



Subject:	Request for Illumination of City Hall to mark International Safe Abortion Day 2026
Date:	21 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Nora Largey, City Solicitor and Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Christopher Burns, Interim Functions and Exhibition Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
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5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a request received from the National Women's Council of Ireland for illumination of City Hall in the colour green to mark International Safe Abortion Day, on the 28 September 2026.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: review the request in line with the illumination criteria and make a recommendation to approve or decline this request and rationale for decision.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background Information</u> Members will be aware that requests for the use of City Hall LED illumination system are managed by the Function Management team who review requests in line with criteria approved by members. <i>Criteria in Appendix One.</i>
3.2	Members from time to time as the criteria allows make specific requests to the Chief Executive (or his/her nominee) who see if the request meets the criteria and can be facilitated and liaise with party group leaders to see if a consensus to proceed exists. If so, the request is facilitated; if not the request will either be rejected or, exceptionally, as in this case may be presented to Committee for a decision if time permits.
3.3	While all requests are assessed against the current criteria, it should be noted also that Members frequently do approve requests which fall outside the current agree criteria. Recent examples would include <i>World Refugee Day 2026, International Overdose Awareness Day 2026</i> and <i>Palliative Care Week 2026</i>.
3.4	This request has been received the National Women's Council of Ireland who in their request to Council noted that "<i>International Safe Abortion Day is a global day of action to demand access to safe and legal abortion care everywhere. The day highlights the public health importance of ensuring access to safe and legal abortion care for all those who need it.</i>" They asked if Elected Members would consider illuminating City Hall in green on 28 September, "<i>to mark progressive abortion law and policy across Europe and to stand with those across Europe who still experience harmful obstacles to abortion care. The colour of the campaign is green to call for safer and more accessible abortion.</i>" The request forms part of a wider, coordinated illumination and visibility effort taking place across European cities this year, building on similar actions in 2025.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> Any costs incurred by delivery of an additional illuminate will be met from existing budgets.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None identified at this time.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Current Illumination governance