



CBA
Cork Business
Association

2025

IN REVIEW





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GOVERNANCE

A YEAR OF GROWTH



Team Strategy Day kicks off 2025 planning.

Monthly Executive Meetings with Cork City Council & An Garda Síochána.

New Positions open on CBA Board and Executive. Office team also expands.



Dave O'Brien appointed CBA President.

Membership grows by 100%.



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CELEBRATING CORK CITY BUSINESS



Businesses celebrated at Cork Business of the Year Awards with 13 winners announced. Evening included a stunning chef collaboration.

Awards hosted by Matt Cooper with guests including Taoiseach Micheál Martin & EU Commissioner Seamus McGrath.



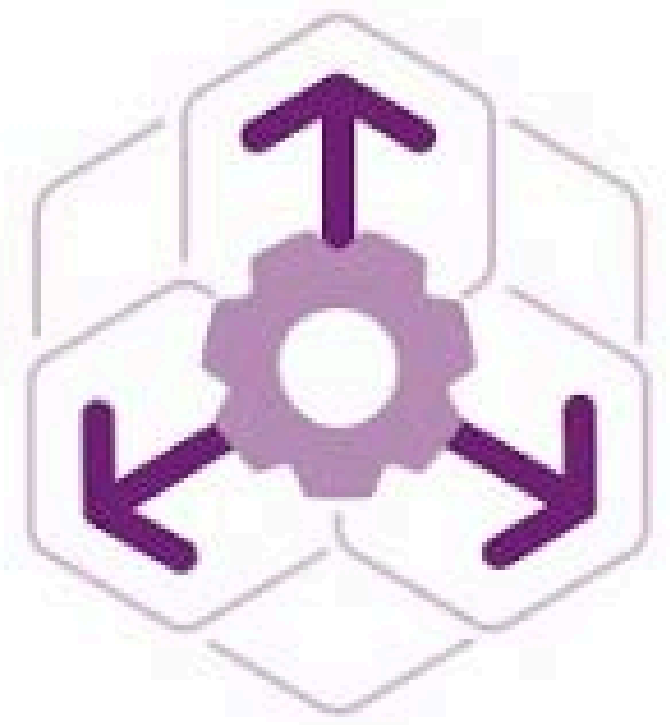
Better Building Awards held at the Metropole Hotel with 14 winners honoured.

Christmas Display Awards returned for their second year.



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CORK CITY 2030 BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Climate Action Clinics help members access climate grants.

Support for Cork Luas & Northern Distributor Road announced.

Submission made on expanded Mahon Point plans.

Housing Solutions Paper developed with members and presented to Seamus McGrath TD.



Luncheon event at The Imperial to discuss Housing Crisis with key sector leaders.





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SAFE & CLEAN



CBA secures funding for Cork City Wardens. 4 Wardens now on patrol in collaboration with Cork City Council.



Meetings with Chief Superintendent Myers & Superintendent Deasy.

First Cleaning & Greening days on North Main St & Oliver Plunkett St.



Member Safety and Cleanliness event at Clayton, Lapps Quay.

Christmas lights installed for Corkmas parade.



Gardai announce 48 new Guards for the city.





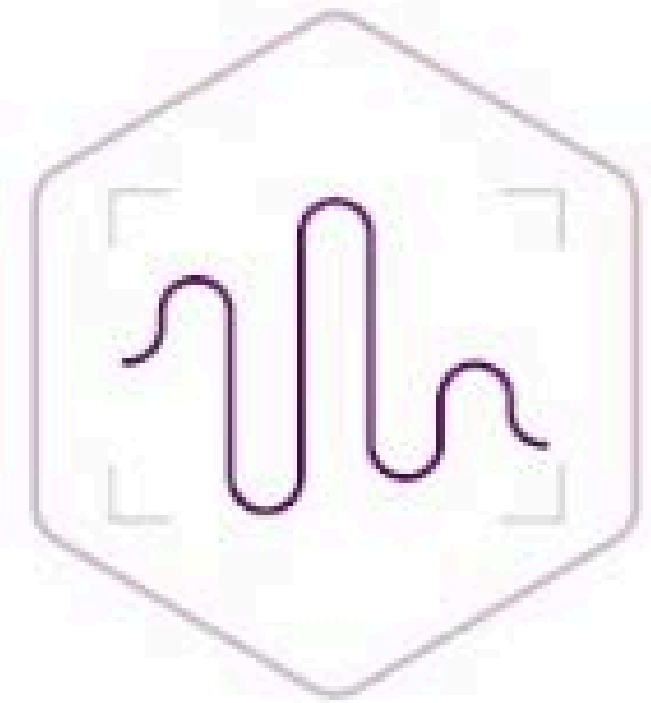
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BUSINESS ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

Keeping Cork City on the National Agenda

Meetings held with:

- Seamus McGrath TD
- Colm Burke TD
- Minister Jerry Buttimer
- Minister Jim O'Callaghan
- Minister James Browne
- MEP Billy Kelleher



Quarterly meetings
with Cork City Council
Chief Executive &
Senior Team.

Monthly meetings
and continuous
liaison with An Garda
Siochana.





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FINANCE & COST OF BUSINESS



CBA Budget Submission published and submitted.

Strong reaction issued to delay of VAT rate cut for the food sector.

Public warnings on unsustainable business cost increases.

Positive response to Budget 2026 with calls for additional measures.



Pension Auto-Enrolment webinar delivered with Xeinadin Finance.





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MEMBER EVENTS & NETWORKING



12 Member Events held in 2025

Highlights: Events & Initiatives

New Cork City Council Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team introduced at Clayton Hotel breakfast.

CBA Member Cruise with Cork Harbour Tours.

Cork on a Fork member event at Dunnes Stores, St Patrick's Street.



Annual Lord Mayor's Walk with member visits.

Partnership with Cork City FC for FAI Cup Final – city goes green!

Members Christmas Breakfast at James Whelan Butchers.





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SUPPORTING CORK'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

3 Coffee House Lates events
across the city – up to 15
Coffee Shops participating at
each



Leave a Light On 2025
launched and running
through Feb 2026.

First call issued for
Cork's inaugural
Cocktail Week 2026.





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Get Involved and help shape
Cork City's future and access
support for your business.

*Here's to a
Prosperous
2026!*