Limerick City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

Annual Report
Tuarascáil Bhliantúil
2004

Message from the Mayor
Teachtaireacht ón Méara

Cllr. Michael Hourigan

▪ I am delighted to be associated with this Annual Report which highlights the many achievements of Limerick City Council over the past year. Moreover, as Mayor, I have been afforded a unique opportunity to represent the city and its community at a local, national and international level.

The Mayoralty is a great honour for an elected citizen and I am truly grateful for having had such support during my time in this office.

We can all be proud of our city and I am confident we will continue to make strides forward in all aspects of its development. However, we must work tirelessly to help those individuals and communities in greatest need and I know my colleagues and the staff all share this common purpose.

We all look forward to the future growth of our city.

▪ Is cúis áthais domsa a bheith bainteach leis an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo, a léiríonn an iomad éachtaí atá bainte amach ag Comhairle Chathair Luimnigh le bliain anuas. Lena chois sin, tugadh deis uathúil domsa mar Mhéara, chun feidhmiú thar ceann na cathrach agus a pobail ag leibhéal áitiúil, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta.

Is onóir mhór an Mhéaracht do shaoránach tofa, agus táim fíor-bhuíoch as an tacaíocht sin a bheith agam le linn mo chuid ama san oifig seo.

Is féidir linn go léir a bheith mórtasach as ár gcathair, agus táim muiníneach go leanfaimid ar aghaidh ag tabhairt céimeanna ar aghaidh le gach gné dá forbairt. Ní foláir dúinne obair gan staonadh, ámh, chun cabhrú leis na daoine aonair agus na pobail sin is mó éilimh; agus tá a fhios agam go roinneann mo chomhghleacaithe agus an fhoireann an cuspóir comónta seo liomsa.

Táimid go léir ag tnúth le fás ár gcathrach amach anseo.

Cllr. Michael Hourigan, Mayor of Limerick
An Cmlr. Michael Hourigan, Méara Luimnigh

Introduction

Tom Mackey, City Manager

City Council Staff featured on front cover:
Main picture: Anthony Dean
Inset pictures (l-r): Donnacha O'Brien,
Liz Creamer & Gerry O'Halloran

▪ The Annual Report for the year 2004 sets out in the following pages the main activities and achievements of Limerick City Council during the year.

The process of change in the City Council which started under Better Local Government continued in 2004 with the election of a new Council. I look forward to working closely over the next five years with the Council and welcome our new Councillors and congratulate those who were re-elected.

The city faces significant challenges but will be presented with great opportunities during the life time of this Council. These major issues are set out in our new Corporate Plan which contains our agreed mission, objectives and strategies.

The City Council will continue to foster community and economic development by working closely with community groups, statutory agencies and business interests who have the well being and growth of the city as their focus.

I am pleased with the continuing high level of investment by the private sector in the city which continues to be matched with major public investment in infrastructure, particularly in water, wastewater, broadband services and roads, as is evident by the near completion of the main drainage project.

The Council has over 3000 housing units under it's management and made significant additions to it's stock in 2004. At the important northern entrance to the city the N7 Parkway Road Re-alignment at the Groody Bridge was completed thus removing a serious traffic bottleneck.

The physical renaissance of Limerick is apparent to all and the city is widely acknowledged as a leader in urban renewal and is internationally recognised for this. I wish to place on record my appreciation to all concerned who contribute to the advancement of development, from both the private and public sectors.

I would like to acknowledge and express my appreciation for the loyalty and dedication of staff for our many achievements in 2004. I also wish to express my thanks to the Mayor Cllr. Michael Hourigan and his immediate predecessor, Cllr. Dick Sadlier, together with the members of Council for their enthusiasm, support, ideas and assistance over the year.

Tom Mackey

Tom Mackey, City Manager

Réamhrár

An tUas. Tom Mackey

▪ Leagann an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil don bhliain 2004 amach sna leathanaigh seo a leanas na príomh-ghníomhaíochtaí agus na príomh-éachtaí de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i rith na bliana.

Leanadh ar aghaidh leis an bpróiseas athraithe sa Chomhairle Cathrach sa bhliain 2004 le toghadh Chomhairle úire, próiseas a thosaigh faoi Rialtas Áitiúil Níos Fearr. Táimse ag tnúth lena bheith ag obair go dlúth in imeacht na gcéad chúig bliana eile leis an gComhairle agus fearaimse fáilte roimhe ár gComhairleoirí nua agus guímse comhghairdeas orthu siúd a atoghadh. Tá dúshláin nach beag os comhair na cathrach, ach is amhlaidh a chuirfear deiseanna iontacha os a comhair le linn bheatha na comhairle seo. Leagtar amach na mórcheisteanna sin inár bPlean Corparáideach úr ina bhfaightear ár misean, cuspóirí agus straitéisí comhaontaithe. Leanfaidh Comhairle na Cathrach ar aghaidh ag cothú fhorbairt an phobail agus an gheilleagair tríd an dlúth-obair le grúpaí pobail, gníomhaireachtaí reachtúla agus leasanna gnó a mbíonn leas agus fás na cathrach mar a bhfócas acu.

Is cúis áthais dom an t-ardleibhéal leanúnach infheistíochta ag an earnáil phríobháideach sa chathair, agus infheistíocht mhór phoiblí um bonneagar leis, go háirithe san uisce, dramhuisce, seirbhísí leathanbhanda agus bóithre, mar is léir ó leath-chomhlíonadh an phríomh-thionscadail draenála. Tá os cionn 3000 aonad tithíochta ag an gComhairle faoina bainistíocht, agus breiseáin mhóra tógtha aice dá stoc sa bhliain 2004. Críochnaíodh Athailíniú Bóthair Parkway an N7 ag an mbealach isteach aduaidh chuig an gcathair ag Droichead Groody, agus tranglam géar tráchta á bhaint dá bharr.

Is léir athfhorbairt fhisiciúil Luimnigh do chách, agus aithnítear an chathair go forleathan mar cheannaire um athnuachan uirbeach agus is go hidirnáisiúnta a aithnítear sin leis. Ba mhian liom mo bhuíochas a thaifeadadh do gach duine lena mbaineann, dream a rannchuireann le cur chun cinn na forbartha, ó idir na hearnálacha príobháideacha agus poiblí araon.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl agus aitheantas a thabhairt d'fhoireann as a ndílseacht agus a ndúthracht dár il-éachtaí sa bhliain 2004. Ba mhian liom mo bhuíochas a rá freisin leis an Méara an Cmlr. Michael Hourigan agus a réamhtheachtaí díreach, an Cmlr. Dick Sadlier, in éineacht le baill na Comhairle as ucht a gcuid díograise, tacaíochta, smaointe agus cúnaimh i gcaitheamhna bliana.

Tom Mackey, Bainisteoir Cathrach

Members of Limerick City Council
Baill Chomhairle Chathair Luimnigh

CLLR. John Gilligan
Non-P.

CLLR. Kevin Kiely
Fine Gael

CLLR. Kieran O'Hanlon
Fianna Fail

CLLR. Pat Kennedy
Non-P.

CLLR. Lilly Wallace
Non-P.

CLLR. Joe Leddin
Labour

CLLR. Ger Fahy
Fine Gael

CLLR. Kathleen Leddin
Non-P.

CLLR. Michael Hourigan
Fine Gael

CLLR. Diarmuid Scully
Fine Gael

CLLR. Maria Byrne
Fine Gael

CLLR. James Houlihan
Labour

CLLR. Gerry McLoughlin
Non-P.

CLLR. John Cronin
Fianna Fail

CLLR. Jim Long
Non-P.

CLLR. John Ryan
Labour

CLLR. Kieran Walsh
Labour

Map of Electoral Areas
Léarscáil de Thoghcheantair

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Local Election 2004
Toghcháin Áitiúla 2004

LEA No. 1

Candidates Elected: Iarrthóirí a Toghadh:
Michael Hourigan (F.G.), Kathleen Leddin (Non-P),
John Cronin (F.F.), Kevin Kiely (F.G.), John Ryan (Lab.)

Total Electorate Líon na dToghthóirí	11,221
Invalid Ballot Papers Páipéir bhallóide neamhbhailí	153
Valid Poll Vótaíocht Bhailí	6,547
Number of Seats Líon na Suíochán	5
Quota Cuóta	1,092

Names of Candidates (13 No.) Ainmneacha na nIarrthóirí	1st Count An Chéad Comhaireamh	2nd Count An Dara Comhaireamh	3rd Count An Tríú Comhaireamh	4th Count An Ceathrú Comhaireamh	5th Count An Cúigiú Comhaireamh	6th Count An Séú Comhaireamh	7th Count An Seachtú Comhaireamh	8th Count An tOchtú Comhaireamh	9th Count An Naoú Comhaireamh
	No. Votes Líon na Vótaí	O'Donoghue C †	O'Keeffe, A †	Hourigan, M ^	Ryan, M †	Ryan, M †	O'Mahony D †	Frawley, T †	Collopy, J †
Collopy, Joseph (F.F.)		+ 6	+ 8	-	+ 72	+ 14	+ 58	+ 93	- 706
	455	461	469	469	541	555	613	706	-
Cronin, John (F.F.) *		+ 4	+ 1	+ 1	+ 46	+ 19	+ 26	+ 69	+ 335
	587	591	592	593	639	658	684	753	1,088
Frawley, Tom (P.D.)		+ 4	+ 26	+ 2	+ 14	+ 8	+ 90	- 503	
	359	363	389	391	405	413	503	-	-
Hourigan, Michael (F.G.) *		+ 5	+ 17	- 15					
	1,085	1,090	1,107	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092
Kiely, Kevin (F.G.)		+ 5	+ 2	+ 5	+ 8	+ 28	+ 26	+ 64	+ 60
	804	809	811	816	824	852	878	942	1,002
Leddin, Kathleen (Non-P) *		+ 14	+ 33	+ 5	-	-	-	-	-
	1,041	1,055	1,088	1,093	1,093	1,093	1,093	1,093	1,093
O'Donaghue, Conor (C.S.P.) *		- 67							
	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O'Keefe, Anne (P.D.)		+ 1	- 151						
	150	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O'Mahony, David (P.D.)		+ 1	+ 35	-	+ 27	+ 5	- 350		
	282	283	318	318	345	350	-	-	-
Quinlivan, Maurice (S.F.)		+ 7	-	-	+ 4	+ 138	+ 13	+ 21	+ 44
	568	575	575	575	579	717	730	751	795
Ryan, John (Lab.) *		+ 3	+ 9	+ 1	+ 12	+ 32	+ 61	+ 88	+ 96
	683	686	695	696	708	740	801	889	985
Ryan, Michael (F.F.) *		+ 1	+ 9	+ 1	- 214				
	203	204	213	214	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan, Mick		+ 4	+ 2	-	+ 3	-272			
	263	267	269	269	272	-	-	-	-
Non-Tansferrable Papers Not Effective		+ 12	+ 9	-	+ 28	+ 28	+ 76	+ 168	+ 171
Páipéir do-aistrithe nach raibh éifeacht leo	-	12	21	21	49	77	153	321	492
Total Iomlán	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**	**6,547**

† - Transfer of votes & result Aistriú Vótaí agus Toradh
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Jubilant Cllr. Michael Hourigan

(l-r) TD Peter Power congratulates Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin

Cllr. John Gilligan celebrates his re-election with family & friends

LEA No. 2

Candidates Elected: Iarrthóirí a Toghadh:
John Gilligan (Non-P.), Kieran O'Hanlon (F.F.),
Kieran Walsh (Lab.), Gerry McLoughlin (Non-P.)

