

New chair's shopping list

Galway Cathaoirleach outlines priorities to Tánaiste in Government Buildings

LOCAL infrastructure, housing, and supports for older people were just some of the issues discussed by Galway County Council's new Cathaoirleach and Tánaiste Simon Harris, when they met in Government Buildings last week.

The Tánaiste, along with all of his senior Ministers, met with the eleven Fine Gael Councillors who have recently been elected as the first citizen of their county.

And Turloughmore Councillor David Collins, who was elected as Cathaoirleach in June, used the opportunity to outline his main priorities for his term of office.

"I was honoured to have been appointed to this role and was grateful to An Tánaiste Simon Harris and the Fine Gael Ministers for meeting Councillors to discuss what we intend to deliver throughout our terms," Cllr Collins said.

"Delivery of infrastructure is a huge priority of mine to en-

sure that Galway continues to thrive. I want to see the inclusion of the Claregalway relief road in the National Development Plan and to see development of the former Galway Airport site. This is crucial for furthering economic growth for the area.

"Ramping up the supply of affordable housing must be prioritised. I discussed with the Tánaiste the need for more land acquisition by the Council so there are more affordable houses in our towns and villages.

"It's also important that we look at how we can support older people. I want to see retirement villages prioritised to allow people to downsize and still remain in their communities as they grow older.

"I want to see further expansion of the Safe Routes to School Programme. There is a clear demand across the county to have all schools involved in the scheme, so we

need to see further investment so children across the county can get to school safely.

"I look forward to the term ahead and working with my colleagues to deliver for the people of Galway," Cllr Collins concluded.

Tánaiste Simon Harris said he was delighted to meet with Cllr David Collins, to have an opportunity to talk about his plans for his term in office as first citizen of Galway County Council.

"We had an opportunity to discuss things like housing delivery, the road network, how we invest more in our infrastructure, improving services for people with a disability, and also how we support our small and medium enterprises," he said.

"I really appreciated David's time, his insights, and very much look forward to working with him and with all the Fine Gael team in terms of delivering for Galway and helping as-



Councillor David Collins with Tánaiste Simon Harris at Government Buildings.

sist him in any way that I can during his term in office," he added.



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LOCAL OFFICE

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - PART 8

Pursuant to the requirements of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulation 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Galway County Council proposes to carry out a development, particulars of which are set out hereunder.

Location	The Development
Ballinasloe Leisure Centre, Sarsfield Rd, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, H53 K718 (Townland: Cleaghmore)	Installation of a thermal storage tank (hot water storage), Air Source Heat Pump, construction of a secure compound for the mechanical plant and all other ancillary mechanical equipment, site works and services.

Galway County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of the proposed development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm), excluding Bank Holidays and Public Holidays for a period of 4 weeks from Friday the 18th July 2025 to Tuesday 19th August 2025, at the following offices of Galway County Council:

- Galway County Council, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, (H91H6KX); and
- Galway County Council, Ballinasloe Area Office, Civic offices, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway (H53A7K7).

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are also available for viewing on our online consultation portal at <https://consult.galway.ie>.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made:

Online at <https://planning.localgov.ie/en/search/application> (LGMA online portal), planning@galwaycoco.ie or in writing to the Senior Planner, Planning Section, Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91H6KX not later than 2nd September 2025

Date: 18th July 2025.

Signed: Michael Owens, Director of Services Corporate Services, Community Rural & Tourism Development and Integration.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADS

ROADS ACT 1993 - SECTION 75 ROADS REGULATIONS 1994 ARTICLE 12

NOTICE OF DECISION - EMERGENCY TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD

Tuam Municipal District

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council has made an order closing L-2111-20, L-2111-5, L-2-111-0 (Carheens to Caltragh Road) from 8:00 a.m. on Saturday 16th August 2025 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday 24th October 2025 to facilitate completion of work for a water mains replacement scheme for Carheens to Caherlistrane.

Alternative route:

Access via regional road to Belclare and local road Knockacarrigeen - R333-34, R-333-23, R-333-16, R-333-12, L-2112-68, L2112-46, L-2112-39.

Local & Emergency Access will be provided at all times.

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NOTICE OF DECISION

Loughrea Municipal District

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council has made an order closing the L-8766 at Moat Bridge in the townland of Foolagh (Flowerhill), Killimor from 8:00 a.m. on Monday 11/08/2025 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday 19/09/2025 to facilitate bridge reconstruction.

Alternative route:

Diversion shall be via the L-4314 at Nutgrove Cross following onto the L-4315 at Treananearla.

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