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Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF AUDIT

Notice is hereby given that the audit of the accounts of the above-named local government organisation for the financial year ended on the 31st day of December, 2020 will be commenced by John Collins, Local Government Auditor, on the 26th day of July 2021. In accordance with article 17 of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, objections to any matter or matters contained in the said several accounts will be considered by the Local Government Auditor during the audit.

Written notice of any proposed objection, setting out the relevant particulars and grounds on which it is to be made, should be sent to the above Local Government Auditor at Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, Cork within ten days of the commencement of the audit.

The annual financial statement will be available during office hours for the inspection of all persons for a period of seven days before the commencement of the audit.

Dated this 9th day of July 2021.

Ann Doherty
Chief Executive of Cork City Council

**PART 8 PLANNING NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 179
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ACT, 2000 AND PART 8
OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork City Council plans to carry out the project titled:

Monahan Road Extension Scheme

The proposed development consists of the following:

- Provision of a new road (Monahan Road Extension) from the junction of Monahan Road-Marquee Road, northeastwards along the northern boundary of Marina Park towards the River Lee
- Upgrading of the existing priority junction at Monahan Road-Marquee Road to a fully signalised four-arm junction (Marquee Road, Monahan Road (west), Monahan Road (east) and Monahan Road Extension)
- Realignment of Monahan Road (east) through Sutton Coal Yard site, on approach to the upgraded Junction
- New road marking and signage
- Other necessary associated works

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, an **Appropriate Assessment Screening** has been carried out on the project, in relation to any potential impacts upon the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area [Site No. 004030] and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation [Site No. 001058]. The findings of the AA screening noted that no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites is likely and it was not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process. Cork City Council accepts these findings.

In addition, the proposed development has been screened to determine whether an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** is required and it has been concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an EIA is not required. Cork City Council accepts these findings.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, including an Appropriate Assessment screening report and an Environmental Impact Assessment screening report are available to view by visiting <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

Alternatively the Plans & Particulars will be available for inspection on working days from **Friday the 9th July to Friday the 20th August** at Reception Desk, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork. Please Note due to current public health advice all such inspections shall be by appointment only. Please phone 021-4924000 to arrange an appointment.

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

- In writing to Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development, City Hall, Cork. It should be clearly marked "Monahan Road Extension Scheme."
- Or
- Electronically at <https://consult.corkcity.ie/en>

Closing date for all submissions is on **Friday the 3rd of September at 4pm.**

All comments, including names and addresses of those making submissions and observations, submitted to Cork City Council in regard to this scheme, will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at

Olympics host Tokyo bans fans amid virus emergency

Mari Yamaguchi and Stephen Wade

Fans were banned from the pandemic-postponed Tokyo Olympics which will open in two weeks, following a state of emergency, Olympic minister Tamayo Marukawa told the Japanese news agency Kyodo.

The ban was announced by the International Olympic Committee and Japanese organisers, reducing the games to a made-for-TV event.

Fans from abroad were banned months ago, and the new measures announced by Japanese prime minister Yoshihide Suga will clear venues around Tokyo, indoor and outdoor, of any fans at all.

The emergency declaration made for an unhappy arrival in Japan for IOC president Thomas Bach, who landed in Tokyo just hours before the new measures were announced.

He was to spend three days in self-isolation at the five-star hotel that hosts IOC members.

Mr Suga said the state of emergency would go into effect on Monday and last until August 22. This means the Olympics, opening on July 23 and running to August 8, will be held entirely under emergency measures.

The Paralympics open on August 24.

"Taking into consideration the impact of the delta strain, and in order to prevent the resurgence of infections from spreading across the country, we need to step up virus prevention measures," Mr Suga said.

Mr Suga, who had long favoured fans, hinted at a no-

fan Olympics in announcing the state of emergency.

"I have already said I won't hesitate to have no spectators," he added.

Just two weeks ago, organisers and the IOC allowed venues to be filled to 50% of capacity but crowds not to exceed 10,000.

The state of emergency has forced a late turnaround, which was always an option if infections got worse.

"We will have to consider the option of no spectators," Ms Marukawa said in opening remarks with the IOC and others as they went into meetings to discuss a ban on fans.

The main focus of the emergency is a request for bars, restaurants and karaoke parlours serving alcohol to close.

A ban on serving alcohol is a key step to tone down Olympic-related festivities and keep people from drinking and partying.

Tokyo residents are expected to face stay-at-home requests and watch the games on TV.

"How to stop people enjoying the Olympics from going out for drinks is a main issue," health minister Norihisa Tamura said.

The present state of emergency ends on Sunday.

