## **COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS** **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2024 Special Meeting of County Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 December 2024

### **PRESENT**

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| Adelaide, D. | Kearns, P. |
| Barnes, S. | Mannion, R. |
| Brady, C. | McCrave, L. |
| Carey, W. | McMahon, R. |
| Casserly, V. | McManus, D. |
| Collins, Y. | Moore, G. |
| Cosgrave, P. | Murphy, E. |
| Costello, T. | Ó Broin, E. |
| de Courcy, L. | O’Hara, S. |
| Duff, M. | O’Toole, L. |
| Dunne, L. | Pereppadan, Britto |
| Edge, A. | Sheehy, J. |
| Farrell, H. | Sinnott, J. |
| Fennell, N. | Spear, J. |
| Gilligan, T. | Tuffy, J. |
| Hayes, A. | Whelan, N. |
| Keane, K. |  |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | C. Ward. |
| Directors | J. Frehill, M. McAdam, L. Maxwell. |
| Head of IT | T. Kavanagh |
| A/Senior Executive Officer | B. Shannon |
| Administrative Officer | M. Reilly |
| Communications Manager | D. Healy |
| Senior Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| Assistant Staff Officer | L. Farrell, A. Holohan |

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Hayes, presided

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Donnelly, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, B. Lawlor, Baby Pereppadan, D. Richardson and F. Timmons.

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The Deputy Mayor, Councillor A. Hayes, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings:

Members attending remotely must check that they can access the “Chat Function” before commencing the meeting.

Members can indicate they wish to speak on an item through the chat function – using “Speak please.”

Members must be able to be seen, specifically for roll call, when speaking and voting.

Mics to be on mute until invited to speak through the Chair.

Members attending in person can indicate they wish to speak by signalling to the Chair.

### **H1/1224 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF DEPUTIES C. AHERN, P. GOGARTY AND S. MOYNIHAN.**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and were **CONSIDERED**.

[H1(a)(i) Labour Party Rathfarnham Templeogue LEA -Paddy Cosgrave Nomination](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84711)  
[H1(a)(ii) Labour Party Rathfarnham Templeogue LEA -Paddy Cosgrave Acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84712)  
[H1(b)(i) Lucan LEA - Helen Farrell Nomination](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84650)  
[H1(b)(ii) Lucan LEA - Helen Farrell Acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84651)  
[H1(c)(i) Fianna Fail Palmerstown Fonthill LEA - Jacqueline Sheehy Nomination](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84701)  
[H1(c)(ii) Fianna Fail Palmerstown Fonthill LEA - Jacqueline Sheehy Acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84702)

**REPORT:**

Following the election of Deputies Ciaran Ahern, Paul Gogarty and Shane Moynihan to Dáil Eireann in the General Election on 29th November 2024, 3 casual vacancies have occurred on South Dublin County Council. The filling of the Casual Vacancy in the membership of South Dublin County Council, Rathfarnham-Templeogue, Palmerstown-Fonthill, and Lucan LEA's, to be in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended and in accordance with Article 124(2) of the Local Elections Regulations 1995.

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

**Mr Paddy Cosgrave** has been nominated by the Labour Party to replace Deputy C. Ahern, Rathfarnham-Templeogue LEA and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Mr Cosgrave's written consent to his proposed co-option has been received.

**Ms Helen Farrell**has been nominated by Deputy P. Gogarty, Independent, Lucan LEA and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms Farrell'swritten consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

**Ms Jacqueline Sheehy** has been nominated by Fianna Fáil to replace Deputy S. Moynihan, Palmerstown-Fonthill and in accordance with Section 19 (5)  Ms. Sheehy'swritten consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-options at today’s meeting.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor P. Kearns and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **AGREED**.

“That Paddy Cosgrave be co-opted to fill the vacancy to replace Deputy C. Ahern, Rathfarnham-Templeogue LEA”

Deputy C. Ahern addressed the Members and wished Mr. Cosgrave well.

Councillor P. Cosgrave addressed the Members accepting his position as a Councillor.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor L. O’Toole and seconded by Councillor J. Tuffy and **AGREED**.

“That Helen Farrell be co-opted to fill the vacancy to replace Deputy P. Gogarty, Lucan LEA”

Deputy P. Gogarty addressed the Members and wished Ms Farrell well.

Councillor H. Farrell addressed the Members accepting her position as a Councillor.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor T. Costello and **AGREED**.

“That Jacqueline Sheehy be co-opted to fill the vacancy to replace Deputy S. Moynihan, Palmerstown-Fonthill LEA”

Deputy S. Moynihan addressed the Members and wished Ms Sheehy well.

Councillor J. Sheehy addressed the Members accepting her position as a Councillor.

Councillors L. Dunne, P. Kearns, M. Duff, L. O’Toole, J. Tuffy, E. Murphy, T. Costello, D. McManus, E. Ó Broin, and R. McMahon paid tribute to Deputies C. Ahern, P. Gogarty and S. Moynihan and welcomed the new Councillors P. Cosgrave, H. Farrell and J. Sheehy

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, thanked Deputies C. Ahern, P. Gogarty and S. Moynihan on behalf of the Management team and staff and welcomed new Councillors P. Cosgrave, H. Farrell and J. Sheehy.

**H1(d) FILLING OF VACANCIES ON STATUTORY BODIES /COMMITTEES**

**REPLY:**

Vacancies exist on the following committees/statutory bodies due to the election of Deputies Ciaran Ahern, Paul Gogarty and Shane Moynihan to Dáil Eireann in the General Election on 29th November 2024.

Ciaran Ahern:

* **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**
* **Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management**

Paul Gogarty:

* **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**

Shane Moynihan:

* **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC**
* **Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly**

It is now before this Council for consideration.

Ciaran Ahern:

* Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC
* Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management
* Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee

It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **AGREED**

“That Councillor P. Kearns be appointed to Chairperson of Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy C. Ahern.”

### It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **AGREED**.

“That Councillor P. Cosgrave be appointed to the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy C. Ahern.”

### It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns and **AGREED**.

“That Councillor P. Cosgrave be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy C. Ahern.”

Paul Gogarty:

* Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC

### It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. O’Toole and **AGREED**.

“That Councillor H. Farrell be appointed to the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy P. Gogarty.”

Shane Moynihan:

* Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC
* Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly

### It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor T. Costello and **AGREED**.

“That Councillor J. Sheehy be appointed to the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy S. Moynihan.”

### It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor T. Costello and **AGREED**.

“That Councillor J. Sheehy be appointed to the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly to fill the vacancy previously held by Deputy S. Moynihan.”

### **H2/1224 CORPORATE PLAN 2025 – 2029 - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and was **CONSIDERED**.

[H2 Corporate Plan 2025 - 2029](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84616)  
[H2 Report on the Corporate Plan 2025 - 2029](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=84617)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, L. O’Toole and L. Dunne, with queries raised in relation to contextual information, the format of the plan, private housing provision, and connecting communities.

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, responded to the Members.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed byCouncillor A. Hayes, seconded by Councillor E. Murphy and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2029 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

***Meeting ended at 16:30.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_