredential: The Planning System in Ireland - Introduction to Planning Policy and Practice for Elected Members	24 April - 26 September 2026 (14 Weeks)	Online and in person sessions

11. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

12. Other Business set forth in the notice convening the meeting

13. Any Other Business