Total Electorate Líon na dToghthóirí	9,130
Invalid Ballot Papers Páipéir bhallóide neamhbhailí	100
Valid Poll Vótaíocht Bhailí	5,159
Number of Seats Líon na Suíochán	4
Quota Cuóta	1,032

Names of Candidates (12 No.) Ainmneacha na nIarrthóirí	1st Count An Chéad Comhaireamh	2nd Count An Dara Comhaireamh	3rd Count An Tríú Comhaireamh	4th Count An Ceathrú Comhaireamh	5th Count An Cúigiú Comhaireamh	6th Count An Séú Comhaireamh	7th Count An Seachtú Comhaireamh	8th Count An tOchtú Comhaireamh	9th Count An Naoú Comhaireamh
	No. Votes Líon na Vótaí	Martin, D †	McDonnell, S †	Morrisson, J †	Vereker, C †	Irwin, N †	Gilligan, J ^	Cross, L †	Hannan, N †
Cross, Larry (F.F.) *		+ 2	+ 13	+ 4	+ 14	+ 13	+ 1	- 403	
	356	358	371	375	389	402	403	-	-
Gilligan, John (Non-P) *		+ 10	+ 15	+ 38	+ 33	+ 68	- 38		
	906	916	931	969	1,002	1,070	1,032	1,032	1,032
Hannan, Noel (Non-P)		+ 5	+ 2	+ 34	+ 5	+ 29	+ 9	+ 42	- 488
	362	367	369	403	408	437	446	488	-
Irwin, Nancy (S.F.)		+ 3	+ 2	+ 7	+ 5	- 257			
	240	243	245	252	257	-	-	-	-
McDonnell, Stuart (P.D.)		+ 3	- 170						
	167	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLoughlin, Gerry (Non-P)		+ 5	+ 24	+ 20	+ 38	+ 41	+ 15	+ 41	+ 141
	606	611	635	655	693	734	749	790	931
Martin, Duncan (G.P..)		- 61							
	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisson, John Junior (Non-P)		+ 2	+ 4	- 182					
	176	178	182	-	-	-	-	-	-
O'Farrell, Catherine (F.G.)		+ 5	+ 39	+ 17	+ 31	+ 18	+ 2	+ 56	+ 40
	693	698	737	754	785	803	805	861	901
O'Hanlon, Kieran (F.F.) *		+ 5	+ 20	+ 26	+ 9	+ 17	+ 4	+ 166	+ 97
	639	644	664	690	699	716	720	886	983
Vereker, Christy (Non-P)		+ 2	+ 7	+ 11	- 248				
	228	230	237	248	-	-	-	-	-
Walsh, Kieran (Lab.) *		+ 14	+ 37	+ 4	+ 71	+ 27	+ 7	+ 35	+ 48
	725	739	776	780	851	878	885	920	968
Non-Tansferrable Papers Not Effective		+ 5	+ 7	+ 21	+ 42	+ 44	-	+ 63	+ 162
Páipéir do-aistrithe nach raibh éifeacht leo		5	12	33	75	119	119	182	344
Total Iomlán	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**	**5,159**

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(l-r) Cllr. Diarmuid Scully & Cllr. Ger Fahy

Cllr James Houlihan with his father Seamus Houlihan

LEA No. 3

Candidates Elected: Iarrthóirí a Toghadh:
Diarmuid Scully (F.G.), Ger Fahy (F.G.),
James Houlihan (Lab.), Lilly Wallace (Non-P.)

Total Electorate Líon na dToghthóirí	8,646
Invalid Ballot Papers Páipéir bhallóide neamhbhailí	82
Valid Poll Vótaíocht Bhailí	4,518
Number of Seats Líon na Suíochán	4
Quota Cuóta	904

Names of Candidates (10 No.) Ainmneacha na nlarrthóirí	1st Count An Chéad Comhaireamh	2nd Count An Dara Comhaireamh	3rd Count An Tríú Comhaireamh	4th Count An Ceathrú Comhaireamh	5th Count An Cúigiú Comhaireamh	6th Count An Séú Comhaireamh	7th Count An Seachtú Comhaireamh	8th Count An tOchtú Comhaireamh
	No. Votes Líon na Vótaí	Scully, D ^	Stokes, P & Golden, A †	Boland, J †	Mulcahy, D †	Houlihan, J ^	Fahy, G ^	Hickey, J †
Boland, John (Non-P)		+ 6	+ 36	- 307				
	265	271	307	-	-	-	-	-
Bourke, Jack (F.F.) *		+ 19	+ 27	+ 24	+ 29	+ 7	+ 9	+ 124
	419	438	465	489	518	525	534	658
Fahy, Ger (F.G.) *		-	-	-	-	-	- 37	
	941	941	941	941	941	941	904	904
Golden, Ashling (S.P.)		+ 13	- 166					
	153	166	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickey, Jim (P.D.)		+ 51	+ 13	+ 22	+ 30	+ 10	+ 5	- 518
	387	438	451	473	503	513	518	-
Houlihan, James (Lab.)		+ 20	+ 49	+ 120	+ 156	- 40		
	599	619	668	788	944	904	904	904
Mulcahy, Derek (Lab.)		+ 27	+ 25	+ 20	- 369			
	297	324	349	369	-	-	-	-
Scully, Diarmuid (F.G.) *		- 160						
	1,064	904	904	904	904	904	904	904
Stokes, Patricia (F.F.)		+ 2	- 64					
	62	64	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wallace, Lilly (Non-P) *		+ 22	+ 38	+ 55	+ 93	+ 23	+ 23	+ 142
	331	353	391	446	539	562	585	727
Non-Tansferrable Papers Not Effective	-	-	+ 42	+ 66	+ 61	-	-	+ 252
Páipéir do-aistrithe nach raibh éifeacht leo			42	108	169	169	169	421
Total Iomlán	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**	**4,518**

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Cllr Maria Byrne is congratulated on her re-election by family and friends

LEA No. 4

Candidates Elected: Iarrthóirí a Toghadh:
Pat Kennedy (Non-P.), Maria Byrne (F.G.),
Joe Leddin (Lab.), Jim Long (Non-P.)

Total Electorate Líon na dToghthóirí	9,688
Invalid Ballot Papers Páipéir bhallóide neamhbhailí	96
Valid Poll Vótaíocht Bhailí	4,866
Number of Seats Líon na Suíochán	4
Quota Cuóta	974

Names of Candidates (12 No.) Ainmneacha na nIarrthóirí	1st Count An Chéad Comhaireamh	2nd Count An Dara Comhaireamh	3rd Count An Tríú Comhaireamh	4th Count An Ceathrú Comhaireamh	5th Count An Cúigiú Comhaireamh	6th Count An Séú Comhaireamh	7th Count An Seachtú Comhaireamh	8th Count An tOchtú Comhaireamh	9th Count An Naoú Comhaireamh	10th Count An 10ú Comhaireamh	11th Count An 11ú Comhaireamh
	No. Votes Líon na Vótaí	Geoghegan, I †	Kennedy, P ^	Harrington, W †	Brosnahan, P †	Byrne, M ^	O'Neill, S †	Flannery, T †	Hynes, P †	Griffin, S †	Leddin, J ^
Brosnahan, Patrick Joseph (F.G.)		+ 4	+ 1	+ 12	- 264						
	247	251	252	264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Byrne, Maria (F.G.) *		+ 33	+ 3	+ 64	+ 131	- 29					
	772	805	808	872	1,003	974	974	974	974	974	974
Flannery, Tony (F.F.)		+ 13	+ 1	+ 17	+ 8	+ 2	+ 14	- 305			
	250	263	264	281	289	291	305	-	-	-	-
Geoghegan, Isabel (P.D.)		- 189									
	189	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Griffin, Sean (Non-P)		+ 3	+ 2	+ 32	+ 20	+ 5	+ 59	+ 21	+ 88	- 525	
	295	298	300	332	352	357	416	437	525	-	-
Harrington, Win (Non-P)	-	+ 9	+ 2	- 243							
	232	241	243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hynes, Paddy (P.D.)		+ 55	+ 1	+ 16	+ 21	+ 3	+ 49	+ 25	- 404		
	234	289	290	306	327	330	379	404	-	-	-
Kennedy, Pat (Non-P) *		-	- 17								
	991	991	974	974	974	974	974	974	974	974	974
Leddin, Joe (Lab.) *		+ 26	+ 3	+ 30	+ 33	+ 13	+ 37	+ 63	+ 72	+ 126	- 72
	643	669	672	702	735	748	785	848	920	1,046	974
Long, Jim (Non-P)		+ 11	+ 2	+ 15	+ 15	+ 2	+ 47	+ 18	+ 65	+ 111	+ 53
	370	381	383	398	413	415	462	480	545	656	709
O'Neill, Sean		-	+ 1	+ 9	+ 10	+ 1	- 277				
	256	256	257	266	276	277					
Sadlier, Dick (F.F.) *		+ 15	+ 1	+ 16	+ 11	+ 3	+ 13	+ 91	+ 39	+ 42	+ 19
	387	402	403	419	430	433	446	537	576	618	637
Non-Transferrable Papers Not Effective		+ 20	-	+32	+ 15	-	+ 58	+ 87	+ 140	+ 246	
Páipéir do-aistrithe nach raibh éifeacht leo		20	20	52	67	67	125	212	352	598	598
Total Iomlán	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**	**4,866**

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Highlights of 2004
Buaicphointí na bliana 2004

(l-r) Mayor Dick Sadlier makes a presentation to Mr Prodi

Special Visit by Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission

European Commission President Romano Prodi and Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament, honoured Mayor Dick Sadlier, City Councillors, City Council staff and guests with a special visit to City Hall.

