



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

County Council Monthly Meeting - Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk, Co.
Louth - Monday, 16th February 2026 at 10:00am

Clár Oibre / Agenda

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Adoption

1.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes - For Adoption

- Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 19th January 2026.

For Discussion

2.0 Matters Arising

Miontuairiscí / Minutes - For Noting

3.0 Miontuairiscí/Minutes of District Meetings - For Noting

- Municipal District of Dundalk 9th December 2025

Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings for Noting

4.0 Miontuarairiscí Chruinnithe an Choiste lena n-aithint / Minutes of Committee Meetings - For Noting

- Corporate Policy Group 8th January 2026

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

5.0 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

6.0 Tuarascáil ó Chathaoirligh an Choise an Beartais Straitéiseach /Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Report

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

7.0 Freastal ar Chomhdhálacha a Cheadú / Approval of Attendance at Conferences and Training Events

8.0 Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

- 9.0 Amendments to Standing Orders – For approval**
- 10.0 Service Delivery Plan 2025 - End Year Update - For noting**
- 11.0 Draft Meeting Room Policy - For adoption**
- 12.0 Louth Sports Partnership Vacancy**
- 13.0 North East Regional Homeless Forum Vacancy**
- 14.0 Approval of nomination of new LCDC Member**
- 15.0 Presentation by Association of Irish Local Government**
- 16.0 Section 141 Reports 2024 - Compliance with Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended**

Elected Members appointed to outside bodies or committees are required to notify the Council, 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, of all attendances of that Member at meetings and any payments made by or on behalf of that body (including details of distances travelled where payments are in respect of the use of a private vehicle) to the Member during that period.

- 17.0 Report on reports submitted to the Cathaoirleach under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended**

Where a member attends a conference, seminar or other meeting or event held by virtue of an authorisation under this section of the Act, he or she shall, within 15 days of such attendance, submit to the Cathaoirleach a written report which shall indicate the nature of the meeting and contain a summary of the proceedings, and the Cathaoirleach shall submit the report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council

For Discussion

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

Monthly Management Report

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

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

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

"That Louth County Council write to the Minister of Transport and Minister of State with responsibility for Road Safety, expressing no confidence in the Road Safety Authority (RSA) in its current format".

- 20.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Pío Smith**

Disability Employment Targets - That this Council:

1. Notes that people with disabilities remain under-represented in public sector employment;

2. Affirms that the current 6% disability employment figure should be treated as a minimum baseline and that retaining this level until 2030 lacks ambition;
3. Agrees, subject to lawful recruitment processes, to work towards aspirational targets of 8% disability employment by 2027 and 10% by 2030;
4. Requests the Chief Executive to prepare and publish a Disability Employment Implementation Plan, including improved consistency in reporting and timely publication of the Council's National Disability Authority return (Part 5) in Q1 of each year;
5. Directs that this motion be forwarded to the relevant Government Ministers, the National Disability Authority and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

21.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille

That Louth County Council, recognising housing as a social and human right, acknowledges the ongoing issue of overcrowding within the local authority housing stock and the negative impact this has on family wellbeing, children's development, and community stability.??The Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility of attic conversions in suitable council-owned houses as a potential, practical and cost-effective means of increasing bedroom capacity for existing tenant families, where appropriate, and where families wish to remain in their current homes and communities.??This examination should include consideration of structural suitability, full compliance with fire safety, building regulations and housing standards, and a detailed cost analysis. This analysis should have regard to indicative costs associated with attic conversions, generally estimated in the region of €30,000–€50,000 per dwelling, when compared with the average cost of delivering new-build local authority housing units, estimated at approximately €300,000–€350,000 per unit.??The report should further consider the potential benefits of such an approach, including reducing pressure on housing transfer lists, preventing unnecessary family displacement, addressing overcrowding in a timely manner, and making more effective use of existing public housing stock by enabling three-bedroom houses to function as four-bedroom homes where appropriate.??The Council further calls on the Chief Executive to bring a report on this matter before the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and the full Council within six months.

Go bhfuil Comhairle Chontae Lú ag aithint go bhfuil tithíocht mar chearta sóisialta agus daonna, ag tógáil faoi deara an fadhb leanúnach de phlódú le linn an stór tithíocht atá ag an údarás agus an tionchar diúltach ar sláinte teaghlaigh, forbairt an pháiste agus seasmhacht phobail mar thoradh de seo.??Le seo, glaonn an comhairle ar an príomhfheidhmeannach chun scrúdú agus tuairisc a dhéanamh ar fhéidearthacht na n-athoiriúnaithe áiléir i dtithe oiriúnacha ag an chomhairle mar bhealach praiticiúil an toilleadh seomra leapa a mhéadú do theaghlaigh ag iarradh fanacht sna pobail ina bhfuil síad.??Ba chóir don scrúdú seo smaoinreamh a dhéanamh ar an oiriúnacht struchtúrach, comhlíonadh le sláinte tine, rialacháin fhoirgnimh agus anailís chostais a chur san áireamh. Ba chóir don anailís seo a bheith bunaithe ar na costais a ghabhann le athoiriúnaithe áiléir: le costais thart feadh €30,000 go €50,000 in aghaidh an tí, i gcomparáid leis an mheánchostais atá ar ionad tithíochta nua a thógáil - sa réigiún idir €300,000 agus €500,000 in aghaidh an ionaid.??Chomh maith le seo, ba chóir don tuairisc seo a bheith in ann ná buntáistí a aithint agus cur chuige mar seo curtha i bhfeidhm, go háirithe ó thaobh an brú a laghdú maidir leis an liosta aistriithe. Leis an bhealach seo, ní bheadh aon chuir isteach gan gá ar na teaghlaigh agus ag an am céanna beidh dul i ngleic leis an phlódú ann sa mhodh is fearr: trí thithe le trí seomra leapa atá sa stór poiblí a bheith in ann dul i bhfeidhm mar thithe le ceithre seomra leapa

nuair atá sé oiriúnach.??Chomh maith le seo cuireann an comhairle glaoch ar an príomhfheidhmeannach tuairisc a chur in iúl roimh an Choiste don Bheartais Stráiteiseach Tithíochta le linn sé mhí.

Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Question

22.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Declan Power

Can Louth County Council outline it's policy in relation to the treatment of Carer's Allowance as assessable income under the Differential Rent Scheme, including:

1. When this practice commenced
2. The rationale for treating Carer's Allowance as a second income
3. The number of social housing tenants currently affected by this assessment

Correspondence

23.0 Chomhfhreagras / Correspondence

- Offaly County Council 22nd January 2026