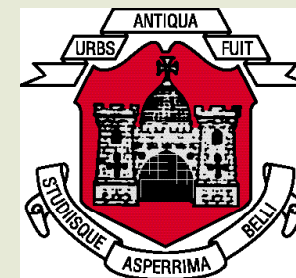


LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL working towards a sustainable city

In 2001 Limerick City Council continued to provide a diverse range of local authority services for the benefit of City residents, businesses, and all those who visit or work in our great city. From development control to environmental standards, we are working to achieve a cleaner, safer, and more attractive place to live, work or run a business.



promoting social inclusion
& urban regeneration



LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

To provide democratic leadership and support for our community by the development of policy and delivery of quality services which enhance quality of life and provide for the future sustainable development of our city.

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COUNCILLOR DICK SADLIER MAYOR OF LIMERICK CITY



As a city, Limerick has developed at an astonishing pace, by any standards, in the last ten years. A recent audit on investment in the physical infrastructure of our city has shown total expenditure in excess of €1000 million during that period. The evidence of this is to be seen on every street and in every parish and area of Limerick where the old slums and extensive dereliction have, thankfully, been swept away forever. Gone is the Limerick depicted by Frank McCourt in "Angela's Ashes" and in its place is a progressive, dynamic and outward looking people moving forward with confidence into the new Millennium.

It is tremendously gratifying to have been a part of this redevelopment and even still more heartening to see it maintained and, indeed, accelerated in recent years. The year 2001 saw the completion and opening of the new Marina, an initiative which should see the River Shannon used extensively as an enjoyable recreational amenity by the sailing and boating community and, in the process, substantially increase the number and range of visitors to the heart of our city. The Main Drainage Programme is now approaching completion of Phase 1 and this, as the largest single civil engineering project ever undertaken in Limerick, will significantly improve the environment of the Shannon for many generations to come. It was indeed interesting to note that, in the course of these programmes, an extensive excavation took place on the riverbed and yielded up some 12,000 artifacts, giving a tremendous insight into the history of Limerick. Foremost among these was the old port seal dating back to 1550 and this is now proudly on display in the Jim Kemmy Museum. Some cannon balls from the sieges that, quite remarkably, contained unused and unexploded gunpowder, were also recovered. This exhibition is currently on display in the Jim Kemmy Museum and, to those who have an interest in history, it is guaranteed to provide a most fascinating experience.

It has been another tremendous sporting year for Limerick in all codes including rugby, hurling, senior and junior soccer, a gold medal win by Limerick's own most famous oarsman, Sam Lynch, together with many other memorable sporting victories. Music, arts and culture have also been alive and vibrant and, as ever, innovative and imaginative in their ongoing progress throughout the year. Our Third Level Educational Institutions have continued to flourish and grow and Limerick now hosts some 18,000 students in full-time third level education – another ringing endorsement of the richness and range of opportunities open to our younger generations.

The history of Limerick has always been proud if sometimes troubled, but the spirit of our people has forever been indomitable. This, together with the positively channelled and carefully planned progress in so many facets of our city, ensures that we are well poised to build on the foundations now in place. I can say, with some conviction, that I am confident that the future of Limerick and its people is brighter and more positive than has ever been the case in the past.

It has been a great honour and privilege for me to serve as Mayor of this beautiful and ancient city.

Go mba fada buan r sean chathair rsa lainn stairi il.

"the changed management and staffing structures, introduced during the year, have helped the organisation bring a stronger focus on quality service and value to our customers"

BRENDAN KEATING LIMERICK CITY MANAGER



OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

In the course of the year 2001, considerable progress was made across a large number of areas in the organisation. Our Corporate Plan 2001–2004, the Customer Service Action Plan along with the changed management and staffing structures, introduced during the year, have helped the organisation bring a stronger focus on quality service and value to our customers.

NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The re-organised political structures through the Council's five Strategic Policy Committees supported by the changed staffing arrangements have contributed to the improved organisational response to community needs.

DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Many improvements were made in 2001 in various different services, such as, the completion of the Abbey River Navigation Scheme with the associated Boating Marinas adjacent to the City Centre, the completion of the children's playground facilities in the Peoples Park, the completion of the Mary Street/Bridge Street/Charlotte's Quay, Streets Improvement Scheme. Among the projects commenced in 2001 were the City Centre Re-design project, the Healy's Field Leisure Centre project, the Arts Strategy, the Recreational Needs Study, the RAPID project in the Southside of the City, the Northside and the Island area.

Progress continues to be made in infrastructural development in and around the City, particularly with the Limerick Main Drainage project, the Limerick Southern Ring Road project and the development of a Metropolitan Broadband initiative.

PROGRESS IN SOCIAL HOUSING

The year 2001 saw a record number of 161 units completed as part of the 4-year Multi Annual Local Authority Housing Programme for the City. The Limerick City Development Board completed its integrated strategy for the Economic Social and Cultural development of the City and is now putting in place arrangements which will review progress of the various public sector agencies which have made commitments to deliver on the elements of the Strategy. The year 2001 also saw the organisation take on a new name, Limerick City Council.

IN APPRECIATION

Mar fhocal scoir, ba maith liom mo bhu ochas a chur in i l d'fhoireann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh as an obair iontach at d anta acu maidir le dul chun cinn na cathrach. Gabhaim bu ochas fresin leis an Maor, an Comhairleoir Riste rd O Saidl ir agus leis an iar Mhaor an Comhairleoir S an O Riain chomh maith le baill an Chomhairle as a gcuid taca ochta agus c naimh i rith na bliana.

Teasta onn uaim mo bhu ochas a chur in i l do bhaill na gc ig gcoiste polasa strat iseach as an gc namh agus as an gcomhairle a thugadar dtaobh chursa polasa .

MEMBERS OF LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH LUIMNIGH



Alderman Peter Power TD
FF



Alderman Jan O'Sullivan TD
Lab



Councillor Diarmuid Scully
FG



Alderman Patrick Kennedy
FG



Councillor Kathleen Leddin
Non-Party



Councillor John Gilligan
Non-Party



Councillor Ger Fahy
FG



Councillor Maria Byrne
FG



Councillor John Ryan
Lab



Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon
FF



Councillor Jack Bourke
FF



Councillor Joe Ieddin
Lab



Councillor John Cronin
FF



Councillor Larry Cross
FF



Alderman Michael Kelly
Non-Party



Councillor Michael Hourigan
FG



Councillor Dick Sadlier
FF

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES

ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES



Mr. Stephen Finn
Social Policy & Housing



Ms. Monica McElvaney
Social Policy & Housing



Mr. Albert Cullen
Social Policy & Housing



Mr. Derek Mulchay
Social Policy & Housing



Mr. David O'Mahony
Culture & Sport



Mr. Ray Collins
Culture & Sport



Ms. Phyl McCarthy
Culture & Sport



Mr. Bill Windrim
Environment



Mr. Dick Collins
Environment



Mr. Glen McLoughlin
Environment



Mr. Tony Brazil
Transportation & Infrastructure



Mr. Michael O'Brien
Transportation & Infrastructure



Mr. Sean Treacy
Transportation & Infrastructure,
Economic Development
& Future Planning



Mr. Tony O'Shea
Economic Development
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Mr. Jim Long
Economic Development
& Future Planning