(l-r) Marie Cantillon LCC, Pat Cox, Romano Prodi & Liz Creamer LCC

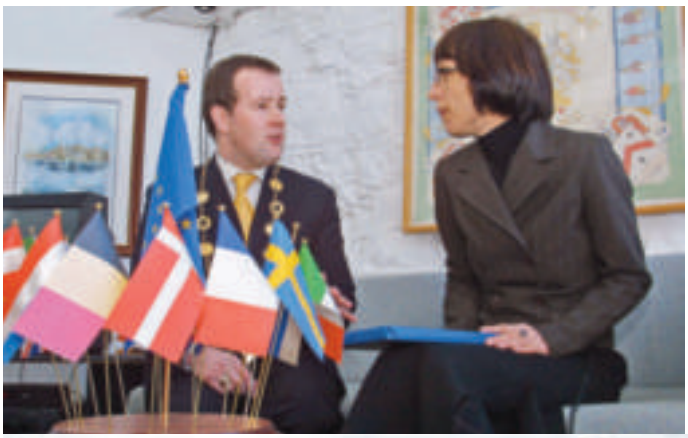
(l-r) Pat Cox, Romano Prodi & John King, Shannon Development

Pat Cox & Romano Prodi with children from St. Philomena's

(l-r) Pat Cox, Romano Prodi & Mayor Dick Sadlier

Opening & Naming of Istabraq Hall, 14th May

A very memorable Civic Reception was held to mark the official naming of Istabraq Hall, City Hall, by Mayor, Cllr. Dick Sadlier. JP McManus, Freeman of Limerick City, the McManus family, Aidan O'Brien and Charlie Swan were among the attendees.



Visit to City Hall by Slovenian Prime Minister to mark the 'Day of Welcomes' - 1st May

Top (l-r) Deputy Mayor Joe Leddin welcomed Helena Drnovsek Zorko, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, to City Hall.

Above (l-r) Pat Daly Shannon Development, Eamon Ryan President Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Anton Rop Prime Minister Slovenia, Tim O'Malley TD, Helena Drnovsek Zorko Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia and John King Shannon Development

Visits from Quimper our twin city, 1st May & 16th August

The Mederien Penhars from Quimper with Planxty O'Rourke were received in City Hall by Cllr. Maria Byrne, Deputy Mayor and chairwoman of the Limerick Quimper Twinning Committee.

Day of Welcomes May 1st 2004
An Lá Fáilte 1 Bealtaine 2004

(l-r) Theresa Carroll, Glentworth Hotel, Mayor Dick Sadlier, Karen Brosnahan Meet Limerick Shannon & Tom Mackey City Manager

Limerick welcome Slovenia to the EU

A national weekend of celebration showcasing the generosity and spirit of Ireland to our new EU neighbours.

Limerick, linked with Slovenia, held an extensive programme of events, including concerts and a spectacular street event, full of colour and sound.

Slovenian Band Parade

Street Theatre Success

The Mayor Dick Sadlier and Limerick Marine Rescue launch the River of Welcomes lanterns made by children from six city schools honouring the Slovenian 'Day of Lights' tradition

Street theatre by The Umbrella Group

Street Theatre

Boherbuoy Band Concert, Peoples Park

Band Recital, Lock Quay

Street Celebrations

Festive Fun at Lock Quay

Visit from Spokane, our sister-city, 14th September

In a spirit of friendship and understanding Mayor Hourigan was delighted to entertain a delegation from Spokane in City Hall. The Limerick-Spokane relationship officially began on March 4, 1990.

(l-r) Wally & Darlene McGregor, Roberta Brooke, Mark Jucht, Mayor Hourigan, Spokane Mayor James West & Kieran Lehane Director of Service LCC

(l-r) Maureen Peterson, Mark Jucht & Marie Cantillon LCC

Jack & Kerry Geraghty received gifts from Mayor Hourigan during the visit.

Cloppenburg Exchange Group, 26th July

Mayor Michael Hourigan held a special reception to welcome youth groups from Cloppenburg and St.Munchin's Parish to City Hall during the 34th Exchange of the Group. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Limerick organisers - Patrick Cronin, Geoffrey O' Halloran and other group leaders - and the guest families and parents who supported the exchange through their generosity over the years.

Official Opening of Grove Island

Willie O'Dea, Minister for Defence, John O'Donoghue Minister for Art, Sport & Tourism and Mayor Dick Sadlier at opening of Grove Island Leisure Centre

Visit by HRH Princess Anne, 10th September

His Worship The Mayor, Cllr. Michael Hourigan was proud to welcome Princess Anne to Limerick and City Hall, accompanied by the British Ambassador to Ireland, Stewart Eldon. During the visit the Mayor presented the Princess Royal with Irish Dresden and a Munster rugby jersey.

Mayor Hourigan presents Her Royal Highness with Irish Dresden

(l-r) Pat Hourigan, Mayor Michael Hourigan, Stewart Eldon & Princess Anne

Official Opening of Limerick Main Drainage Waste Water Treatment Plant - 21st May

The new Waste Water Treatment Plant at Bunlicky was officially opened by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Martin Cullen.

Mayor Sadlier & Minister Martin Cullen unveil a plaque at the official opening of Bunlicky.

The new sludge waste water treatment plant at Bunlicky

Staff from the Department of the Environment at the official opening ceremony

Celebrating success in our community
An Rathúlacht a Cheiliúradh inár bPobal

Firework magic over the City Hall to celebrate the Day of Welcomes

Filming of 'Killnascully' series in Limerick by Pat Shortt

Mayor Sadlier visits pupils from Mid-West School for Hearing Impaired Children

(l-r) Members of Corpus Christy Kung Fu Club congratulated by Mayor Hourigan and Willie O'Dea Minister for Defence after their participation in the World Championships in Corfu

(l-r) Cyclists from the West End Bar, O'Curry Street, start their charity cycle to Ballybunion in aid of Dochas.

(l-r) Sean Canty, Peter Hickey, Ronan Hunt & Stephen Tierney cheering on the Limerick Senior Gaelic Football Team

(l-r) Ciara McMahon, Limerick Person of The Year with Paul O'Connell, Munster Rugby Team

Members of Bico Da Balouta Band from Galicia, Spain visited City Hall with members of Curragour Pipe Band

Martin Kelly (2nd from right) receives gold medal to mark his 55 yrs service with St Johns Ambulance. Also in photo Dr Joe Galvin, Jim Devine & Mayor Sadlier

(l-r) International Band Parade, Irish Youth & Brass Band Award, presentation to Dave Noonan, Rathkeale Brass Band

(l-r) Mayor Sadlier with Ayawe Wassiou and Donat Mabana at the conferral ceremony for refugees

Corporate Services
Seirbhíaí Corparáideacha

Management Services, Human Resources, ICT, Health & Safety Department, Partnership.
Seirbhísí Bainistíochta | Acmhainní Daonna | TFC | An Rannóg Sláinte & Sábháilteachta | Comhpháirtíocht.

(l-r) **Maire Ahern, Deirdre O'Sullivan & Pat Skehan**, Housing Department **Christy Brennan**, HR & **Siobhan Carroll**, Secretary to the Mayor

Maintaining Good Relations
Dea-Chaidrimh a Chothabháil

Michael Collopy, Supervisor

Management Services

Achievements in 2004

- Successful organisation and holding of Local Elections.
- Training provided for members elected to City Council.
- Successful operation of meetings of City Council.
- Corresponding with Members of City Council via email.
- Organisation of Civic and Mayoral Receptions.
- Publication of Draft Register of Electors, Register of Electors and Supplement Register.
- Publication of Edited Version of Register of Electors.
- Assessing, processing and payment of Higher Education Grants.
- Ongoing communication with C.V.O. and Food Safety Authority for the purpose of consumer protection.
- Continued updating information on City Council website and intranet.
- Successful operation of City Centre Co-Ordination Office.
- Innovative participation in the promotion of the city.

Human Resources

During the year various recommendations were implemented under the Human Resource Strategy incorporating improvements in delivery of service to our customers and empowering and providing staff with greater job satisfaction. Limerick City Council was chosen as a national pilot council for this strategy commissioned in 2003.

Sourcing, Developing and Enabling Staff

The department further developed and strengthened its committment to enable and assist in the management of various improvements in work practices as part of the change and modernisation programme which is required under the benchmarking agreement.

Recruitment

The staff compliment for Limerick City Council at 31st December 2004 was 617 and categorised as follows:

Managerial/Administrative	192
Professional/Technical	42
Craft, general and related grades	322
Other staff	61
Whole time equivalents	558.30

(This figure includes all full-time and part-time staff)

The department processed applications for various positions in relation to fourteen competitions which were held during the year.

Work Experience /Work Placements

Greater emphasis was placed on strengthening our relationship and supporting the various placement schemes for second and third level schools throughout the county and city and also with many other organisations including FÁS and the VEC. 36 students availed of this facility in 2004.

Community Employment Schemes
Limerick City Council continued to support the employment of 18 staff members under the Community Employment Scheme in conjunction with FÁS.

Policies and Procedures
In line with existing legislation and best practices, the department continued to develop, implement and update the following policies / procedures throughout the year:

- Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures – Staff Guidelines
- Travel and Subsistence Circulars
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- The Maternity Protection (Amendment) Act 2004
- Various Circulars regarding pay increases from the DOEHLG
- Limerick City Council - Cultural Diversity – Members of the Travelling Community
- Limerick City Council Equality and Diversity Management
- Probation Policy Employees

A review took place at end of 2004 of the recording procedures in relation to annual leave, flexi and other types of leave with a decision to computerise these systems in early 2005.

Family Friendly Policies
The number of staff who have availed of leave under the various Schemes in 2004

Parental Leave	25	Term Time	15
Worksharing	30	Flexitime	117
Career Breaks	12		

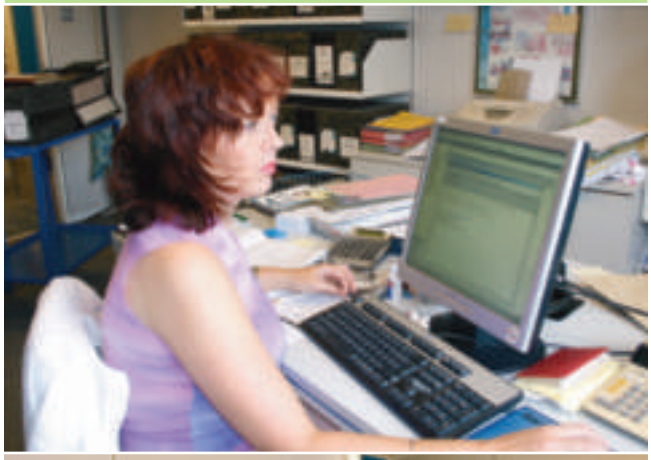
To promote Family Friendly Policy Day each year Limerick City Council holds many events and competitions.

