Hi, I'm Pádraig Rice

I'm running in this election because I want to make Cork a better place for everyone.

I live in Ballyphehane and work as a Policy and Research Manager and human rights campaigner. I studied Law in UCC and have a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Oxford.

I believe that Cork City Council could be doing so much more, particularly when it comes to providing affordable housing, tackling dereliction, improving our public spaces, fixing our footpaths and addressing climate change and biodiversity loss.

I am hardworking, committed and passionate, and I would love an opportunity to represent you on Cork City Council.



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I am asking for your number 1 Vote

The Local Elections will take place on **Friday, June 7th**.

If elected, I pledge to:

- Prioritise the delivery of **social and affordable homes**
- Tackle **vacancy and dereliction**
- Fight for increased funding to **fix our footpaths and repair our roads**
- Push for **enhanced public spaces** with the provision of public toilets, more benches, bins, trees and free drinking water
- Push for serious and sustained **climate action**
- Most importantly, work hard, be honest and provide hope that **things can get better if we work together**



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Your Local Election Candidate

Investing in public spaces

The Council is responsible for maintaining our public spaces. The city needs to be properly cleaned, and public spaces need to be improved. In recent years, things have gotten worse, not better. The City Council needs to start getting the basics right

I will fight for:

- Footpaths to be fixed
- Roads to be repaired
- Public toilets to be provided
- Enhanced public spaces with more benches, bins, trees and free drinking water
- More places for people to play and cultural groups to thrive



Climate action now

The climate and biodiversity crisis affects all areas of our lives and addressing it should be a core focus for Cork City Council.

If elected, I will push for accessible and effective public transport across the city, better preparation for flooding and better integration of climate policy at the City Council level.



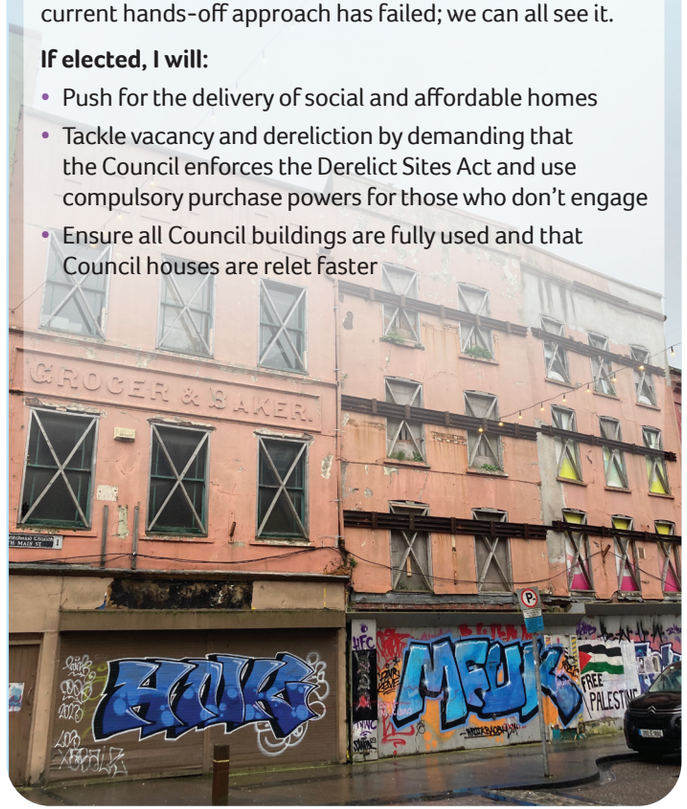
Tackle the housing crisis

I believe in building sustainable communities. That means treating houses as homes for people, not investment opportunities for vulture funds. The reality is that rents in Cork are unaffordable, and house prices are far too high for people on average incomes.

Cork is blighted by dereliction. Too many buildings have been left to rot. Within 2 km of the city centre, there are 700 vacant and derelict buildings. This can't continue. The current hands-off approach has failed; we can all see it.

If elected, I will:

- Push for the delivery of social and affordable homes
- Tackle vacancy and dereliction by demanding that the Council enforces the Derelict Sites Act and use compulsory purchase powers for those who don't engage
- Ensure all Council buildings are fully used and that Council houses are relet faster



In the last budget, Cork City Council allocated **just €200,000 for footpath repair for the whole city**. Is it any wonder our footpaths are in pieces? I will campaign to increase this funding.



More power to you

The Council delivers bread and butter services in our community like libraries, parks, playgrounds, housing, active travel and planning.

A Councillor's job is to be the bridge between you and these services and make informed decisions to serve your best interests.

Are you being heard?



How does local government work?

Not very well, currently. The truth is Ireland has one of the weakest systems of local government in Europe. It badly needs reform.

As social democrats, we want to:

- Deliver more power at a local council level so that communities have a greater say in how their own areas are developed
- Create a funding system that takes account of population growth and the increased need for services in growing areas

Can I vote for you?

Yes, if you live in the **Cork City South Central Local Electoral Area**, are 18 or over on polling day on June 7th, and are registered to vote (visit **checktheregister.ie**), you can vote for me in the local elections.

Anyone who is resident in Ireland can vote in the local elections. You do not need to be an Irish or EU Citizen.