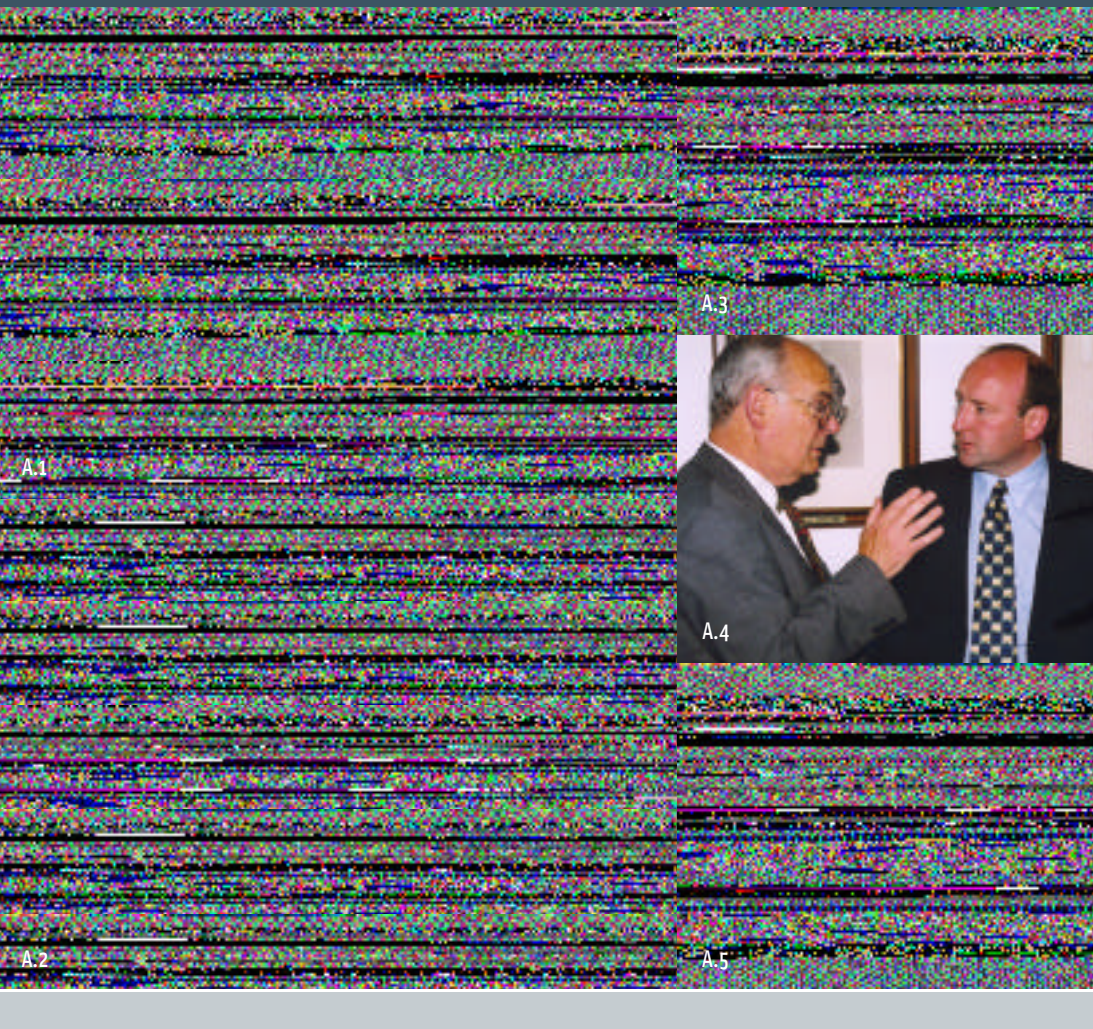
Mr. Tadhg Kearney
Economic Development
& Future Planning

Other members: Terence Foley Environment

Vacant Positions: Culture & Sport x 1
Transportation & Infrastructure x 1

2001 highlights

FOCUSING ON OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



12th June, 2001
Civic Reception – Limerick Civic Trust
 To acknowledge the contribution by Limerick Civic Trust in working for the betterment of Limerick and its community in the restoration/Preservation of our Architectural Environment and Heritage.

A.1 (l-r) Denis Leonard, Limerick Civic Trust, Brendan Keating, Limerick City Manager, Mayor John Ryan, Hiram Wood, Chairman Limerick Civic Trust

A.2 (l-r) Dr. Roger Downer, President University of Limerick with Mayor John Ryan

A.3 (l-r) Judge Tom O'Donnell with Arthur Quinlan

A.4 (l-r) Cian O'Carroll and Pat Daly, Regional Manager Shannon Development

A.5 (l-r) Billy Peacock, Des O'Sullivan, and Flan O'Neill



7th November, 2001
Civic Reception to honour Sam Lynch for his Gold Medal Triumph in the Men's Lightweight Single Sculls in Lucerne, Switzerland in the World Rowing Championships.

B.1 Sam Lynch in action on the river

B.2 (l-r) Mayor Dick Sadlier congratulating Sam on his great achievement

B.3 Council members with Sam at the reception

B.4 Mayor Dick Sadlier introduces Sam to council members and guests

B.5 (l-r) Sam Lynch with his parents Tom and Geraldine



28th November, 2001
Civic Reception in honour of His Eminence, Desmond Cardinal Connell's first visit to the City of Limerick.

C.1 Cardinal Connell being welcomed by Bishop Mayes, Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick

C.2 Mayor Dick Sadlier and City Council personnel welcoming Cardinal Connell to City Hall

C.3 Mayor Dick Sadlier presenting Cardinal Connell with a Limerick Market scene painting by Tom Greaney

C.4 (l-r) City Manager Brendan Keating, Bishop of Limerick - Bishop Murray, Mayor Dick Sadlier, Deputy Mayor Councillor Maria Byrne, Mary Sadlier and Cardinal Connell

FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK

Conferred on BILL WHELAN & JP McMANUS



One of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies still in existence today is the granting of the Freedom of the City of Limerick. The first Freedom of Limerick City was presented in 1877.

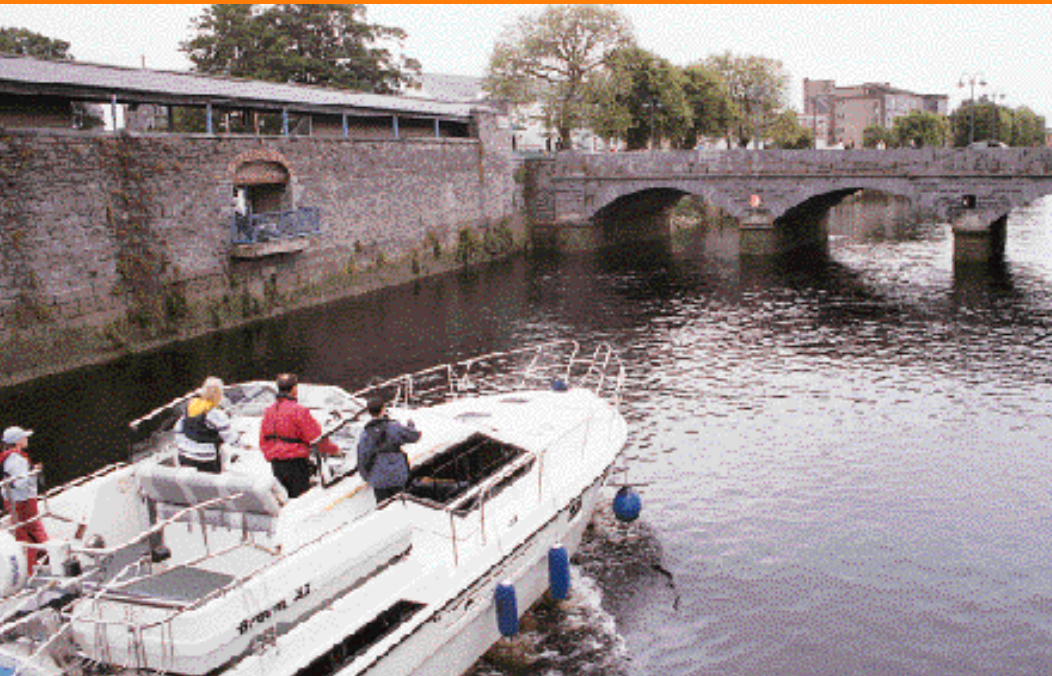
FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK 2001

The conferring ceremony was held in City Hall, May 4th 2001, with a reception in a Marquee, King John's Castle. JP McManus and Bill Whelan were honoured by Limerick City Council for their exceptional and unique contributions to the common good, to the business, commercial, educational and cultural life of the City and for bringing credit to the City.

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| A.1 Bill Whelan signing Roll of Freeman with Mayor John Ryan | B.1 JP and Noreen McManus in Mayoral Suite with Mayor John Ryan | C.1 JP and Bill in Mayoral Suite before conferring ceremony |
| A.2 Bill Whelan conducting the Boherbuoy Band at entrance to the conferring ceremony | B.2 JP McManus accepting his Certificate of Freedom from Mayor John Ryan | C.2 Honorary Freeman John Hunt (1997) with Dr. Brendan O'Regan (1995) |
| A.3 Bill and Denise Whelan in Mayoral Suite with Mayor John Ryan | B.3 Mayor John Ryan, JP McManus and City Manager, Brendan Keating | C.3 Noreen McManus being welcomed to City Hall by Marie Cantillon, Administrative Officer and Larry Coyle, Senior Executive Engineer Planning |
| A.4 Bill Whelan being congratulated by Alderman Jan O'Sullivan, T.D. | B.4 JP McManus with his mother Bridie | C.4 Bill and JP entering Conferring Hall |
| A.5 Bill and Denise Whelan being welcomed to Limerick by Bishop of Limerick - Bishop Murray | B.5 JP McManus during conferring ceremony | C.5 JP, Bill and Mayor John Ryan after ceremony on way to reception in King John's Castle |
| | | C.6 A delighted Andrew O'Byrne, piper for the conferring ceremony |



2001 highlights
FOCUSING ON OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



OFFICIAL OPENING OF LIMERICK MARINA
S le de Valera, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands at the opening of the New Limerick Navigation & Marina



NEW PLAYGROUND AT PEOPLES PARK
A delighted Mayor John Ryan hosted a Teddy Bear's picnic to mark the official opening of the playground on 2nd June 2001. The range of playground features were designed to provide challenges for children up to ten years of age. The fun factor elements include spring animals, pedal roundabout, timber waltzer, samba wobbly deck and foot and paw prints randomly incorporated into the play surface, made of impact absorbing colour synthetic. Timber platforms are linked using rope walls and steel tunnels, while activity panels provide for more fun activities. The play units are roofed to provide shelter in wet weather. The investment cost for this worthy project was €304,738 (IRE240,000).