Industrial and Employee Relations
The HR policy of fostering good industrial relations at corporate level in an effort to resolve staff issues at the earliest possible time continued to succeed in 2004.

Staff Counselling
The HR Department continues to recognise the importance of a Staff Counselling Service which is available to all staff and which provides an opportunity to access professional counselling to assist staff on a confidential basis who may experience personal or work related difficulties to develop and fulfil their personal potential.

ICT - Information Technology
Maintaining and enhancing existing ICT services and introducing new vital services

Telecommunications & Network Services
- Re-investment in 132 replacement desktop computers.
- Expansion of Corporate Network to Project Office in O'Malley Park, Southill.
- Reduced communication costs by completing the migration to the Government (Voice) VPN.
- Security improved.
- Asset Management System implemented.



Top: **Liz Creamer**, Management Services

Centre (l-r): **Patricia Liddy, Pat Murnane, John Field & Irene Griffin**, Finance Department

Above: **Donnacha O'Brien**, Sanitary Services

Geographic Information Systems
- The City Council Development Plan 2004 maps were produced in multiple media formats and in both Irish and English.
- Some 56 maps produced for inclusion in the LCDB commissioned census-based report by Des McCafferty - "Limerick: Profile of a Changing City".

Web Services
- A website for childcare was designed and implemented.
- Re-design of Limerick City Development Board website.
- Web service developed to allow both City and County Council road closures to be dynamically published on respective websites in real time.
- On-going enhancements and updates to the Intranet and Internet sites.

Health & Safety

Promoting a strong health & safety culture through commitment.

Achievements in 2004
- The number of lost-time accidents was halved compared to previous year.
- An extensive programme of promotional activities was organised for Health and Safety Week in October.
- Information seminars were provided to all departments on the new smoking ban and on smoking cessation strategies. Extensive no-smoking signage was provided.
- Safe work practice guidelines were developed for stress and the new bioshredder.
- Election of new Safety Representatives for 2004 - 2007.
- Six meetings of the Safety Representatives were organised.
- Safety Statements, including risk assessments were reviewed and updated.
- Policies were developed on Vaccinations and Maternity Protection.
- A comprehensive questionnaire was developed on Workplace Health Promotion.
- The number of certified first-aiders was increased considerably.
- A radon survey was carried out on LCC buildings and depots.
- A legionella survey was carried out in the main LCC buildings.
- A manual material handling training course was developed in-house and twelve groups were trained.
- A presentation on asbestos was developed and given to LCC fire fighters.
- H&S induction training was provided for new employees.
- A briefing document on the SHWW Bill 2004 was prepared for management.
- Pocket guides were provided on manual materials handling, first-aid and stress.

Partnership

The established way of doing business involving management, unions and employees at all levels in addressing a wide range of issues of strategic and operational importance, and in delivering positive outcomes to all stakeholders. The partnership process provides a neutral ground where discussions can take place, the objective being to replace the adversarial approach to change with an open co-operative process based on effective consultation and participation by all concerned for the progression and implementation of strategic goals, service delivery objectives, and associated action programmes.

Achievements in 2004
- Commencement of discussions of implementation of modernisation/flexibility changes agreed by unions and management under Sustaining Progress.
- Development of Social Inclusion Unit, (with support from Partnership), of Draft Policy on Interculturalism.
- Development of Policy on Use of Mobile Phones.
- Implementation of No-Smoking Policy.
- Implementation of Pre-Retirement Training.
- Attainment by three staff members of Junior Certificate qualification, (arising from Return to Learning initiative).

Seirbhísí Bainistíochta

Éachtaí sa bhliain 2004

- Eagrú agus reáchtáil rathúil na dToghchán Áitiúil.
- Oiliúint tugtha do bhaill arna dtoghadh don Chomhairle Cathrach.
- Oibriú rathúil chruinnithe na Comhairle Cathrach.
- Comhfhreagras le Baill na Comhairle Cathrach trí mheán an ríomhphoist.
- Eagrú na bhFáiltiúchán Sibhialta agus Méarach.
- Foilseachán Dhréacht-Chlár na dToghthóirí, Clár na dToghthóirí agus Clár Forlíontach.
- Foilseachán de Leagan Eagraithe de Chlár na dToghthóirí.
- Measúnú, próiseáil agus íoc na nDeontas Ard-Oideachais.
- Cumarsáid leanúnach leis an C.V.O. agus leis an Údarás Sábháilteachta Bia chun críche chosaint na dtomhaltóirí.
- Nuashonrú leanúnach d'fhaisnéis ar Láithreán Gréasáin na Comhairle Cathrach agus ar a hinlíon.
- Oibriú rathúil na hOifige Comhordaithe Lár na Cathrach.
- Rannpháirteachas nuálaíoch um chur chun cinn na cathrach

Acmhainní Daonna

Cuireadh i bhfeidhm moltaí éagsúla le linn na bliana faoi réir na Straitéise Acmhainní Daonna, lenar ionchorpraíodh feabhsúcháin um sheachadadh seirbhíse dár gcustaiméirí agus cumasú agus soláthar na sástachta poist don fhoireann. Roghnaíodh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh mar an chomhairle phíolótach náisiúnta don straitéis seo a coimisiúnaíodh sa bhliain 2003.

Foinsiú, Forbairt agus Cumasú Foirne

D'fhorbair agus threisigh an rannóg a tiomantas a thuilleadh do chumasú agus cúnamh um bainistiú feabhsúchán éagsúil i gcleachtais oibre mar chuid den chlár athraithe agus nuachóirithe, atá de dhíth faoin gcomhaontú tagarmharcála.

Earcaíocht

Ba é líon na foirne do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag 31ú Nollaig 2004 ná 617 agus arna chatagóiriú mar seo a leanas:

Bainistíochta/Riaracháin	192
Gairmiúil/Teicniúil	42
Gráid cheardaíochta, ginearálta agus gaolmhara	322
Foireann eile	61
A gcomhionann i bpoist lán-ama	558.3

(Áirítear leis an bhfigiúr seo gach foireann lán-aimseartha agus páirt-aimseartha)

Phróiseáil an rannóg iarratais do phoist éagsúla i ndáil le ceithre chomórtas déag a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana.

Taithí Oibre /Lonnúcháin Oibre

Béim níos mó curtha ar threisiú ár gcaidrimh agus tacú le scéimeanna éagsúla lonnúcháin um scoileanna dara leibhéal agus tríú leibhéal ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach agus le go leor eagras eile freisin, lena n-áirítear FÁS agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais. Thapaigh 36 mac léinn an áis seo sa bhliain 2004.

Scéimeanna Fostaíochta Pobail

Choinnigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh uirthi ag tacú le fostaíocht ocht mball fhoirne dhéag faoin Scéim Fostaíochta Pobail i gcomhar le FÁS.

Beartais agus Gnáthaimh

Ag cloí leis an reachtaíocht agus an dea-chleachtas atá ann, lean an rannóg ar aghaidh ag forbairt, ag cur i bhfeidhm agus ag nuashonrú na mbeartas / na ngnáthamh seo a leanas le linn na bliana:

- Gnáthaimh Chasaoide agus Disciplíne – Treoirlínte Foirne
- Ciorcláin Taistil agus Maireachtála
- Cód Iompair d'Fhostaithe
- An tAcht um Chosaint Mháithreachais (Leasú) 2004
- Ciorcláin Éagsúla maidir le méaduithe pá ón DOEHLG
- Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh – Éagsúlacht Chultúrtha – Baill den Lucht Siúil
- Bainistiú Comhionannais agus Éagsúlachta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh
- Fostaithe Beartais Phromhaidh

Reáchtáladh athbhreithniú ag deireadh na bliana 2004 um ghnáthaimh thaifeadta i ndáil leis an tsaoire bhliantúil, saoire sholúbtha agus cineálacha saoire eile, agus glacadh le cinneadh chun na córais seo a ríomhairiú go luath sa bhliain 2005.

Beartais fhabhracha do Theaghlaigh

Líon na foirne a fuair saoire faoi réir na Scéimeanna éagsúla sa bhliain 2004

Saoire Tuismitheoireachta	25	Achar Téarma	15
Roinnt Oibre	30	Am Solúbtha	117
Sosanna Gairmeacha	12		

Reáchtálann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh go leor imeachtaí agus comórtas gach bliain le Lá um Beartas Fabhrach do Theaghlaigh a chur chun cinn.

Caidrimh Thionsclaíochta agus Fostaithe

An beartas um Acmhainní Daonna chun dea-chaidrimh thionsclaíocha a chothú ag an leibhéal corparáideach san iarracht chun saincheisteanna foirne a réiteach a luaithe agus is féidir; bhí rath leanúnach orthu sa bhliain 2004.

Comhairleoireacht Foirne
Aithníonn Rannóg na nAcmhainní Daonna i gcónaí tábhacht de Sheirbhís Comhairleoireachta Foirne a bhíonn ar fáil do gach ball foirne agus a sholáthraíon deis chun rochtain a fháil ar chomhairleoireacht ghairmiúil chun cúnamh le foireann ar bhonn rúnda a d'fhéadfadh deacrachtaí na láithreach oibre a bheith ag cur isteach ar fhorbairt agus comhlíonadh a gcumais phearsanta faoi seach.

TFC – Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise

Na seirbhísí TFC atá ann a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú agus seirbhísí rí-bhunúsacha eile a thabhairt isteach

Seirbhísí Teileachumarsáide & Líonra
- Ath-infheistiú um 132 ríomhaire deisce ionadacha
- Formhéadú an Líonra Chorparáidigh chuig Oifig an Tionscadail i bPáirc Uí Mháille, An Cnoc Theas.
- Costais laghdaithe cumarsáide tríd an imirce a chomhlíonadh chuig VPN (Glór) an Rialtais.
- Slándáil fheabhsaithe.
- Córas Bainistithe Sócmhainní curtha i bhfeidhm.

Córais Fhaisnéis Tíreolaíochta
- Táirgíodh na léarscáileanna do Phlean Forbartha Chomhairle na Cathrach don bhliain 2004 ina n-ilfhormáidí meán agus sa Ghaeilge agus sa Bhéarla araon.
- 56 léarscáil a táirgíodh lena n-áireamh sa tuarascáil le Des McCafferty a bhí bunaithe ar an daonáireamh agus ar choimisiúnaigh an LCDB í – "Luimneach: Próifíl de Chathair Athraitheach".

