



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk -  
Monday, 15th September 2025 at 10:00am

## Clár Oibre / Agenda

### *Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Adoption*

#### **1.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes - For Adoption**

- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 21st July 2025
- Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 25th August 2025

### *Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Noting*

#### **2.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes of District Meetings - For Noting**

- Borough District of Drogheda 7th July 2025

### *Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings for Noting*

#### **3.0 Miontuairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings - For Noting**

- Corporate Policy Group 4th June 2025
- Corporate Policy Group 9th July 2025

### *Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beatais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group*

#### **4.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Beartais Corpaideach / Report from Chairperson of Corporate Policy Group**

### *Tuarascáil Chathaoirligh an Choiste um Beartas Straitéiseach / Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report*

#### **5.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirligh an Choise an Beartais Straitéiseach /Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report**

### *Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business*

#### **6.0 Freastal ar Chomhdhálacha a Cheadú / Approval of Attendance at Conferences**

#### **7.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001**

#### **8.0 Presidential Elections**

**9.0 To agree the date for the 2026 Draft Budget Meeting and the dates for the meeting of the Municipal / Borough District to consider their Draft Budgetary Plan.**

**10.0 Approval of a €5 million overdraft facility for 2026**

**11.0 Service Delivery Plan 2025 - Mid Year Update**

**12.0 Community Safety Partnership**

**13.0 Nuclear Free Local Authorities Membership**

**14.0 Section 141 Reports 2024 - Compliance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended**

Elected Members are required to report on the activities and operations of Bodies, Boards and Committees to which they are elected, appointed or nominated to represent Louth County Council, annually or if so requested by resolution or Cathaoirleach.

Members shall, within 15 working days of the end of each 3 monthly period to 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December in each year notify the local authority concerned of all attendances by the Member at meetings of the body concerned.

**15.0 Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Chomhréitigh ón bPríomhfheidhmeannach / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations from Chief Executive**

Monthly Management Report

- HR, Corporate & Community Delivery
- Housing & Culture Delivery
- Operations & Environment Delivery
- Economic Delivery
- Finance and System Support
- Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery

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***Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion***

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**16.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Dolores Minogue**

'That Louth County Council write to the CEO of the Health Service Executive seeking an urgent update on the status of St. Joseph's New Build in Ardee which has been completed and vacant for over 12 months.'

**17.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Declan Power**

"That Louth County Council recognises the increase rate of skin cancer in Ireland and the importance of sun safety in protecting public health. In this regard, that this Council calls on the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Health and Ireland's Members of the European Parliament to urgently examine the reduction or removal of VAT on sunscreen products with SPF 30 or higher, to make them more affordable and accessible to the public. Furthermore, this Council commits to piloting the installation of free sunscreen dispensers at all Blue Flag beaches in County Louth and in key public buildings, including County Hall, Dundalk and Fair Street, Drogheda, by Summer 2026 as part of a wider public awareness campaign on skin cancer prevention".

**18.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Antóin Watters**

Louth County Council expresses its dismay and opposition to the Government's intention to abolish the Triple Lock, which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas.

The Triple Lock has ensured that Ireland's participation in overseas missions (with more than 12 defence personnel) would always require approval from:

1. The Cabinet

2. Dáil Éireann and

3. That the mission they are being deployed on would have a UN mandate either from the Security Council or the General Assembly.

In 2001, the Irish people rejected the Nice Treaty over concerns that it would drag Ireland into EU military structures that would threaten our neutrality. To get the electorate to approve the EU Treaty, the government with the agreement of the other EU Member States, through a "solemn declaration" introduced the Triple Lock. This Declaration was reiterated following initial rejection of the subsequent Lisbon Treaty.

Therefore this Council rejects government plans to abolish or amend the Triple Lock, considering the proposal signifies a breach of trust with the Irish electorate and a serious diminution of Irish neutrality.

### **19.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Pearse McGeough**

Salterstown Pier has experienced a consistent increase in popularity among sea-swimmers over recent years. Unfortunately, there has been a notable rise in reported incidents to the Coastguard involving swimmers encountering difficulties. This trend underscores the need for enhanced safety protocols at the Pier.

In response, I am calling on Louth County Council to promptly convene a strategic meeting involving key stakeholders, including representatives from Louth County Council, local branches of Water Safety Ireland, the Irish Coast Guard and other relevant agencies. The objective is to assess current safety measures and identify additional precautions that can be implemented to ensure the safety of all visitors and swimmers at Salterstown Pier.

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#### *Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Question*

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### **20.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. James Byrne**

"Can Louth County Council provide a breakdown of the planning permissions granted and refused to date since the adoption of the County Development Plan 2021-2027 to the present day for Rural Policy Zones 1 and 2 under each of the qualifying criteria applicable to both zones?"

### **21.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Marianne Butler**

How many residential units have been provided by the Repair & Lease Scheme since it was introduced in 2018? Please provide the answer in table form broken down by year and municipal district.

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#### *Correspondence*

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### **22.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence**

- Wexford County Council 14th July 2025
- Clare County Council 15th July 2025
- Galway County Council 22nd July 2025
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- Limerick City & County Council 24th July 2025
- Tipperary County Council 12th August 2025
- Offaly County Council 14th August 2025
- Donegal County Council 14th August 2025
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