SOLIDARITY & BUSINESS MISSION TO NEW YORK
Limerick Chamber of Commerce participated in an initiative by Shannon Town Commissioners to travel on a solidarity and business mission to New York, December 2001. The purpose of the visit was to demonstrate their solidarity with US and American colleagues post September 11th and also to demonstrate that the Shannon-New York Aviation Gateway was fully open for business. The highlights of the visit was a moving speech and presentation of a post rescue scene painted by Limerick Artist Una Heaton by Mayor Dick Sadlier and presentation of a holiday package by Chamber Chief Executive Brendan Woods. Delegates for the occasion were joined by Frank and Malachy McCourt.

(l-r) Mayor Dick Sadlier with Jack Irwin, Irish Radio Network U.S.A.



PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE BUSINESS IN LIMERICK CITY
Limerick City Council together with Shannon Development, IDA Ireland, Limerick City Development Board, Lodis Limerick and Limerick Chamber of Commerce have successfully collaborated to develop and launch this major new marketing initiative : Limerick - Ready to Do Business.

This initiative will enable the city as a whole to have a more focused pro-active approach in its efforts to attract more business to Limerick - particularly the city centre area. Important elements of the project include the Limerick Business Desk, Information Pack and Business Ambassador programme. All agencies and interest groups in the city work closely and offer a single voice to interested businesses.

(l-r) Brendan Keating, City Manager, Liam McGelligot, Chairman Shannon Development, David O'Mahony, President Chamber of Commerce and Brendan Lane, Grant Thornton launch the Ambassador Programme.

IMPROVING TRANSPORT - A YEAR OF PROGRESS

AS WELL AS ACTIVELY PROMOTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT, THE CITY COUNCIL SEEKS TO KEEP TRAFFIC FLOWING, EASE ACCESS AND SAFE PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE ROAD USERS, EFFECTIVELY PLAN AND MANAGE THE HIGHWAY NETWORK AND IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY AND AIR QUALITY. ALL THESE ARE VITAL TO ENHANCING THE CITY'S REPUTATION AS THE BEST PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.



The main areas of responsibility of the Roads and Traffic Section of Limerick City Council are, road construction, design and maintenance, traffic management and safety and public lighting.

The public road network of the city is made up as follows:

National Primary	15.23km
National Secondary	2.13km
Regional Roads	17.49km
Local Roads	144.80km
Total	179.65km

Road Funding for 2001 was as follows:

Grants		
National Primary Road Maintenance	€330,132	(IR£260,000)
Thomond Bridge	€634,869	(IR£500,000)
N7 Realignment (Parkway to Plassey)	€2,539,476	(IR£2,000,000)
Urban Traffic Control System	€127,000	(IR£ 100,000)
Block Grant Non-National Roads	€457,106	(IR£ 360,000)
Special Block Grant Non-National Roads	€463,454	(IR£365,000)
Specific Improvement Grants	€812,632	(IR£640,000)
Limerick City Council Allocation:		
Footpath Repairs	€253,948	(IR£200,000)
Road Repairs	€253,948	(IR£200,000)
Public Lighting	€488,849	(IR£385,000)
Miscellaneous	€1,568,650	(IR£1,235,412)
Traffic Administration	€982,266	(IR£773,597)

NATIONAL ROADS

REALIGNMENT OF THE DUBLIN ROAD

Work commenced in 2001 to provide a four-lane road running from the Parkway Roundabout to Plassey Road Roundabout. The scheme, which is funded by the National Roads Authority, costs €4.4m (IR£3.46).

SOUTHERN RING ROAD

Limerick City Council participates with Limerick County Council and Clare County Council in the development of the Southern Ring Road. Phase 1, running from Rosbrien (N20) to Annacotty (N7) with an intersection on the Tipperary Road (N24) commenced in April 2001 and is scheduled to be completed in 2004.



Southern Ring Road

NON-NATIONAL ROADS

SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A special grant was provided by the Department of the Environment & Local Government towards strengthening works on New Road/John's Square, Longpavement, Athlunkard St/Corbally Road, Rosbrien Road and Lord Edward Street.

BLOCK GRANTS AND SPECIAL BLOCK GRANTS

Funding from the Department of the Environment & Local Government in respect of block grants and special block grants aided footpath restoration that was carried out at a wide range of locations.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Traffic Calming schemes as agreed with the City Council were provided in various locations. Funding was received from the Department of the Environment & Local Government.

URBAN TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

Limerick City Council advertised for shortlisting of contractors/operators for the development of an Adaptive Urban Traffic Control System (AUTC). This system should allow for improved traffic movement and greater pedestrian facility and safety. The AUTC system will be implemented over the next two years and will provide for increased number of controlled junctions in the city.

RISK MANAGEMENT

During the year additional finance was required to finance a specific risk management programme targeting surface defects, old reinstatements etc.

In 2001, Limerick City Council acquired a durapatcher, a specially designed machine for pothole repair to target areas of high risk so as to minimise exposure to risks.

PLANNING LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Limerick City Council is the lead authority in the Planning Land Use and Transportation Study.



Parkway/N7 Re-alignment



OUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT

A SUSTAINABLE CITY

A clean environment, quality of life and economic prosperity go hand in hand

To meet the challenge of the city's litter problem Limerick City Council appointed an Environment Inspector with responsibilities for coordinating litter prevention programmes and the essential practical work of enforcing existing litter laws. The result of this initiative is double the number of litter fines. Over 355 fines issued since the appointment of the new Inspector.

A mandatory requirement of the Litter pollution Act 1997 is the review of the 1998 Limerick City Council Litter Management Plan. The review is now complete and the amended plan is being prepared. The valuable knowledge gained, coupled with tangible results achieved during the period of the 1998 plan and the participation of Shannon Development and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce in the development of a number of initiatives, were critical in the development of the revised Litter Management Plan.

City litter bin collection methods are in a constant process of evolution and the introduction of a new Stainless Steel Frame bin propels this process considerably forward. Seventy new bins have now been installed throughout the city and these will no doubt go a long way towards helping council staff maintain a cleaner environment.

The identification and mapping of nationwide Potential Litter Generators is the task of the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System. Limerick City Council allocated the necessary resources to implement this project, including essential litter surveys. The main goal of this important monitoring system is to identify the nature and extent of litter pollution at national and local level.

BYE-LAWS

Intoxicating Liquor Bye-laws were introduced to regulate, control and suppress the consumption of intoxicating liquor in public places.

Draft Bye-laws in relation to the Prohibition of Distribution to the Public of Advertising Material were also prepared. Submissions were received from three parties during the period for public inspection and it is anticipated that these bye-laws will be adopted in 2002. These Bye-laws also cover the prohibition of the distribution of advertising material in public areas.

REHABILITATION OF LONGPAVEMENT

Consultants were commissioned to prepare a plan setting out the remedial works (with full costings) required to rehabilitate the landfill site at Longpavement. An application for a licence for the rehabilitation works has been lodged with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Above: A heron on the canal bank



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PROTECTING OUR ASSETS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The 'City Wide' newsletter was launched and included articles and activities on litter and waste, with inputs from the Roads Section, Water Conservation, Parks and Fire Departments.

Earlier this year Limerick City Council offered to install a Battery Recycling facility in all city schools. Nearly all of the primary schools availed of the opportunity and most have the battery recycling container now installed.

BRING BANKS

The provision of one bring-site per 1000 households is the requirement of the Regional Waste Management Plan. With 18,000 households in Limerick city, the City Council successfully met its target with the provision of 20 bring-sites. Facilities at the existing sites were enhanced with the introduction of newspaper recycling facilities and plastic bottle banks at a number of locations.

PLASTIC RECYCLING INITIATIVE

A unique pilot project to collect and recycle plastic bottles in Limerick City, Limerick County, Clare and Kerry was launched in October. This is a completely new venture and the first of its kind in the Republic of Ireland. The sites selected in the city are Park Road Depot, Parkway Shopping Centre, Roxboro Shopping Centre, Bishops Quay and City Hall.