Seirbhísí Gréasáin
- Dearadh agus cuireadh i bhfeidhm suíomh gréasáin um Chúram Leanaí.
- Athdhearadh de shuíomh gréasáin Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh.
- An tseirbhís gréasáin forbartha lena ligeann do dhúnadh bóithre ag an gComhairle Cathrach agus Contae araon lena bhfoilsiú go dinimiciúil ar a suíomh gréasáin faoi seach san am reatha.
- Feabhsúcháin agus nuashonruithe leanúnacha do na suímh Inlín agus Idirlín.

An Rannóg Sláinte & Sábháilteachta

Cultúr tréan sláinte & sábháilteachta a chur chun cinn trí thiomantas.

Éachtaí sa bhliain 2004
- Laghdaíodh líon na dtimpistí inar cailleadh am faoi leath le hais na bliana roimhe sin.
- Eagraíodh clár cuimsitheach gníomhaíochtaí chur chun cinn don tSeachtain Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta sa Dheireadh Fómhair.
- Soláthraíodh seimineáir eolais do gach rannóg um an gcosc úr ar chaitheamh tobac agus ar straitéisí um thréigean an tobac. Soláthraíodh comharthaí cuimsitheacha chosc ar thobac.
- Forbraíodh treoirlínte um chleachtas sábháilte oibre do strus agus don bhithstiallaire.
- Toghadh na nlonadaithe Sábháilteachta úra do na blianta 2004-2007.
- Eagraíodh sé chruinniú de na hlonadaithe Sábháilteachta.
- Athbhreithníodh agus nuashonraíodh Ráitis Sábháilteachta, lena n-áirítear measúnachtaí priacail.
- Forbraíodh beartais um Vacsaíní agus Cosaint an Mháithreachais.
- Forbraíodh ceistneoir cuimsitheach um Chur chun Cinn na Sláinte sa Láthair Oibre.
- Méadaíodh líon na ndaoine garchabhrach deimhnithe go mór.
- Reáchtáladh suirbhé radóin ar fhoirgnimh agus stáisiúin de chuid CCL.
- Chuathas i mbun suirbhé ar legionella san príomhfhoirgnimh de chuid CCL.
- Forbraíodh cúrsa traenála um láimhseáil ábhar go hintí agus tugadh oiliúint do dhá ghrúpa dhéag.
- Forbraíodh láithreoireacht um Aispeist agus tugadh do chomhraiceoirí dóiteáin CCL í.
- Soláthraíodh oiliúint ionduchtúcháin H&S d'fhostaithe úra.
- Ullmhaíodh cáipéis faisnéisithe um Bille SHWW 2004 don lucht bainistíochta.
- Cuireadh treoirleabhráin ar fáil um Láimhseáil Ábhar, Gar-Chabhair agus Strus.

Comhpháirtíocht

An bealach bunaithe chun gnó a reáchtáil lena mbaineann bainistiú, aontais agus fostaithe ag gach leibhéal chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar raon leathan saincheisteanna de thábhacht straitéiseach agus oibriúcháin, agus chun torthaí dearfacha a sheachadadh do gach geallsealbhóir. Soláthraíonn próiseas na comhpháirtíochta talamh neodrach mar ar féidir comhphlé tarlú, leis an gcuspóir chun cur chuige na sáraíochta um athrú a athchur le próiseas oscailte comhordaitheach bunaithe ar chomhairliúchán agus rannpháirteachas éifeachtach le gach duine lena mbaineann do chur ar aghaidh agus forfheidhmiú de spriocanna straitéiseacha, cuspóirí seachadta seirbhíse, agus cláir ghníomhaíochta gaolmhara.

Éachtaí sa bhliain 2004
- Tús le comhphlé um fhorfheidhmiú na n-athruithe nuachóirithe/solúbthachta arna gcomhaontú ag aontais agus lucht bainistíochta faoi Ag Coinneáil an Dul Chun Cinn.
- Forbairt d'Aonad Cuimsitheachta Sóisialta, (le tacaíocht ó Chomhpháirtíocht), de Dhréacht-Bheartas um Idirchultúrachas.
- Forbairt de Bheartas um Úsáid d'Fhóin Phóca.
- Forfheidhmiú de Bheartas Chosc ar Thobac.
- Forfheidhmiú d'Oiliúint Réamh-Scoraíochta.
- Gnóthachan de cháilíocht an Teastais Sóisearaigh ag triúr ball den fhoireann, (ag eascairt ó thionscnamh um Fhilleadh ar an bhFoghlaim).

Effective management of social & affordable housing
Bainistiú Éifeachtach um thithíocht shóisialta agus inacmhainne

Creating & preserving sustainable communities
Pobail inbhuanaithe a chruthú & a chaomhnú

(l-r) **John Ryan & Gerry O'Halloran**, Housing Maintenance Team

Thomondgate

Key elements of the Annual Operational Plan:

- Increase the availability of affordable and social housing
- Enhance the support network necessary for the provision of social housing
- Develop an effective system of management of our housing stock.

Housing Stock:

	2003	2004
Housing stock	3216	3223
Housing waiting list	800	1200

Main achievements during the year:

- Production of Action Plan for Social & Affordable Housing 2004-08
- Commenced the construction/acquisition of 23 housing units
- 99 units added to LCC's housing stock
- 3 houses refurbished under the DoEHLG Voids Scheme
- Commenced Part 8 planning process in respect of 8 new housing schemes, comprising of 108 units
- Appointment of Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager to O'Malley Park Remedial Works Scheme
- Prepared Draft Traveller Accommodation Plan 2005-08
- €125,000 paid to 12 voluntary and community groups under the Social & Community Grants Scheme 2004
- €98,900 paid to five estate management groups in respect of staffing and office administration
- Provided 10 houses under the Affordable Housing Scheme 1999
- Secured 3 Exclusion Orders under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997 and 5 Orders for Possession
- 20 projects commenced under Improvement Works in Lieu Scheme & Extensions to Local Authority Houses Scheme with a total expenditure in 2004 of €1,182,635.
- Contributed €315,000 towards the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme. A total of 74 grants were approved
- Completed Phase 3 of the Windows & Doors Replacement Programme, bringing to 778 the number of houses which have benefited from the Scheme

Thomondgate

Pauline Costello & Jean O'Grady, Housing

Sean O'Shea, Housing Maintenance Team

Eochair-thréithe den Phlean Oibriúcháin Bhliantúil:

- Infhaighteacht na tithíochta inacmhainne agus sóisialta a mhéadú
- Feabhsú an líonra tacaíochta a theastaíonn chun tithíocht shóisialta a sholáthar
- Córas éifeachtach bainistíochta dár stoc tithíochta a fhorbairt.

Stoc Tithíochta:

	2003	2004
Stoc Tithíochta	3216	3223
Liosta feithimh um thithíochta	800	1200

Éachtaí sa bhliain 2004

- Táirgeadh de Phlean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht Shóisialta & Inacmhainne 2004-08
- Tús curtha le tógáil/sealbhú de 23 aonad tithíochta
- 99 aonad curtha le stoc tithíochta CCL
- 3 theach athchóirithe faoi Scéim na dTithe Folmha de chuid An Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil
- Tús curtha le Cuid 8 den phróiseas pleanála i ndáil le 8 scéim thithíochta úra, le 108 aonad ann
- Ceapadh Bhainisteoir Tionscadail agus Bhainisteoir Cúnta Tionscadail chuig Scéim Oibreacha Feabhais Pháirc Uí Mháille
- Plean Cóiríochta don Lucht Siúil Ullmhaithe 2005-08
- €125,000 íoctha le 12 ghrúpa dheonacha agus phobail faoin Scéim na nDeontas Sóisialta & Pobail don bhliain 2004
- €98,900 íoctha le cúig ghrúpa bainistíochta eastáit i ndáil le foirniú agus riarachán oifige
- 10 dteach soláthraithe faoi Scéim na Tithíochta Inacmhainne don bhliain 1999
- 3 Ordú Eisiata slánaithe faoin Acht Tithíochta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 1997 agus 5 Ordú Shealbhaithe
- 20 tionscadal tosaithe faoi Scéim na nOibreacha Feabhsúcháin in Ionad & Scéim na Síntí do Thithe Údaráis Áitiúil le caiteachas iomlán sa bhliain 2004 de €1,182,635.
- €350,000 ranníoctha le Scéim Deontais na nDaoine Míchumasaithe. Ceadaíodh do 74 deontas san iomlán
- Céim 3 de Chlár Athchuir na bhFuinneog & na nDoirse críochnaithe, le líon na dtithe a bhain tairbhe as an Scéim ag 778 anois

Transportation & Infrastructure
Iompar & Bonneagar

New N7 Southern Ring Road

(l-r) **Elizabeth Frawley & Sarah Doyle**, Risk Assessment

National Road Resurfacing

New road surface from Garda Station on Henry Street (N20) along Henry Street (N20), Charlotte Quay (N20) and Abbey Bridge (N7/N20 junction).

Special Improvement Grants

- Roxboro Road
- Kilmallock Road
- Lord Edward Street
- Wickham Street
- Sarsfield Bridge (structural improvements)

Special Block Grants

(Road Resurfacing & Footpath Improvements)

- Kileely (Hogan Avenue)
- Hyde Road
- St. Patrick's Road
- Broad Street/John Street
- Joseph Street (Part)
- Mill Road (Part)
- Bengal Terrace (footpath upgrade)
- North Circular Road (footpath upgrade)
- Childers Road (footpath upgrade)
- Rossa Avenue (footpath upgrade)
- Cruises Street (surface upgrade)

Limerick City Centre : Croi na Cathrach
Remodelling of streets and open spaces

Design and consultation process commenced in Upper Bedford Row and Lower Thomas Street.

Other Works Undertaken

- Total reconstruction of Tipperary Road Roundabout
- Completion and official opening of N7 Parkway Re-alignment/Groody Bridge.
- Lelia Street resurface and path upgrade
- Footpath upgrade at Lower Park, Rhebogue
- Footpath upgrade at St. Mary's Park
- Programme of manhole replacement and improvement
- Programme of gully replacement and improvement in Moyross
- Public Lighting improvements
- Traffic route lighting improvements
- Undergrounding of overhead cables in Thomas Street
- Barcelona Convention works (20K)
- Hazzard and fault repair and elimination.
- Dock Road – footpaths (30K) upgrade.

