

ment office revamp cost €125,000

old office walls
glass partitions,
"increasing the
he River Shannon
romoting the
region to visitors
ouncil", according
ouncil document.
nditure has been
by members of
cil who recently
a budget with

around €2m of cuts to
front-line services.

In this context, Cllr
James Collins, Fianna Fail's
metropolitan leader, said:
"It is very disappointing
to hear there are large
sums of money available
to refurbish, in effect, the
manager's office."

There is also
disappointment that

councillors had not been
told previously about the
spend.

But a spokesperson for
the council has said the
works brought "improved
facilities" to the "working
environment".

The spokesperson
added: "The works were
designed, specified and
overseen by the council's

in-house architect and
facilities management
staff with no expenditure
incurred on professional
fees as a result".

The documents reveal
€86,789.49 went on
maintenance.

"These works included
replacement of ceiling

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Cllr James Collins: spend is
'disappointing' in context of cuts

on 'is an problem'



Cllr Sean Lynch wants buyers of
sex criminalised

happened here, he believed, the
organised gangs would move
out of prostitution as it would
not be profitable any more. This
had been the case in Sweden,
he argued. "As long as there is
money, there will be supply,"
he said.

"The Government needs
to approve this bill as quickly
as possible," Cllr Lynch said.
However, he argued, that
in order to enforce the law,
a dedicated garda unit was
essential" and he called for
one to be set up in each garda

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'Is the ghost of Frank McCourt with us here?'

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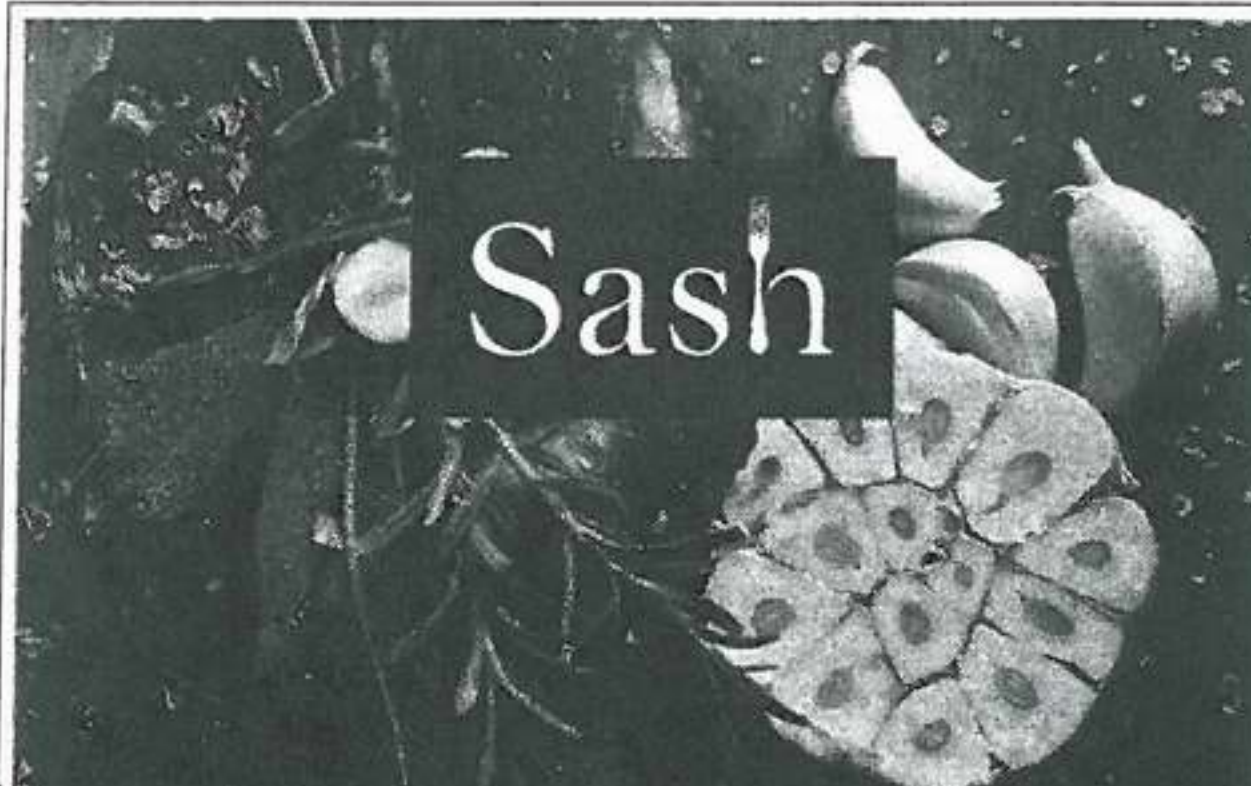
THE SPIRIT of Frank McCourt
could well be lurking around his
former school and the museum
currently in his name, as the six-
year anniversary of his death
approaches.

Alphie, Joe, Jimmy, Seanie, and
Francis were among the names
of children who came to the
minds of a team of paranormal
investigators as they carried out
a seance in the Frank McCourt
museum last week.

Alphie is also a brother of Frank
- still alive and living in New York
- but there was no mention of any
of the deceased siblings of the
famous author - Eugene, Oliver,
Margaret, or indeed their parents
Angela and Malachy.

Anthony Kerrigan, one of the
paranormal investigators with
Ghost Eire, which has about five
members nationwide, said while
their investigations have not

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