1 Reg Turner, new Environmental Inspector with Mayor Dick Sadlier

2 Students from McAuley School during National Spring Clean 2001

3 Derek Mooney and Ard Scoil R s students at launch of plastic bottle recycling initiative

4 Mayor John Ryan with Aoiife Conroy at launch of battery recycling initiative

5 Mayor with senior Bus Eireann personnel on Car-Free day

6 Mayor Dick Sadlier with Tommy Lenihan, Manager AIB Limerick, at Limerick Project School launch of Anti-Litter Awareness Art Competition

7 Ursula Hynes and Sinead McDonnell demonstrating the use of the home compost unit



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FOSTERING A CULTURE OF SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS & PARTNERSHIP
SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING



Our Housing Department had a very active and progressive year. During the year 2001 Limerick City Council had the highest completion rate of new dwellings in over a decade. Most notably 25 units were completed in Abbey View, Lee Estate, 46 houses and apartments were completed at Fairview Crescent, Garryowen, 13 houses and a community office were completed at Verdant Crescent, 19 houses and an estate management office was completed at Sunnyside Court, and 20 apartments were completed at Parkview, Hassetts Cross.

As part of Limerick City Council's estate management practice all residents in the new housing developments participated in pre-tenancy courses. These courses proved very successful and resulted in the establishment of local estate management groups in these new schemes. A development for the elderly at James Street incorporating 6 houses and one apartment also reached completion. Improvements to existing dwellings took place under Phase One of the Remedial Works Scheme at O'Malley Park.

Works also commenced on a substantial number of voluntary housing projects, including the Summer Street development, an inner city apartment complex for elderly people. 2001 saw the adoption of a three year Homeless Action Plan to tackle the issue of homelessness in the city. A number of the projects identified in the plan were initiated in 2001, including the purchase of a number of inner city sites.

In December, 2001 the contract in respect of the five year Windows and Doors Replacement Programme was signed. Agreement was reached with the unions regarding the restructuring of the housing maintenance service. It is hoped that the new structure will result in a more responsive and pro-active service to the public.

In accordance with Part V of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 Limerick City Council, in conjunction with neighbouring local authorities, adopted a Housing Strategy for incorporation into the City Development Plan.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN

Work continued on the preparation of plans for the conversion of two Halting Sites to Group Housing Schemes in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Plan.



Councillor John Ryan and Ger Cooley pictured at the official opening of the Park View housing scheme.



HOUSING PROJECTS

1. VERDANT CRESCENT, KINGS ISLAND

Thirteen houses and a community facility in the Kings Island Heritage Area, which enjoys magnificent views of the River Shannon

2 & 3: FAIRVIEW CRESCENT, GARRYOWEN

A highly sought after cul-de-sac development of 46 units, the largest development completed by the City Council in a number of years.

4: SUNNYSIDE COURT, JOHN CAREW PARK, LIMERICK

Nineteen households have taken up residence in this new housing development of two-storey houses. The development also includes a new office for the Keyes Carew Kincora Estate Management Group.

5: PARKVIEW, HASSETTS CROSS

This development of 20 units stands impressively at an important junction in Limerick City on the main Dublin to Ennis Road.

6: JAMES COURT, JAMES' STREET, OFF LOWER GERALD GRIFFIN STREET

A new development of two-bedroomed apartments built to the highest standards.





INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY, ENGAGING THE CITY

Limerick City Council oversees a comprehensive range of sporting and recreational facilities including Roxboro Swimming Pool, Rathbane Golf Course, Moylish Leisure Centre and some 30 playing pitches which are provided for use by the sporting organisations e.g. rugby, soccer and G.A.A.

During the year the facilities achieved the following:

	Usage	Revenue Generated
Moylish Leisure Centre	40,243	€58,749.38 (IRE46,268.90)
Roxboro Swimming Pool	41,418	€80,413.84 (IRE63,331.05)
Rathbane Golf Course	24,926	€31,7852.26 (IRE250,329)

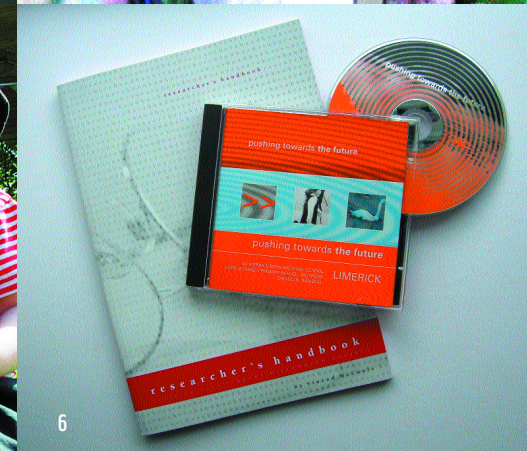
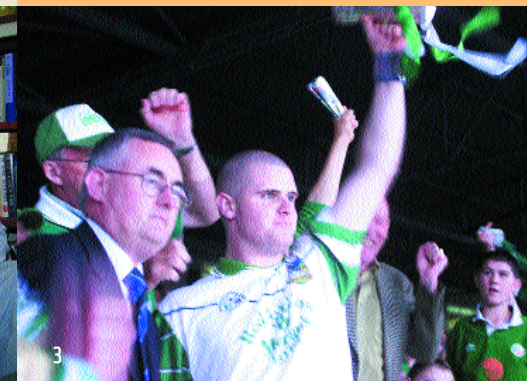
ARTS SERVICE

Two new major events were added to the 2001 Arts Calendar, The Cuisle Poetry Festival and Sionna: A festival of European Traditional Music. These events were made possible by the partnership approach adopted by the Arts Service and by the financial support from The Arts Council and The European Union.

Along with these two new events, the Arts Office was also involved in providing the following events during the year, UnFringed Festival of Theatre in the Belltable, The Kate O'Brien Weekend at the Hunt, ev+a 2001 in 17 venues throughout the city, Impact Theatre Company monthly poetry readings at Flannery's and a programme of exhibitions and events at the Museum Area in City Hall.

PARKS

During the year the on-going maintenance and development of public parks, open spaces, riverside walks, childrens playgrounds, pitches, decoration of public monuments and civic buildings and the maintenance of Rathbane Golf Course continued. Our tree surgery programme is ongoing and has improved the safety, health, appearance and longevity of the city's mature trees. Liaison with the Main Drainage Project ensures minimal disturbance to these mature trees.



JIM KEMMY MUSEUM

There were 680 additions to the museum collection in 2001 and an additional 9480 records were added to the museums computerised catalogue, which now contains 38,519 records. This project was grant-aided by the Heritage Council. 2001 was the final year of their 10-year support for the computerisation of local authority museum catalogues.

Visitor numbers were down from 12,000 in 2000 to 8400 in 2001, presumably due to the foot-and-mouth scare and to the acts of terrorism in the United States on 11 September.

LIMERICK ANCESTRY

Limerick Ancestry income for 2001 was almost the same as that of the previous year. Average spend per head rose from €46.34 (IRE36.50) in 2000 to €59.67 (IRE47.00) in 2001.

LIMERICK ARCHIVES

During 2001, the Archives acquired 76 volumes of Monteagle Estate papers, which gives Limerick one of the most complete estate paper collections for the post – 1800 period.

LIMERICK CITY LIBRARY

Recently arrived asylum seekers availed of all the Library services, and in particular, the Computer Facilities to keep in touch with relatives in their native countries. Language Tapes were also in great demand.

The highlight of the year was the publication of Our History Researcher's Handbook, written to guide second level students in their research of the special history topic for their Leaving Certificate. So successful is the handbook that a second print run is required.

St. Kieran's Boys National School, Corpus Christi Primary School, Moyross and Gaelscoil S írs al were invited to the library to take part in a Musician-in-Residence Programme. The outcome of the project involved the production of a CD of music and songs.

LIMERICK CITY GALLERY OF ART

A review of the Limerick City Gallery of Art operations formed the basis of a 3 year Development Plan – 2001 to 2004. The actions within the plan are designed to benefit individual artists, the city of Limerick, and art and culture generally. They build upon the opportunities afforded by recent physical extensions to the Gallery, the success of ev+a, the leading Irish exhibition of contemporary visual art which is based in the Gallery, the increasingly valuable Permanent Collection, the quality of the programme of temporary exhibitions, and the commitment of the individuals within and related to the Gallery.