Other Projects in Progress

- Cycle Network Strategy
- Urban Traffic Control Implementation
- Public Transport Initiatives
- Limerick Metropolitan Area Network (Broadband) Phase II

Projects at Development Stage

- Corbally Link Road – Phase II (land acquisition)
- Southern Ring Road 2 Project Development
- Park Canal Project Development
- Cycle Lanes
- City Centre Strategy (O'Connell Street and William Street - design development)
- Quality Bus Corridor Project Development

Waste water treatment facility at Bunlicky

Sanitary Services

Waste Water & Sewage

The Limerick Main Drainage Project is a major environmental and infrastructural project that will enable Limerick City and its environs to provide for the domestic, industrial and commercial development of the area well into the new millennium and will lead to improvements in water quality in the River Shannon. The scheme comprises of a new wastewater treatment plant at Bunlicky, a main lift pump station at Corcanree together with some 45km of large diameter interceptor sewers. This new wastewater infrastructure has been constructed to meet the requirements of the EU Directive on Urban Waste Water Treatment and to ensure compliance with the Shannon Estuary Water Quality Management Plan.

The new Waste Water Treatment Plant was officially opened by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Martin Cullen TD, on Friday 21st May. The Plant has a design capacity of 130,000 population equivalents. The plant also includes a sludge treatment installation, which provides for the treatment of wastewater sludge's generated both in the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the surrounding region and the production of bio-solids for beneficial re-use. The complete treatment process is automated and controlled using computer software to continually monitor operating plant status and process quality.

"The project involves the elimination of some 50 sewer outfalls which had been discharging directly to the Shannon and Abbey Rivers. Now Limerick and its surrounding area will be fully compliant with EU directives on urban waste water treatment and will meet international quality standards", said Minster Cullen.

The Limerick Main Drainage Project, which has involved carrying out of 19 major engineering contracts over the last four years, has been promoted by Limerick City Council as the lead authority in association with Limerick and Clare County Councils. Funding for the project was provided by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government under the National Development Plan and by the E.U. Cohesion Fund.

Water

The European Communities Drinking Water Regulations, 2000. (S.I. 439 of 2000) and Directive 98/83/EC came into effect on the 1st January 2004. These new regulations have increased the amount of monitoring and the number of testing parameters for drinking water.

Main Achievements

Limerick City Council produced in excess of 18.5 million cubic meters of potable drinking water in 2004

- 99.2% compliance with EU Drinking Water Regulations 2004 Amongst the highest compliance rates in the country.
- 100% compliance rate with Microbiological Parameters in 2004

The Limerick City Water Conservation project made more progress during 2004 and has succeeded in further reducing unaccounted for water levels in the city by an average of 1500m^2 day.

Considerable progress on control of the system was also made during the year installing new flow meters and Telemetry on the distribution system. In excess of 2000m of old watermain was replaced during 2004 and new water connections were provided for 65 major new developments in the City.

Joe Coughlan, Risk Assessment

Working on site at Lifford Avenue

John Fitzgerald & Pat Ryan

Athchur Dromchla Bóithre Náisiúnta

Dromchla úr ar an mbóthar ó Stáisiún an Gharda ar Shráid Annraoi (N20) ar fud Sráid Annraoi (N20), Cé Charlotte (N20) agus Droichead na Mainistreach (conair an N7/N20).

Deontais Fheabhsúcháin Speisialta

- Bóthar Roxboro
- Bóthar Chill Mocheallóg
- Sráid an Iarla Edward
- Sráid Wickham
- Droichead an tSáirséalaigh (feabhsúcháin struchtúrtha)

Blocdheontais Speisialta

(Athchur Dromchla Bóthair & Feabhsúcháin Chosán)

- Cill Liadhaine (Ascaill Uí Ógáin)
- Bóthar de hÍde
- Bóthar Naomh Pádraig
- Sráid Broad/Sráid Eoin
- Sráid Sheosaimh (cuid di)
- Bóthar an Mhuilinn (cuid de)
- Ardán Bengal (uasghrádú cosáin)
- An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh (uasghrádú cosáin)
- Bóthar Childers (uasghrádú cosáin)
- Ascaill de Rossa (uasghrádú cosáin)
- Sráid Cruises (uasghrádú dromchla)

Lár Chathair Luimnigh : Croí na Cathrach
Athmhúnlú sráideanna agus spásanna oscailte

Tús le próiseas deartha agus comhairliúcháin i Ré Bedford Uachtarach agus Sráid Thomáis Íochtarach.

Oibreacha Eile a Rinneadh

- Atógáil iomlán de Thimpeallán Bhóthar Thiobraid Árann
- Comhlánú agus oscailt oifigiúil d'Athailíniú Parkway N7/Dhroichead Groody.
- Athchur dromchla Shráid Lelia agus nuashonrú cosáin
- Nuashonrú cosáin ag an bPáirc Íochtarach, Rhebogue
- Nuashonrú cosáin ag Páirc Naomh Muire
- Clár chun athchur agus feabhsú dúnphoill
- Clár chun athchur agus feabhsú lintéar i Maigh Rois
- Feabhsúcháin um Shoilsiú Poiblí
- Feabhsúcháin um shoilsiú na mbealaí tráchta
- Fothalmhú de cháblaí lasnairde ar Shráid Thomáis
- Oibreacha Chomhdháil Barcelona (20K)
- Deisiú agus baint guaise agus fabht.
- Bóthar an Duga – uasghrádú cosán (30K).

Tionscadail Eile a bhfuiltear ina mBun

- Straitéis Líonra Rothar
- Forfheidhmiú um Rialú Tráchta Uirbeach
- Tionscnaimh Iompair Phoiblí
- Líonra Achar Cathrach Luimnigh (Leathanbhanda) Céim II

Tionscadal ag an gCéim Forbartha

- Nascbhóthar an Chorrbhaile – Céim II (sealbhú talaimh)
- Cuarbhóthar Theas 2 Forbairt Tionscadail
- Forbairt Tionscadail Chanáil na Páirce
- Bóithríní Rothar
- Straitéis Lár na Cathrach (Sráid Uí Chonaill agus Sráid Liam - forbairt dearaidh)
- Forbairt Tionscadail Chonair Bus den Scoth

Helen Kiely & Paul Clancy, Traffic Wardens

Replacing foothpaths on Mill Road

Seirbhísí Sláintíochta

Dramhuisce & Séarach

Is tionscadal mór comhshaoil agus bonneagair é Príomh-Thionscadal Draenála Luimnigh a chumasóidh Cathair Luimnigh agus máguaird chun foráil d'fhorbairt baile, thionsclaíoch agus tráchtála an cheantair go fada isteach sa mhílaois úr, agus is as a thiocfaidh feabhsúcháin um cháilíochta uisce sa tSionainn féin. Is monarcha nua cóireála dramhuisce ag Bun Leice, príomhstáisiún pumpa tógála ag Corcanree chomh maith le 45km de shéaraigh idirghabhálaitheora de thrastomhas mór atá sa scéim. Táthar tar éis an bonneagar dramhuisce úr seo a thógáil le riachtanais Threoir an AE a shásamh um Chóireáil Dramhuisce Uirbeach agus le comhall a chinntiú le Plean Bainistíochta Cháilíochta Uisce Inbhear na Sionainne.

Osclaíodh an Fearas úr Cóireála Dramhuisce go hoifigiúil ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta & Rialtais Áitiúil, Martin Cullen T.D., ar Aoine 21 Bealtaine. Tá toilleadh dearaidh dá chomhionann le 130,000 daonra ag an nGléasra. Áirítear leis an ngléasra suiteáil cóireála sloda, a sholáthraíonn do chóireáil shloda an dramhuisce a ghintear sa Ghléasra Cóireála Dramhuisce agus sa cheantar máguaird araon, agus táirgeadh na mbithsholad lena n-athúsáid thairbheach. Is uathoibrithe atá an próiseas iomlán, agus is bog-earraí ríomhaire a rialaíonn é, chun monatóireacht leanúnach ar stádas an ghléasra agus ar cháilíocht an phróisis.

"Baineann díothú 50 sceitheadh séaraigh leis an tionscadal, atá tar éis a bheith ag doirteadh go díreach amach sa tSionainn agus in Abhainn na Mainistreach faoi seach. Beidh Luimneach agus an ceantar máguaird ag comhall go hiomlán le treoracha an AE um chóireáil dramhuisce uirbeach agus sásóidh sí na caighdeáin idirnáisiúnta cáilíochta", a dúirt an tAire Cullen.

Ba í Comhairle Chathair Luimnigh a chuir chun cinn Príomh-Thionscadal Draenála Luimnigh, lenar bhain 19 mór-chonradh innealtóireachta le ceithre bliana anuas, agus í mar an t-údarás ceannaireachta i gcomhar le Comhairlí Chontae Luimnigh agus Chontae an Chláir. Ba í an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta & Rialtais Áitiúil faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Ciste Comhtháthaithe an AE a sholáthair cistiú don tionscadal.

Uisce

Tháinig Rialacháin Uisce Óil na gComhphobal Eorpach, 2000, (I.R. 439 de 2000) agus Treoir 98/83/CE i bhfeidhm ar 1ú Eanáir 2004. Tháinig méadú ar líon na monatóireachta agus na bparaiméadar tástála um uisce óil de bharr na rialachán úr seo.

Príomh-Éachtaí

Tháirg Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh sa bhreis de 18.5 milliún méadar ciúbach d'uisce inólta sa bhliain 2004

- 99.2% de chomhall le Rialacháin Uisce Óil an AE 2004 I measc na rátaí comhaill is airde sa tír.
- 100% de ráta comhaill le Paraiméadair Mhicribhitheolaíochta sa bhliain 2004

Rinne tionscadal Caomhnaithe Uisce Chathair Luimnigh ní ba mhó dul chun cinn i rith na bliana 2004, agus tá éirithe léi tuilleadh laghdaithe ar leibhéil uisce gan tuairisc sa chathair faoi mheán de 1500m2 in aghaidh an lae.

Rinneadh dul chun cinn nár bheag i gcaitheamh na bliana freisin ar rialáil an chórais, le suiteáil de mhéadair shreafa agus Teiliméadraíocht úr ar an gcóras leithdháilte. Athchuireadh sa bhreis ar 2000m de phríomhlíne uisce i rith na bliana 2004, agus soláthraíodh naisc úra uisce do 65 cinn d'fhorbairtí úra sa Chathair.

