



Report to the Protocol Committee - Approval for the publication of the book “The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution” by Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha & Dublin City Council

Following on from his term as Ardmhéara, Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha has researched and written a book on *The Mansion House and the Irish Revolution*.

Taking a non-partisan approach, the book brings together the key events that happened in the Mansion House from 1912-1923 which led to the formation of the Irish State. It is a notable work of original research and is a major contribution to our knowledge of the period. As a place where freedom of speech and freedom of assembly could be exercised by all, the Mansion House was the venue for a series of public and private meetings, including a National Convention on the Home Rule Bill in 1912; the Dublin Industrial Peace Committee in response to the 1913 lockout; welcoming home Irish political prisoners in 1917; celebrations of the Russian Revolution in 1918; the Anti-Conscription Conference in 1918; the inaugural meeting of Dáil Éireann in 1919 and subsequent public and private sessions of the first and second Dáil Éireann; meetings to negotiate a Truce to end the War of Independence in 1921, and the Cabinet meeting held in the Drawing Room on 8th December 1921 to deliberate and vote on the Anglo-Irish Treaty which had been signed in London leading to the partition of Ireland. It was also the official address of Dáil Éireann with correspondence being directed to the Mansion House.

Councillor Mac Donncha worked with the City Archivist Dr Mary Clark on the book and she recommends it be considered for funding under the City Council’s Decade of Commemoration budget. The book will be published by the City Council as part of the Decade of Commemorations series, and paid for from the Commemorations cost centre. Any and all profits accruing from the book would accrue to the Council’s Decade of Commemorations cost centre and Cllr Mac Donncha would receive no payment for his work on the publication.

Following approval of the Protocol Committee, the proposal will go to the Commemorations Committee for its approval.

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