RATHBANE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

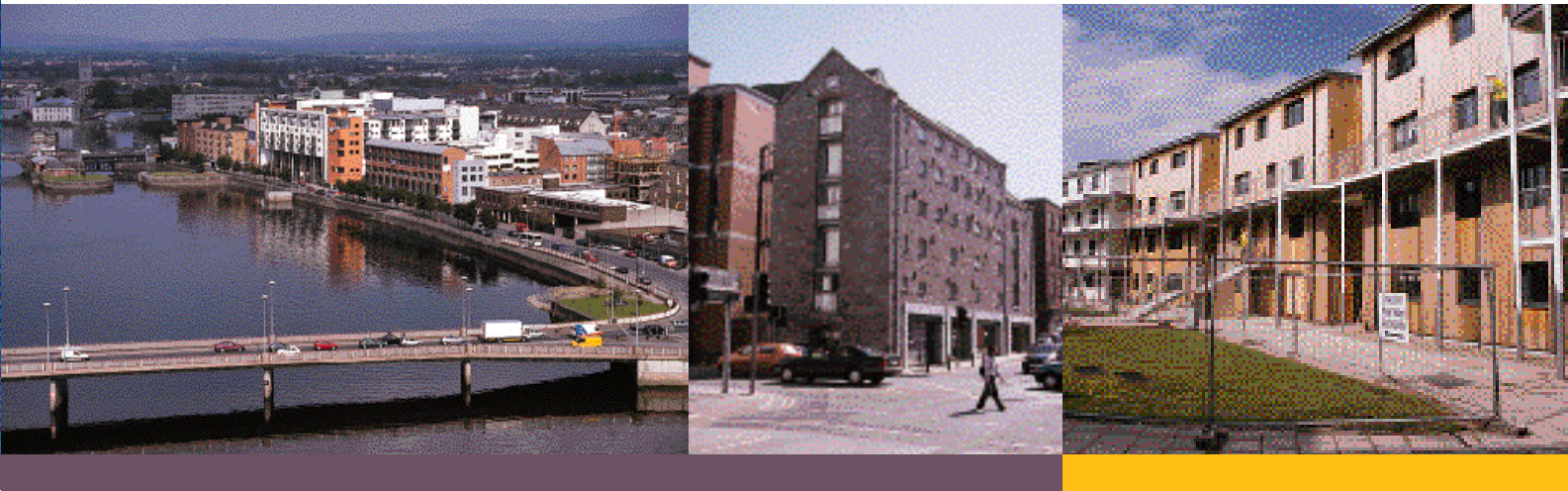
This relatively new social and economic asset provides a valuable amenity to all citizens in the city and the surrounding area. The 125 acre parkland course serves as an innovative response to social exclusion and economic disadvantage, being located adjacent to Southill and O'Malley Park residential communities.

The Clubhouse suffered fire damage in 2001. An application made during 2001 for funding to the Department of Tourism and Sport for a grant to extend this facility was successful. The course is managed on a contract basis by a private company, which collects the green fees and remits them to the Council. The maintenance and development of the course is the direct responsibility of the City Councils Parks Department.

- 1 Rathbane Municipal Golf Course
- 2 Delighted residents at Des Keoghs highly successful lecture in the City Library
- 3 Limerick's captain Timmy Houlihan raises the cup at the Munster Hurling Final in Limerick
- 4 Raquel Kohl, storyteller at Limerick City Library
- 5 Sophie McNamara(4), Sean O'Doherty(3) and Luke Doherty(3) from Joyland Play School at the Peoples Park Playground
- 6 Researcher's Handbook and "Pushing Towards the Future" CD
- 7 Brian and Alan Stuart at the Munster v Wasps game at Thomond Park



URBAN REGENERATION



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO FOSTER ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL REGENERATION

The primary goal of Limerick City Council outlined in the 1998 Development Plan is the promotion of economic and community development and the principal subsidiary goal to the achievement of this objective is the promotion of commercial and trading development of the City Centre and the promotion of industrial development within the City.

During the past year Limerick City Council continued with its endeavours to the overall achievement of this goal and one of the principal programmes involved in pursuit of this objective is through the Integrated Area Plan where 45 sites covering a total area of 50 acres are designated for special category taxation status. Throughout this programme a substantial number of new jobs will be created and the work will continue on the redevelopment of the inner city area that will add to the success already achieved under previous Urban Renewal Programmes.

The added incentives giving investor relief to the various sites designated under this programme and under the 'living over the shop scheme' has added an impetus to the interest in the sites and we are reasonably confident that 40 of the 45 sites will be completely developed within the lifetime of the scheme which has been extended to the period 31st December 2004.

Significant progress has been achieved this year in the construction of the following major projects: the Clarion Hotel on Steamboat Quay, the completion of the Harvey's Quay development, the redevelopment of the former abattoir premises to an Office Park on the Dock Road, the commencement of a major residential and leisure facility at Grove Island, Corbally, housing development on Stonetown Terrace O'Callaghan Strand, together with continued housing development in the Lower Park, Rhebogue and Childers Road area which in total has led to a major contribution to the overall infrastructural programme throughout the city.

The Limerick City Council has continued to play a leading role in this advancement by the placing of sites for disposal to encourage redevelopment in areas adjacent to the Inner City area thus ensuring that the comprehensive redevelopment of our City is continued. The success of this programme requires us to continue with the intensification of our plans to maximise the attractiveness of our City through encouragement of new developments.

A Vision for a New Look Limerick City Centre as envisaged by Nicholas de Jong Associates, which addressed two broad planning aims;
 1) creation of high quality open space
 2) enhanced accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport



RESOURCE EFFICIENCY & PERFORMANCE

Is iad cusp ir an chl r-gr pa seo:- Sol thar leordh thanach d' isce p obaithe a chur f il a bhfuil caighde n oiri nach ann le haghaidh s id t s agus le haghaidgh s id eile.

C ras leordh thanach s bh ilte a chur f il maidir le s archas agus iarmhar eile a iompar eile a iompra tear in uisce a dhi scairt.

LIMERICK MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

From an infrastructural and environmental perspective, the Main Drainage Scheme is a City and Environs project of major significance. The scheme is a key element in our urban infrastructure essential for continuity in growth of industrial, domestic and commercial developments well into this century. Limerick City and environs, as a result of this scheme, will soon fully comply with the EU Directive on Urban Waste Water Treatment (Directive 97/271/EEC).

The new Interceptor Sewer System which forms part of the Main Drainage Scheme will eliminate 50 sewer outfalls discharging directly to the Shannon and Abbey Rivers.

Key elements of the project are:

Waste Water Treatment Facility at Bunlicky, Dock Road, Main Lift Pumping Station at Corcanree, A 2.7m diameter bored Tunnel under the Dock Road, 30 kilometres of Interceptor Sewers. Completion date for the Waste Water Treatment Plant is December, 2002. Final testing and commissioning will follow and the plant should be fully operational by Summer 2003.

CLAREVILLE WATERWORKS

An assessment for the development of Clareville as a Public Private Partnership was carried out. The assessment recommended that the Plant be developed by way of Design Build Operate (DBO). A report was submitted to the Department of the Environment & Local Government and approval was received. This scheme allows for an effective doubling of capacity at the water treatment plant thus ensuring the strategic importance of Limerick with respect to water-based industries.

CLAREVILLE TO NEWCASTLE RISING MAIN

Consultants were appointed for the preparation of contract documents and the supervision of the rising main from Clareville to Newcastle. Contract documents were prepared, the contract was advertised and a contractor is expected on site by August 2002.

TRUNK MAINS

The trunk mains contract ensures the supply of water to the north of the City. It is divided into the following sections

- 1000mm diameter extension to Monaleen Road: Complete
- Monaleen Road to Southern Ring Road: Contract documents complete
- Southern Ring Road to Rosbrien: Under construction
- Rosbrien to Dock Road: Preparation of Contract Documents
- River Crossing: Contractor on site
- Dock Road to Caherdavin: under construction

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR

Refurbishment works were completed during 2001 and the reservoir is now fully operational.

WATER CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

A reduction of 48% in water losses was achieved through the implementation of a leakage control strategy. New water distribution mains were laid in John Street, Lelia Street, John's Square, Cathedral Place, Nicholas Street, Mary Street and Sir Harry's Mall. This work resulted in a significant water saving and an improved standard of service to consumers in these areas.

A report was submitted to the Department of the Environment & Local Government requesting funding in excess of €20 million (IRE15.75 million) under the National Development Plan 2001-2006 for Phase 2 of the Water Conservation Project.

COMPLETE INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Department of the Environment & Local Government approved funding for a complete information system for our water and sewerage network. This funding will be matched by an equivalent amount from Limerick City Council and will allow us to carry out an extensive survey of our infrastructure and put all our records onto computer. It is hoped to have this project up and running in 2002.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY - CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence continue to serve the community of Limerick City with help in Stewarding, Crowd Control, First Aid and Riverbase activity. Emergency services are supported by the team in their work – rescue by land, air and water, fire control, ambulance response accidents and natural disasters, storm relief and crowd control.