Environmental Awareness
Feasacht Comhshaoil

Creating cleaner & greener neighbourhoods
Comharsanachtaí níos glaine & níos glaise a chruthú

Launch of Car Free Day initiative

Cllr Gerry O'Loughlin, Cllr Michael Hourigan and Cllr. Maria Byrne, Car Free Day launch

Environment Highlights

- Slim Your Bin leaflet produced to give guidance in the Race Against Waste Campaign
- Four compost clinics held and 446 compost bins sold.
- Permanent collection point for paint and paint related materials at Park Road Depot
- Launch of Litter and the Law Leaflet in French, Russian and Arabic
- 137 cases were taken against individuals/companies for breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996 and 31 successful prosecutions were secured
- 544 litter fines were issued and 111 successful prosecutions secured
- Participated in annual pollution exercises
- A fourth Litter Monitoring Survey was completed by November 2004
- 62 horses impounded under Control of Horses legislation
- Audits were carried out on the holders of Waste Collection Permits within Limerick City.
- 66 inspections were carried out under the Ban on Bituminous Coal Regulations
- Currently 6 schools and 1 adult training centre have been awarded flags under the An Taisce Green Schools Programme
- Moyross Race Against Waste Project, which included waste and communications training and the production of a waste information leaflet for Moyross householders
- Mayor of Limerick was presented with the New Generation Toyota Prius, the 'environmentally friendly' Car of the Future

Buaicphointí Comhshaoil

- Bileog Slim Your Bin a táirgeadh mar threoir san Fheachtas um an Rás in aghaidh na Dramhaíola
- Reáchtáladh ceithre cinn de chlinicí múirín agus díoladh 446 bosca múirín.
- Pointe buan bailiúcháin um péint agus ábhair ghaolmhara ag Stáisiún Bhóthar na Páirce
- Seoladh Bileoige um Bruscar agus an Dlí sa Fhraincis, sa Rúisis agus san Araibis
- Tógadh 137 cás in éadan daoine aonair/comhlachtaí um bristeacha an tAcht Bainistithe Dramhaíola 1996 agus slánaíodh 31 ionchúiseamh rathúla
- Eisíodh 544 fíneáil bruscair agus slánaíodh 111 ionchúiseamh rathúla
- Glacadh rannpháirt sna cleachtais bhliantúla truaillithe
- Críochnaíodh an ceathrú Suirbhé Monatóireachta Bruscair faoi Shamhain na bliana 2004
- 62 capall gaibhnithe faoi reachtaíocht um Rialú Capall
- Rinneadh iniúchtaí ar shealbhóirí na gCeadanna Bailiúcháin Dramhaíola laistigh de Chathair Luimnigh.
- Rinneadh 66 imscrúdú faoi réir Rialacháin um Thoirmeasc ar Ghual Biotúmanach
- Tá bratacha bronnta ar 6 scoil agus ar ionad oiliúna amháin faoi láthair faoi Chlár Scoileanna Glasa de chuid An Taisce
- Tionscadal 'Rás in aghaidh Dramhaíola' de chuid Mhaigh Rois, lenar áiríodh oiliúint cumarsáide agus táirgeadh bhileog eolais dramhaíola d'áitritheoirí Mhaigh Rois
- Tugadh Toyota Prius do Mhéara Luimnigh, ar Gluaisteán 'fabhrach don chomhshaol' de chuid na todhchaí é

City Council Honours for Moyross Citizens - Combat Poverty Moyross Against Waste Project.
Left (l-r) Elaine Slattery, Sinead Doody & students from Ceim ar Ceim Right (l-r) Sinead O'Donnell, Joe Delaney with Niamh and Stephanie, Ceim ar Ceim.

Green School Initiative
Green Flag award for Laurel Hill FCJ

City Neighbourhood Awards
Mayor DIck Sadlier and Pat Daly, Shannon Development, congratulate Des Murphy LCC for the Peoples Park open landscape award.

City Neighbourhood Competition
Best open landscape award for the Peoples Park for the second year running.

Policy Development & Future Planning
Forbairt Bheartais & Pleanáil Todhchaí

Realising the economic potential of our city
Cumas eacnamúil ár gCathairne a Réadú

Shannon Street

Docklands & Shannon Estuary

Lower Mallow Street

Key services of this department include:
- The Review of the City Development Plan
- The control of development
- The implementation of government programmes for tax exempt developments
- The conservation of natural and built environment
- The provision of advice and guidance

A considerable scope of work was achieved during the year, which included :
- Adoption of Limerick City Contribution Scheme 2004
- Participation in preparation of Statistical Profile of Limerick City
- Submission of revised case for the Borough Boundary Extension to the adjoining affected local authorities
- Final certification issued in relation to development sites under the Integrated Area Plan, and levies collected amounting to €267,000
- Consultants appointed and commencement of preparation of detail designs for "Water in Historic Cities" project
- Development Briefs issued for Strand Hotel and Bogues Yard
- Adoption of Limerick City Development Plan 2004

Significant planning permissions issued in 2004 included :
(i) An apartment development at Alandale Orchard
(ii) A new roundabout on the N69
(iii) Mixed commercial, car parking and residential development at Dock Road/Windmill Street/Cogan Street/Crosley Row

Development levies in the amount of €4.5m were collected.

Áirítear le heochair-sheirbhísí na rannóige seo:
- Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach
- Rialú na forbartha
- Forfheidhmiú chláir an rialtais um fhorbairtí díolmhaithe ó cháin
- Caomhnú na timpeallachta nádúrtha agus tógtha
- Soláthar na comhairle agus na treorach

Baineadh amach scóip oibre nach beag i rith na bliana, lenar áiríodh:
- Glacadh le Scéim Ranníocaíochta Chathair Luimnigh 2004
- Rannpháirteachas in ullmhú de Phróifíl Staitisticiúil ar Chathair Luimnigh
- Cur isteach an cháis athbhreithnithe um Shíneadh Chríoch an Bhaile isteach ar na húdaráis áitiúla lena mbaineann
- Deimhniúchán deiridh eisithe i ndáil le suímh fhorbartha faoi Phlean an Limistéir Chomhtháite, agus tobhaí bailithe ag teacht go €267,000
- Comhairligh ceaptha agus tús curtha le hullmhú na ndearthaí mionsonraithe do thionscadal "Uisce sna Cathracha Stairiúla"
- Sainchúraim fhorbartha eisithe do Óstán na Trá agus Clós Bogues
- Glacadh le Plean Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh 2004

Áirítear leis na ceadanna pleanála móra a eisíodh sa bhliain 2004:
(i) Forbairt árasán ag Úllord Alandale
(ii) Timpeallán nua ar an N69
(iii) Forbairt mheasctha tráchtála, carrchlóis agus cónaithe ag Bóthar an Duga/Sráid an Mhuilinn ghaoithe/Sráid Cogan/Ré Crosley

Bailíodh tobhaí forbartha ag teacht go €4.5m.

Shannon Bridge, RiverPoint Development

Fire & Rescue Services
Seirghísí Dóiteáin & Tarrthála

An integrated organisational response to fire & major emergencies
Freagra eagrúcháin chomhtháite do dhóiteáin & mór-éigeandálacha

Mal Sherlock, Fire Fighter

Limerick's City's Fire and Rescue Services are engaged in duties in an area of approximately 419 sq. kilometres which holds a population in excess of 100,000 people including its Borough and adjoining areas in counties Limerick and Clare. It also provides a fast and effective response to road traffic accidents, flooding and other emergencies.

Fire & Rescue Achievements

- Attended 1494 fires
- Attended 214 special services incidents such as road traffic accidents, water pumping / flooding etc.
- One new Class B Dennis fire appliance was purchased with Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government grant aid
- Drill Yard re-development begun in late 2003 was completed with DoEHLG grant aid
- An energy conservation project at the Fire Station was completed with grant aid from Sustainable Energy Ireland.
- Eight gas tight suits were purchased with grant aid from the DoEHLG, thus enhancing the fire brigade's capacity to respond to chemical and biological incidents
- An information technology development programme was implemented with grant aid from the DoEHLG
- Average mobilising time 1.34 minutes

Fire Prevention & Building Control:

Planning Referrals:

Planning applications referred to the Fire Prevention & Building Control Department:	166
Fire Safety Certificate Applications received:	130
Commencement Notices Received:	138
Inspection of Licensing of Premises:	263

Event Planning:
The Fire Prevention Department was involved in an advisory capacity in relation to 11 major events.

Community Fire Safety:
Three talks were given on fire safety to various groups.

Téann Seirbhísí Dóiteáin agus Tarrthála chathair Luimnigh i mbun dualgas thar achar timpeall 419 ciliméadar cearnach le breis agus 100,000 duine ann, lena n-áirítear an Baile féin agus na ceantair chóngaracha i gContaetha Luimnigh agus an Chláir. Soláthraíonn siad freagra sciobtha éifeachtach freisin do thimpistí tráchta bóthair, tuilte agus éigeandálacha eile nach iad.

Anne Timothy & Deborah Johnson, Control Room Limerick City Fire Brigade

Éachtaí Dóiteáin & Tarrthála

- Freastal ar 1494 dóiteán
- Freastal ar 214 teagmhas seirbhísí speisialta ar nós timpistí tráchta bóthair, pumpáil uisce / tuilte srl.
- Ceannaíodh fearas dóiteáin Aicme B Dennis úr amháin, le cabhair deontais ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta & Rialtais Áitiúil
- Athfhorbairt an chlóis druileála tosaithe go déanach sa bhliain 2003 agus críochnaithe anuraidh le cabhair deontais na Roinne
- Críochnaíodh tionscadal caomhnaithe fuinnimh ag an Stáisiún Dóiteáin le cabhair deontais ó Fhuinneamh Inbhuanaithe Éireann.
- Ceannaíodh ocht gculaith séalaithe ó ghás le cabhair deontais ón Roinn, agus cumas na Briogáide Dóiteáin á fheabhsú dá réir chun freagairt do theagmhais cheimiceán agus bitheolaíochta
- Cuireadh i bhfeidhm clár forbartha teicneolaíocht le cabhair deontais ón Roinn
- Meán-am slógtha 1.34 nóiméad

Cosc Dóiteáin & Rialáil Foirgneamh:

Tarchur Pleanála:

Iarratais phleanála a tarchuireadh chuig Rannóg Chosc Dóiteáin & Rialáil Foirgneamh:	166
Líon na nIarratas Deimhnithe Sábháilteachta Dóiteáin a fuarthas:	130
Fógraí Tosaithe a Fuarthas:	138
Imscrúdú Ceadúcháin Áitreabh:	263

Pleanáil Imeachtaí:
Bhí baint ag Rannóg Chosc Dóiteáin ar bhonn comhairleach i ndáil le 11 de mhór-imeachtaí.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin sa Phobal:
Tugadh trí chaint ar shábháilteacht dóiteáin do ghrúpaí éagsúla.