Tokyo reported 896 new cases yesterday, up from 673 a week earlier.

It was the 19th straight day that cases have topped the mark set seven days prior.

New cases on Wednesday hit 920, the highest total since 1,010 were reported on May 13.

Nationwide, Japan has had about 810,000 cases and nearly 14,900 deaths.

Only 15% of Japanese are fully vaccinated.



Activists pose with a large rainbow-coloured heart in front of the country's parliament building in Budapest.

Hungary's anti-LGBT law

Justin Spike

Activists in Hungary erected a 10-metre-high rainbow-coloured heart opposite the country's neo-Gothic parliament, vowing to wage a civil disobedience campaign against a new law that they say discriminates against LGBT people and that has raised questions about what values the European Union stands for.

The law, which came into effect yesterday, prohibits the display of content depicting homosexuality or sex reassignment to minors but critics say its goal is to marginalise and stigmatise the LGBT community as the country marches steadily to the right under prime minister Viktor Orban.

The law has drawn intense opposition in Hungary and from the EU and has become a significant battleground in the fight over what the bloc represents.

Mr Orban and some other



Hungarian PM Viktor Orban is no stranger to controversy.

of LGBT young people, special information support, and violates rights and international standards.

"We think that the path we can pursue is disobedience, and we will not change anything about our activities," Luca Cordero, a spokesperson for the LGBT advocacy group, said.

One provision in the law bans organisations holding educational programmes on sexual orientation in schools unless they are approved by the government.

But Mr Dudits said the Society will continue to provide teachers with training and educational materials and offer their services to anyone regardless of their sexual orientation.

Many European countries have demanded the law be repealed, saying it violates the bloc's values.

European Commission president Ursula von

Haiti under state of siege after president assassinated at home

Evens Sanon

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Police say they have arrested four more suspects in the assassination of Mr Moise, bringing the total to six detained.

Officials pledged to find all those responsible for the pre-dawn raid on Mr Moise's home early on Wednesday in which the president was shot to death and his wife, Martine, critically wounded.

She was flown to Miami for treatment.

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Claude Joseph assumed leadership of Haiti with the backing of police and the military, and decreed a two-week state of siege following Mr Moise's killing, which stunned a nation grappling with some of the Western Hemisphere's highest poverty, violence and political instability.

Inflation and gang violence have spiralled upward as food and fuel grew scarcer in a country where 60% of Haitians earn less than two US dollars a day.

The increasingly dire situation comes as Haiti is still trying to recover from the devastating 2010 earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016 following a history of dictatorship and political upheaval.

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Date 9th July 2021
Ann Doherty
Chief Executive
Cork City Council

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"The pursuit of the mercenaries continues," Leon Charles, director of Haiti's National Police, said on Wednesday night in announcing the arrest of suspects.

"Their fate is fixed: They will fall in the fighting or will be arrested."

Officials did not provide any details about the suspects, including their nationalities, nor did they address a motive or say what led police to them.

They said only that the attack condemned by Haiti's main opposition parties and the international community was carried out by "a highly trained and heavily armed group", whose members spoke Spanish or English.

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"There is this void now, and they are scared about what will happen to their loved ones," said Marlene Bastien, executive director of Family Action Network Movement, a group that helps people in Miami's Little Haiti community.

She said it was important for the administration of US president Joe Biden to take a much more active role in supporting attempts at national dialogue in Haiti with the aim of holding free, fair and credible elections.

Haiti had grown increasingly unstable under Mr Moïse, who had been ruling by decree for more than a year and faced violent protests as critics accused him of trying to amass more power while the opposition demanded he step down.

Belarus blocks website

Yuras Karmanau

The Belarusian authorities blocked the website of a leading online media outlet and detained several of its journalists, the latest move in a sweeping crackdown on dissent and independent media in the ex-Soviet nation.

Belarus' information ministry said it has blocked Nasha Niva's website after the Prosecutor General's office had accused it of posting unspecified unlawful information.

The Belarusian Association of Journalists (BAJ) said that the authorities conducted searches at Nasha Niva's offices, detained its chief editor Yahor Martsinovich and editor Andrey

Skurko and searched their apartments. Another four Nasha Niva journalists could not be reached, the BAJ said.

Nasha Niva journalist Artsem Harbatsevich likened the crackdown to the authorities' earlier action against another top independent news portal, Tut.by, which similarly saw its website blocked and journalists detained in May.

"It's a crackdown on the editorial office in the worst Soviet-era tradition," Mr Harbatsevich said in a telephone interview from Minsk.

Nasha Niva, which was founded in 1906, is the oldest and the most authoritative Belarusian media outlet.

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