The organisation, which has expanded to over 180 members, experienced a big demand for its services this year, attending thirty-five events, using 1,122 Volunteers. One of the main activities carried out was the hot soup run for the homeless of our city.

Other activities included First Aid and Ambulance cover at Rugby, Soccer and G.A.A. games as well as crowd control at Civic Week events.

Auxiliary Fire Service covered Car Rallies. Twenty members received government recognition in October by being presented with Certificates, by Minister of State Seamus Brennan, for their outstanding work in alleviating the effects of heavy winter flooding and their work on the prevention against the spread of the foot and mouth disease.

The Department issued the organisation with a New Inflatable Boat and an 18 Seater Mini-Bus. Both vehicles will enhance the capabilities of the Civil Defence.



Students from St.Marys Secondary School, Corbally and teacher Catriona Ryan, participants in the Civil Defence project to combat homelessness.

A TEAM OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS - LIMERICK FIRE SERVICE

We live with the great comfort that the Limerick City Fire and Rescue Services team provide a 24/7 service, occasionally dealing with the most difficult and sometimes tragic circumstances.

During the year 2001 the team responded to 2,281 turnouts - of these 153 were special service incidents, namely road accidents, chemical accidents, removal of persons from rivers/canals etc. and the frustrating increase in the number of false alarm calls over the period.

Our 68 officers and fire-fighters, come from a wide variety of backgrounds and age between 18 and 55. Counselling support is an integral element given the nature and level of exposure to traumatic circumstances in the course of fire-fighting and rescue duty.

Fire-fighters receive the most comprehensive and specialised ongoing training, including 11 intensive weeks training, to enable them to perform their duties efficiently and safely. In addition to the team on the ground the Regional Communication Centre, responsible for the speed and efficiency of the callout system for the Fire Authorities in the Munster Region, deal with on average 14,000 emergency fire calls per year.

The Fire Prevention team assess relevant planning applications and advise the planning department on the current fire safety standards and undertake inspections of public places of assembly and other fire risks associated with buildings. The prevention team organise lectures and seminars throughout the city when liaising on a one to one basis with public and private sector projects.

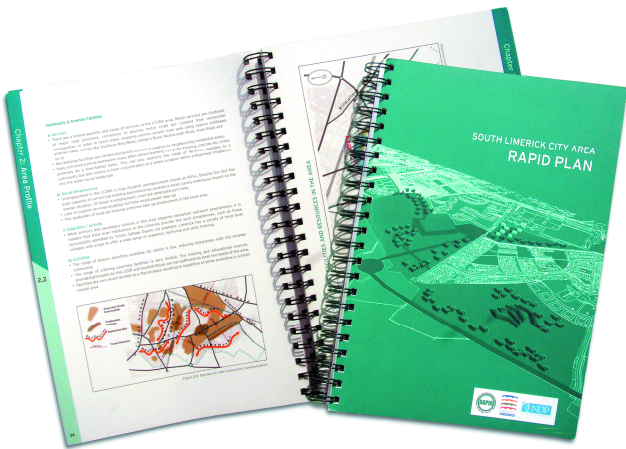
LIMERICK CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
A STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



ENGAGING THE CITY IN PROJECTS THAT WILL DIRECTLY
BENEFIT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS

The co-ordination of services at point of delivery to citizens was recognised as an important way forward. To this end the task force on the integration of local Government and Local Development services was formed. The result of their deliberations was to establish City/County Development Boards (CDB) in each City and County local Authority. The inaugural meeting of Limerick City Development Board took place in March 2000.

1. The Community & Enterprise Department has been given the task of co-ordinating the CDB, which comprises of a partnership of local Government, local Development, State Agencies & the Community/Voluntary sector.
2. Formulating and implementing a Strategy for Economic Social and Cultural Development.



The South Limerick City Area RAPID plan

AIMS & ACHIEVEMENTS

The aim of the Community and Enterprise Department is to support the City Development Board developing a strategy for the City in co-ordinating the delivery of public services in the city. The City Development Board will prepare and implement a comprehensive Strategy for Economic Social and Cultural Development in the City.

The following is a brief summary of the work completed to date by the CDB. Much of the initial work was prescribed by the guidelines on CDB Strategies for Economic Social and Cultural Development. The following works were undertaken and in turn published:

1. Adoption of the aims/philosophy by Limerick CDB
2. An audit of service provision in Limerick City was carried out and published. The audit identified and assessed all relevant service provision to the public and others in the city.
3. An analysis of the present Economic, Social and Cultural situation of Limerick City was carried out in association with Mary Immaculate College and University of Maynooth. This document has provided a comprehensive profile of Limerick City and suburbs.
4. A SWOT analysis was completed.
5. The Board developed a vision for the City which lead to the development of the goals and objectives for the ten-year strategy.
6. Operational strategies developed to achieve the goals and objectives.
7. Targets and key result areas were set

BRINGING TOGETHER THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY, BOTH
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO FOCUS ON LOCAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS

1. Formation and facilitation of Community Forum.
2. Continued support for the development of the forum

Organised in conjunction with University of Limerick a conference on Culture. Results of this Conference lead to the development of Cultural policies and the final strategy.

Public consultations through the use of questionnaires.

The publication of Limerick CDB news. This was delivered through the local papers free to households in the City. This was to inform the public on the ongoing work of the CDB.

The Strategy was adopted by the Board on the 5th of December, 2001 for publication in early 2002.

Also under the auspices of the City Development Board, The RAPID Programme was launched by Minister Eoin Ryan in Limerick in February 2001. Three of the 25 designated RAPID areas nationally were

identified in Limerick City: North Limerick City: Killeely/ Ballynanty (including Moyross), City Centre: Kings Island and Watergate Flats, South Limerick City: Southill, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Saviours.

Local area plans were endorsed by City Council in December 2001 and were developed and submitted to Government. This involved considerable work by Area Implementation Teams comprising representatives from statutory agencies and local residents, a City wide Implementation Team comprising agency representatives at senior managerial level and local residents and the City Monitoring Group comprised of the Social Inclusion Measures Working Group of the City Development Board.

The plan for each area identified local needs and, through projects specific to each agency, developed an integrated response to those needs. Limerick City Council was the lead agency for the majority of infrastructural investment in each of the RAPID plans.

The Minister for the Environment and local Government Noel Dempsey, TD(second from left) pictured at the official launch of the Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development 2002-2012 for Limerick City. Also in the photograph are from left: Pat Dowling, Director, Limerick City Development Board; Councillor Jack Bourke, Chairman, Limerick City Development Board; and the Mayor of Limerick Dick Sadlier. Limerick City was the first strategy to be adopted by any Development Board in the country.

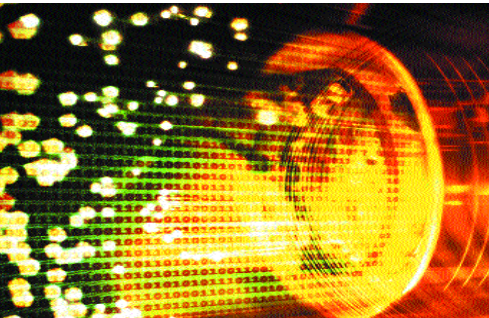


Limerick now stands prepared for the future with a shared vision for the development of the city. Limerick will be a dynamic, inclusive, attractive city of the river Shannon, a city of opportunity, respect and pride, with the highest quality of life and environment for the community.

LIMERICK BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Given the significance of the broadband issue for the region a strong public sector consortium, Shannon Broadband Ltd, was established including Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council, Clare County Council, North Tipperary County Council, Shannon Development and Offaly County Council. A strategy for the establishment of a regional telecommunications infrastructure was advanced that would position the Shannon region as a premier eBusiness location, both nationally and internationally and address the digital divide between Dublin / East Coast and the rest of the country.

The Department of Public Enterprise made substantial funding available and issued a number of calls aimed at addressing regional broadband deficits.



Currently the Limerick City Metro Ring is being developed involving Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council and Shannon Development. Once complete this will deliver greater accessibility to global markets and information.



CONSULTATION & PARTNERSHIP

CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS SAFE AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, FREE FROM RISKS TO HEALTH AND WELFARE

The highest standards of health and safety in the workplace are of paramount importance in enabling us to provide a consistently high quality of service to the residents of Limerick City. The reduction of accidents to an absolute minimum is the key to our successful Health and Safety Strategy.

The appointment of John McEntee as full-time Health & Safety Officer has given the City Council the expertise and momentum to upgrade its approach and systems of health and safety management. The consultative and partnership approach to improved safety and health of employees was clearly in evidence with the election of 14 Safety Representatives for the purpose of improving health and safety throughout the organisation.

