

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, July 13, 2026

HEADED ITEM NO. 1 (d)

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of South Dublin County Council Special Meeting held on Thursday
25 June 2026

PRESENT

Carey, W.	Loftus, D.
Donnelly, D.	Mannion, R.
Dunne, L.	Moore, G.
Holohan, P.	Ó Broin, E.
Johansson, M.	Richardson, D.
Keane, K.	Sinnott, J.
Kearns, P.	Spear, J.
Kenny, G.	Whelan, N.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Executive	C. Ward
Acting Senior Executive Officer	B. Shannon
Senior Staff Officer	K. McLoughlin
Assistant Staff Officer	R. Murray

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kearns, presided

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Barnes, C. Brady, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, P. Cosgrave, L. de Courcy, M. Duff, A. Edge, H. Farrell, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, T. McDonald, R. McMahon, D. McManus, E. Murphy, S. O'Hara, L. O'Toole, Baby Pereppadan, Britto Pereppadan, A. Smyth, F. Timmons, and J. Tuffy.

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The Mayor, Councillor Pamela Kearns, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings:

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

M1/0626 MOTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 140 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin, Councillor G. Kenny, Councillor J. Sinnott, Councillor J. Spear, Councillor K. Keane, Councillor L. Dunne, Councillor M. Johansson, Councillor N. Whelan, Councillor R. Mannion, Councillor W. Carey

Seconded by Councillor D. Loftus.

NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 140 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

That this Council directs the Chief Executive to carry out the following actions at the earliest opportunity:

Suspend any changes to the Differential Rent Scheme, residential rent, or the implementation of an alternative scheme in respect of differential rents or method of calculating rent in respect of those in receipt of social housing support, until such time as the Executive concludes a consultation on the differential rent scheme, and not before the approval of the annual budget for 2027.

Said consultation should require the Executive to schedule briefings and explainers for council tenants and request written opinion from tenants' unions and representative bodies such as CATU and the ICSH, and organisations with expertise in tenants' rights such as Threshold, and those tackling poverty and inequality such as Social Justice Ireland, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the St. Vincent DePaul and revert with same written opinions and reports from meetings with council tenants to the members as soon as practicable.

REPORT:

The council's legal advice is that the motion, as proposed, is not a valid motion in accordance with section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors J. Spear, W. Carey, K. Keane, E. Ó Broin, L. Dunne, M. Johansson and P. Holohan

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, responded to the members.

A roll call vote was called in the names of Councillors J. Spear, W. Carey and L. Dunne:

FOR: FIFTEEN (15)

Councillors W. Carey, D. Donnelly, L. Dunne, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, K. Keane, G. Kenny, D. Loftus, R. Mannion, G. Moore, E. Ó Broin, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott, J. Spear and N. Whelan.

AGAINST: ONE (1)

Councillor P. Kearns.

As a result of the roll call vote the motion was **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 15:59