9th December, 2025.

Our Ref: December25 – 22/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the December meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"Clare County Council requests the Minister for Health to provide for Vaginal Estrogen Gels & Creams be available over the counter without a prescription like other countries."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance,
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9th December, 2025.

Our Ref: December25 – 24/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the December meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"That Clare County Council calls on the Irish Government to respond urgently to the concerns raised by John Collison (co-founder of Stripe) and by businessman Denis O'Brien regarding Ireland's declining economic competitiveness, infrastructure shortages, skills mismatches in the labour market, and challenges in our tax and regulatory environment.

Specifically, Clare County Council requests that the Government:

1. Prioritise a world-class education and skills strategy that ensures graduates are equipped for a rapidly changing global economy and increasing technological demands.

2. Accelerate planning and delivery of housing, transport and digital infrastructure in line with John Collison's concerns that Ireland is "going backwards" in developing the homes, transport networks and energy systems needed to support economic growth.

3. Promote a more agile, innovation-focused tax and regulatory system, addressing criticisms raised by Denis O'Brien regarding "digital colonialism" and Ireland's ability to sustain a competitive enterprise environment for both multinational and indigenous businesses.

4. Adopt a more ambitious national vision and leadership approach that strengthens ministerial accountability and reduces process-driven delays, ensuring Ireland remains future-focused and responsive to economic challenges."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
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9th December, 2025.

Our Ref: December25 – 25/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the December meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"That Clare County Council calls on the Taoiseach to initiate a full and urgent review of local government funding, powers, and democratic structures, with a view to aligning Ireland with European norms. In the 2019 report "Democracy Works If You Let It" by Dr. Mary Murphy of Maynooth University, it was noted that only 8% of public spending in Ireland occurs at local government level, compared to an EU average of 23%.

The review must examine the overall financing model for local government, including the significant financial pressures placed on councils due to the requirement to fully fund pension obligations and to co-fund government schemes, often at levels ranging from 10% to 50%. It should also assess the employment status and pension arrangements of local authority staff, with a view to formally recognising all local authority employees as public servants and incorporating their pension entitlements into the public sector pension scheme.

Once completed and approved by Government, the review should be implemented through a clear and time-bound action plan to restore democratic accountability, strengthen local service delivery, and ensure parity of esteem for the workforce delivering essential public services. I request that this motion be forwarded to all County Councils."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance,
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