Creating greater health and safety awareness continues to be key to our successful Health and Safety Culture Improvement Programme and to this end an extensive programme of activities was organised to coincide with European Health & Safety Week, 22-26 October 2001. Activities included a health check-up for all employees; a safety quiz competition; fire drills; a new safety helmet initiative; fire extinguisher demonstrations; picture poster competition for children of employees.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

The ICT Department continued to implement initiatives from the ICT Strategic Plan 2000 – 2004, prepared by Gartner-Group Consultants. These included expansion of network services to all locations outside City Hall. This enabled access to the Financial Management System and communication throughout the organisation by e-mail.

IT TRAINING

An ongoing IT Training Programme was conducted. 408 staff received training in Microsoft Office Products, ECDL and the New Financial Management System.

INTRANET

Work commenced on an intranet project, which will be a repository for all internal information

WEBSITE

The website was upgraded in conjunction with an EU Benchmarking exercise, and E-Forms were made available.

THE EURO

A significant amount of work was done on Financial Systems to ensure smooth transition to the euro currency for 1/1/2002.



A SUCCESSFUL WORKING PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership process in Limerick City Council continued to flourish in 2001. With staff from all grades and locations across the organisation continuing to get involved.

- Health Screening Checks were offered to all staff in October with approximately 400 members of staff availing of same
- Work commenced on a Pilot Stress Study in four departments
- Formation of a Canteen Task Group to review operation of canteen in City Hall
- Implementation of recycling initiatives by Taking Stock & Taking Action Task Group
- Development of a procedure for reporting and dealing with Safety Issues
- Issue and implementation of recommendations to facilitate introduction of new Financial Management System
- Development of a Retirement Policy For Staff
- Finalisation of Best Practice Guidelines in relation to the "Future Structure and Organisation of the Housing Maintenance Department"

Partnership projects also included the development of a Code of Practice on the Employment of People With Disabilities, the issue of a recommendation regarding the development of a Staff Handbook, participation by the Joint Participation committee in a special workshop to discuss and develop objectives for the Corporate Plan, establishment of a Family Friendly Policies Task Group and a Working Together For Cleaner Air Task Group to deal with issue of smoking/non smoking/passive smoking in the organisation.

CORPORATE PLAN

The City Council's Corporate Plan 2001-2004 was approved during the year. The Corporate Development Unit had a co-ordinating role in its production and has responsibility for ensuring its implementation over the next five years. The plan sets out the revised organisational arrangements following the introduction of 'Better Local Government' together with corporate objectives, supported by key strategies.

An important new element of the Corporate Plan is the inclusion of a customer action plan. This plan is focused on the needs of our customers, and the general principles to be upheld when dealing with customers.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

During 2001 a total of 44 applications were received of which 13 were requests for access to personal records.

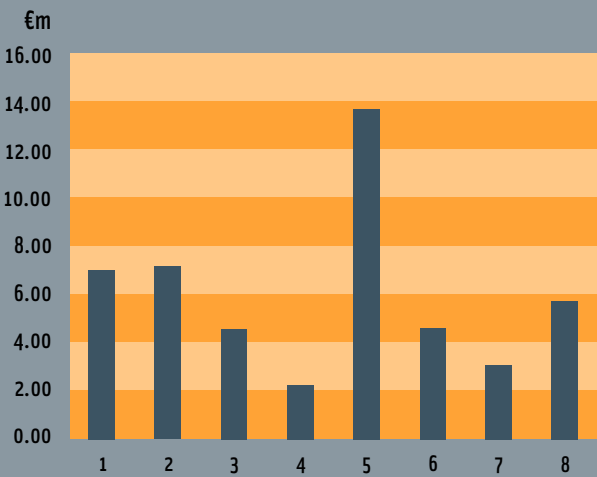
requests granted	36
requests refused	1
requests transferred/withdrawn/dealt with externally	1
FOI	2
Live cases	2
Appeal to Information Commissioner	2

- 1 Fire Safety Training Exercise
- 2 Catherine Bowes Kelly during Health & Safety Week
- 3 Agresso Financial Management Team
- 4 Fire Safety Training on-site
- 5 A still from newly designed and developed City Council website
- 6 Corporate Plan 2001-2004 and Customer Service Action Plan

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2001

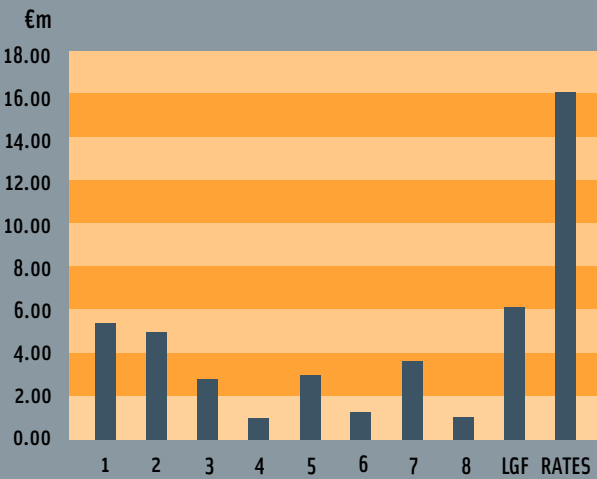
EXPENDITURE REVENUE ACCOUNT

Programme Group	Total Euro
1	6.90
2	7.14
3	4.49
4	2.24
5	13.64
6	4.62
7	3.07
8	5.66
	47.76



INCOME REVENUE ACCOUNT

Programme Group	Total Euro
1	5.28
2	4.98
3	2.77
4	0.82
5	2.98
6	1.24
7	3.60
8	0.94
LGF	6.07
RATES	16.09
	44.77

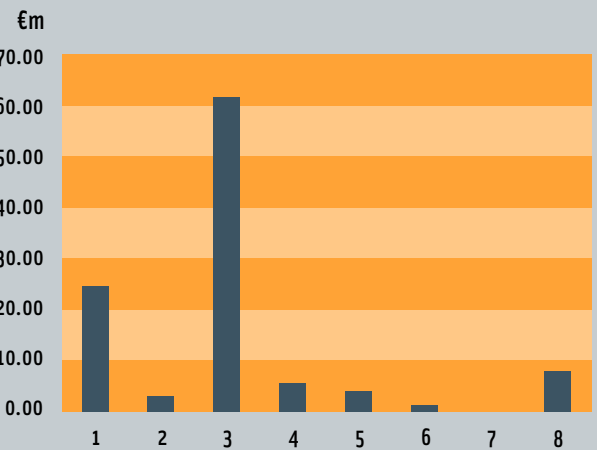


PROGRAMME GROUPS

- 1: Housing & Building
- 2: Road Transportation & safety
- 3: Water Supply & Sewerage
- 4: Development Incentives & Controls
- 5: Environmental Protection
- 6: Recreation & Amenity
- 7: Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare
- 8: Miscellaneous Services

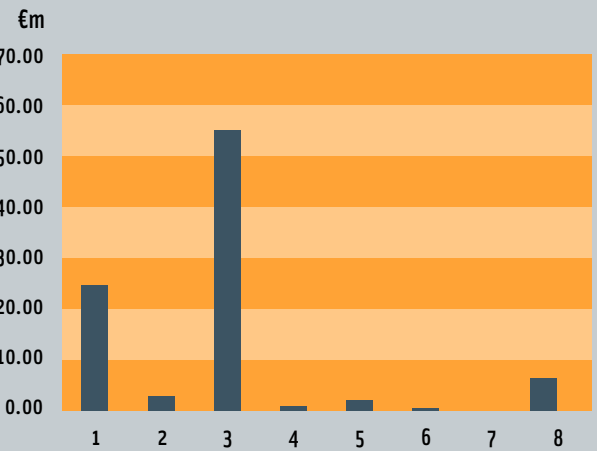
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Programme Group	Total Euro
1	24.31
2	2.85
3	61.43
4	4.98
5	3.41
6	1.05
7	0.00
8	7.38
	105.41



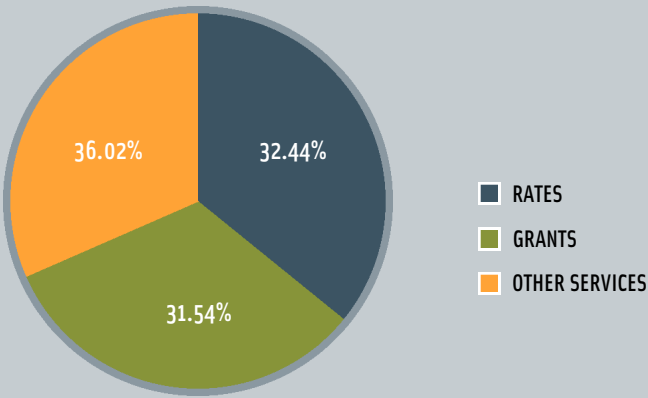
CAPITAL INCOME

Programme Group	Total Euro
1	24.05
2	2.88
3	64.73
4	1.37
5	2.40
6	0.59
7	0.00
8	7.38
	103.40

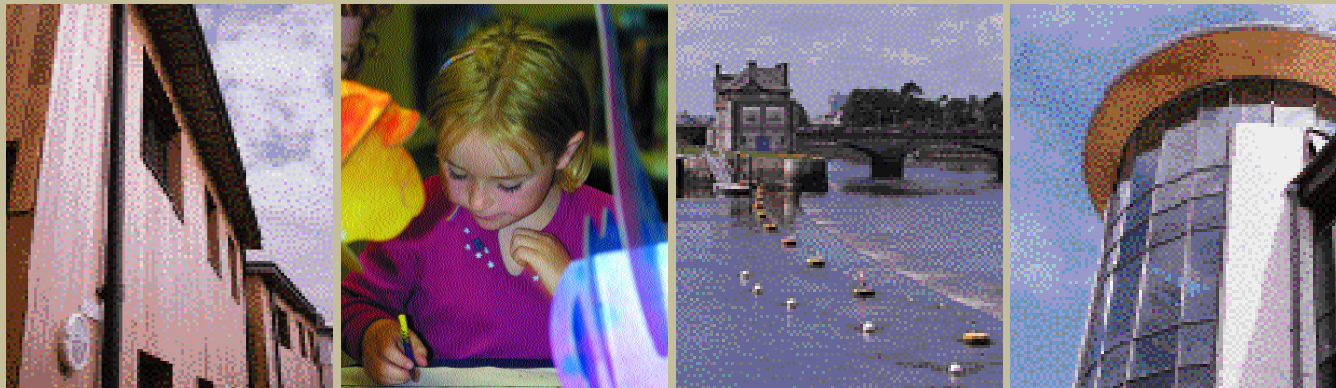


SOURCES OF INCOME

Rates	16.1
Grants	14.5
Other services	14.1
	44.7



SERVICE INDICATORS



HOUSING

H.1.	The percentage of dwellings that are empty	
(a)	Available for letting or awaiting minor repairs:	0%
(b)	Fire damaged/Upgrading/Redevelopment:	2%
H.2.	Average time taken to relet dwellings available for letting or awaiting minor repairs:	1-2 days
H.3.	House Rent	
	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due:	94.87%
H.4.	House Loan repayments	
	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due:	100%

MOTOR TAX

M1	Percentage of Applications which were postal:	28%
M2	Number of Postal Applications:	9,396
	Dealt with from Receipt of Applications	
(a)	On the same day	49%
(b)	On the third day or less	39%
(c)	On the fifth day or less	9%
(d)	Over 5 days	3%
M3	Public opening hours, average number per week:	30 hours
M4	Transaction costs per unit:	€7.56 (IR€5.96)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Percentage of work lost through sickness absence in 2001:	5.9%
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CITY LIBRARY

Number of books issued per head of population for 2001:	3.49
Number of other items issued per head of population for 2001:	0.11

ROAD SURFACING

R1	Cost per square metre for dense bitumen macadam surfacing of roads. This includes a minimum addition of 110 mm of base course and wearing course macadam. Additional items such as planning of existing roads and strengthening of weak areas may be required. €38.09 (IR€29.99) per square metre approx. (C.S.O. Index linked)	
R2	Cost per square metre of thin surfacing of roads €12.70 (IR€10.00) per square metre approx	
R3	Percentage of Local Roads surfaced (method 1 or 2) per annum:	3%
R4	Percentage of National Roads surfaced (method 1 or 2) per annum:	6%
R5	Percentage of Regional Roads surfaced (method 1 or 2) per annum:	15%

ENVIRONMENT

E1.	Monitoring of water quality in Shannon, Abbey and Ballynacloagh (Creek) Rivers. 4 times per annum.
E2.	Monitoring of River Shannon water quality in vicinity of Corbally in accordance with Bathing Water Directive Monthly during the Summer period.
E3.	Continuous measurement of Air Quality within City for Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter. 100% in compliance with National Air Quality Standards.
E4.	Measurement of noise levels within City In response to public request – 100%
E5.	Time, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in full time station Average mobilisation time – 1 minute 41 seconds
E6.	Bring Facilities, i.e. facilities for recycling of bottles, cans, clothes etc. Number and category type in facilities provided, including number of locations per 5000 population.

Note: population in Limerick City Council's functional area was taken to be 52,000 from 1996 census.

Category	Number of Facilities	Number of locations per 5,000 population	Amount Collected
Glass	16	1.5	221.25 tonnes (approx. 663,750 bottles)
Cans	16	1.5	4.32 tonnes (approx. 228,960 cans)
Textiles	1 Limerick City Council plus 6 Charity Shops	0.1	
Batteries	2	0.2	180 car batteries
Oils	1	0.1	2,200 litres
Others:			
Newspapers,	1	0.1	15 tonnes
fluorescent tubes,	1	0.1	1505 tubes
toys and books	1	0.1	4 tonnes

E7.	Packaging	
a)	Number of businesses registered with Repak in accordance with Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 1997:	59
b)	Number of businesses self registered with Limerick City Council in accordance with Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 1997:	2
E8.	Achievements under Regional Waste Management Plan.	
	• Commencement of in house recycling initiative for ink cartridges, batteries, office paper, cardboard and newspapers/magazines.	
	• Consultants appointed regarding selection of Composting and Civic Amenity Sites in Greater Limerick Area.	
	• Introduction of plastic bottle recycling.	
	• Schools battery recycling initiative begun.	
E9.	Number of city schools registered with An Taisce under European wide Green Schools Initiative:	13
E10.	Litter	
a)	Number of Environment/Litter Wardens: full time, part time and in total as a proportion of the population	
	1 full time and 4 part-time wardens – population base: 52,000 The appointment of a second full time litter warden is being considered.	
b)	Number of on-the-spot fines:	355
c)	Number of prosecutions:	20
E11.	Monitoring of Litter Pollution in line with Limerick City Council Litter Management Plan.	

CONTINUOUSLY

E12.	Monitoring of Litter Pollution in line with Pollution Monitoring System and Litter Survey Guidelines for Local Authorities. Annual Surveys taking place.
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SANITARY SERVICES

- S.1 Percentage compliance with sampling requirements of sampling of drinking water in compliance with Drinking Water Regulations 1998: **100%**
- S.2 Compliance of drinking water samples with statutory requirements* based on a basket of 13 specified parameters set out in Table 4.1 of the EPA report – The quality of Drinking Water in Ireland.

YEAR 2001 – LIMERICK CITY DRINKING WATER % COMPLIANCE

346 Samples Analysed

Parameter	% Compliance
Total Coliforms	99
Faecal Coliforms	99
Total Bacteria 37°C	100
Total Bacteria 22°C	100
Temp	100
PH	100
Conductivity	100
Al	92
Nitrate	100
Nitrite	100
Ammonium	100
Fluoride	88
Turbidity	100
Free Chlorine	100
Iron	100
Lead	100

Bacteriological exceedance resulted from a single sample taken from a city centre bar, all other samples taken in the area were clear.

Fluoride exceedances resulted from Low levels of fluoride (under allowable limits of 800 – 1000ug/L).

- S.3 Sampling of public water supply at Water Treatment Plant.
Everyday

- S.4 Sampling of public water supply within the distribution system.
7 samples per week

- S.5 Other sampling of public water.
On demand

- S.6 Sampling of raw water at source in accordance with E.C quality of Surface water intended for abstraction of drinking water regulations 1989.

Weekly for 7 parameters
(Cannot be carried out daily due to the shortage of personnel)

Monthly for 12 parameters
Quarterly for 20 parameters



HUMAN RESOURCES

Our permanent workforce, of approximately 590, ranges over the areas of management, technical, engineering, clerical/administrative, craftsmen, general operatives, fire-fighters and in addition employee staff under Community Employment and other schemes.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL PERSONNEL RETIREMENTS DURING 2001

John Dalton, Finance Officer
Brian Toner, Staff Officer
Breda Ryan, Clerical Officer
Dick Gavin, Rate Collector
Niall Day, Clerical Officer
Jack Cusack, Firefighter
Clement O'Neill, Firefighter
Brian McNamara, Firefighter
Patrick Fogarty, Firefighter
James O'Dwyer, Firefighter
Gerard Barry, Foreman

John McCutcheon, Electrician
Thomas Frahill, General Operative
Eileen Collins, Attendant
Tom Foley, General Operative
Jack Slattery, Park Ranger
Con Cowhey, Carpenter

Opposite: Last Limerick sunset of 2001