Arts & Culture - Our Creative City
Ealaíona & Cultúr - Ár gCathair Cruthaitheach

Planning, support & participation
Pleanáil, tacaíocht & rannpháirteachas

Irish Chamber Orchestra, St. Marys Cathedral

The strategic action areas for the Limerick City Council Arts Service are Public Planning and support for the arts.

- Infrastructure and facilities for the arts
- The Creative City
- Public access and participation
- Collaboration and Partnership
- The individual artist

Infrastructure & Facilities for the Arts

Daghdha Dance Company

Daghdha Dance formally signed the lease and began work on St. John of The Cross Church, 1 and 2 St. John's Square.

The Creative City

Kate O'Brien Weekend

This years theme was 'War' with keynote lecture given by Fatima Gailani. Speakers included Ciaran Carson, Hugo Hamilton, Lara Marlowe, Avi Shlaim, Derek Summerfield and Ivan Bacik.

Day of Welcomes May 1st

As part of the cultural programme of the EU Presidency, the "Day of Welcomes" was at the heart of a national weekend of celebration showcasing the generosity and spirit of Ireland to our new E.U. neighbours. Limerick, linked with Slovenia, held an extensive programme of events, including concerts at King John's Castle by both Limerick and Slovenian groups. Limerick's street theatre Company, The Umbrella Project with the Slovenian Street Theatre Company, Serpentes, presented a spectacular street event, full of colour and sound.

Cuisle International Poetry Festival

Cuisle took place in various city centre venues from 11th to 16th October and involved readings, workshops, book launches and exhibitions. Participants enjoyed readings by leading poets Paul Durcan, Michael D. Higgins, Ian Duigh, Simon Armitage, John O'Donoghue, Trevor Joyce, Desmond O'Grady, Knute Skinner, Kevin Higgins and Nuala Ni Chonchúir along with first time published poets Imelda Maguire, Nigel Mc Laughlin, Maureen McAteer and Leanne O'Sullivan. The launch of a first novel "Limerick Junction" by Limerick writer Liam Liddy took place along with the third Stony Thursday Book of the new millennium. The Limerick City Council Arts Office, in association with the WhiteHousePoets, hosted a Poetry Workshop, that continued as a series of workshops after the festival. The Workshops were facilitated by Galway poet Kevin Higgins and over the six week period various aspects of poetry were covered, including how to craft a poem, subject, style and metre were examined.

Sionna Festival of Traditional Music and Dance

This year the festival took place from 8th to 28th November culminating in the TG4 Gradam Ceoil Awards live at UCH on the 28th. The festival included a workshop by The Shanghai Percussion Ensemble from China, performances from Radio Tarifa from Spain, and Sabreen from Palestine, a performance of The Goldberg Variations at St. Mary's Cathedral, and The Turner Trio at The Georgian House & Gardens.

Part of the outreach element of the festival was the street performance of Squeal Amach 2 : The Butcher's Revenge. This street event built on the success of last year's event, retaining the same basic format but adding a few new elements. The music was composed by Mícheal Ó Súilleabháin and scripted by Mike Finn. The event was produced and directed by The Umbrella Project.

Public Access and Participation

Story Making on Film
- The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley

A collection of stories on DVD from St Munchin's Boys NS and St Mary's NS, was produced as part of an Artist in Residence in Schools Scheme.

The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley is an archival collection of stories, characters, sayings and superstitions as told by the fifth classes of St. Munchins and St. Mary's schools over a two week period in September. Facilitated by Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert and co-ordinated by Limerick City Council the storymaking process uncovered stories which revealed a remarkable knowledge and wealth of folklore, ancient and contemporary, which were completed in the boundless imaginations of the storytellers themselves. Funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and Limerick City Council, copies of the dvd are available from The Arts Service, Limerick City Council.

May Music in The Park

Limerick's own Boherbuoy Brass & Reed Band gave public performances on three Saturday's in May in the People's Park.

Collaboration and Partnership

Compose Yourself in association with The Irish Chamber Orchestra
Compose Yourself, a three-year area-based project (2002-04), took place in Limerick City South. Captured Moments, took place on December 13th/14th at the Limerick City Gallery of Art.

Up to 150 children in three primary schools took part in Compose Yourself a weeklong creative music workshops in their schools, leading to informal performances recorded on video.
The emphasis was on social and musical outcomes. Group work, experiential learning, development of musical skills, feedback and evaluation were key aspects of the programme. Art work derived from these videos are included in the composition/performance of new work which is based on the music devised by the children. The children involved in the workshops attended the rehearsal process of the new commission and were guests at the first public performance.

Music Network

A performance by The Trio Turner (France) took place on Friday 26th November at The Georgian House & Gardens. Highlights include the trio's critically-acclaimed recording of the entire works of Arnold Bax for flute, viola and harp and its world première of Serge Natra's Commentaires Sentimentaux at the 8th World Harp Congress in Geneva. This performance was presented with kind assistance from the Embassy of France, Cultural Section, and AFAA.

Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum

The museum's online catalogue at limerickcity.ie was extensively expanded in 2004 and was officially launched by the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, John O'Donoghue on 3 June. The average number of visitors to the catalogue per week has exceeded 10,000 and the total number of hits at the end of the year was 347,530.

There were 144 additions to the museum collection during the year. Most notable included: Limerick silver teaspoon by Thomas Walsh, c.1770; Limerick silver salt spoon by Maurice Fitzgerald, c.1800; a pocket watch by Sterling, Limerick, 1872; a button of Limerick Merchant Volunteers, c.1780; a poster of the Theatre Royal, 1857; a review of Limerick Skating Rink, Wellesley Place, 1909; newspaper, the New York Daily Tribune, 28 August 1848, with extensive reports on the Young Ireland insurrection and its aftermath; a medal of Limerick Motor Club, 1930s; a tin for Spillane's Two Flakes tobacco and a photograph of the tanks Scotch & Soda on Thomond Bridge, April 1919.

Visitor numbers, at 13,825, were consistent with 2003.

An exhibition of painted beehive panels from Slovenia was mounted to mark the enlargement of the European Union. The exhibition was officially opened by Mr. Anton Rop, Prime Minister of Slovenia.

Limerick City Gallery of Art

There was a varied and full exhibition programme during the year, which included:

- Tina O'Connell, Limerick born, London based artist produced sculpture and a large scale floor installation specially fabricated for Limerick City Gallery of Art
- Tjibbe Hooghiemstra - Night Flight, presented Drawings and Paintings
- EVA 2004 - 52 National and International artists from 22 countries Curated by Zdenka Badovinac, Slovenia
- Corpus- Women Artists and Embodiment, work from the Irish National Collections, Shinnors Curatorial Scholarship
- reCollections - Our Lady of Lourdes Active Group, Outreach project and exhibition responding to the Corpus Exhibition
- Florida/Ireland Artists Exchange Exhibition 4 June
- Aine Phillips - ardent shelters exploring the concepts of home and shelter. The exhibition included a live performance of homeless Shoot! At The Artist, both an exhibition and a story of the last years of the totalitarian regime in the former Yugoslavia
- Jack Donovan Retrospective Paintings 1959-2004
- Tom Fitzgerald, The Ministry of Dust new drawings, sculpture and installations
- Contemporary Dance co-ordinated by Mary Nunan, including Colin Dunne and Jean Butler

Permanent Collection Storage

Using funds from a Heritage Council Grant new storage racks have been purchased and installed.

Guide for young people to the Permanent Collection

LCGA published a guide for young people to the Permanent Collection. This guide was designed to act as a stimulus for young people and their educators to study and discuss some of the wonderful work in the collection. It will cover a variety of items in the collection including paintings by Paul Henry, Sir William Orpen, Jack B Yeats, and John Shinnors. It will also discuss drawings form the National Collection of Contemporary Drawings and items of Sculpture, photography and Multi-Media. The guide was published with the help of a Heritage Council Grant.

Exhibition of Beehive Panels from Slovenia, Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum.

Collaborations with other Galleries and Loans

Siamsa Tire The National Folk Theatre staged an exhibition of work from the Permanent Collection of Limerick City Gallery of Art entitled 'Painting The Free State' an exhibition of 20thC Irish Painting which featured important works by major Irish artists of the mid 20thC including Jack B Yeats, Paul Henry, Sean Keating, Maurice Mac Gonigal, Walter Osborne and Percy French.

Library Services

A valuable resource and source of inclusion for the people of Limerick
1. Resource for Information & Learning
2. Resource for Culture & the Imagination
3. Resource for Children & Young People

Library Usage 2004	Granary	Roxboro
PC & Internet Sessions	10,641	2,605
Total Issues	169,118	22,015
New Registrations	8,196	813

Service Highlights
- Ulysses Reading Group with Joycean Scholars from Mary Immaculate College of Education
- Netd@ays (European Commission Initiative) for Primary School Children "Chase the Country, Catch the City, Collect the Fact" using the internet.
- Book launches for Cristoir O'Floinn and Danny Morrison.
- Digitisation project of the GAA Collection (bequeathed by Seamus O'Ceallaigh). Visit www.askaboutireland.com
- Lecture on James Joyce to celebrate the Centenary of Bloomsday.
- "Lifesteps Project" with the Information Society - a guide to searching the internet on health issues.
- Lecture on Revolutionary Women in Ireland 1900-1973
- Lecture on Limerick Casualties of the Great War
- Limerick's Big Read - a vote by library members on their favourite book of all time.

Cuisle International Poetry Festival
Mark Whelan, Maureen McAteer, Michael D. Higgins

Cuisle International Poetry Festival
St. Marys Girls School and Mae Leonard, poetry workshop.

Launch of Mobile Library
(l-r): Dolores Doyle, City Librarian, Pat Dowling, Director of Service, Tom Mackey, City Manager and Mayor Dick Sadlier.

Bonneagar & Saoráidí do na hEalaíona

Comhaltas Damhsa Daghdha

Shínigh Damhsa Daghdha an léas go foirmiúil agus thosaigh sé obair ar Shéipéal Naomh Eoin na Croise 1 agus 2 Cearnóg Naomh Eoin.

An Chathair Chruthaitheach

Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien

Ba é an téama i mbliana ná 'Cogadh' le heochair-léacht ó Fhatima Gailani. Áiríodh leis na cainteoirí Ciarán Carson, Hugo Hamilton, Lara Marlowe, Avi Shlaim, Derek Summerfield agus Ivan Bacik.

An Lá Fáilte 1 Bealtaine

Mar chuid den chlár cultúrtha d'Uachtaránacht an AE, bhí "An Lá Fáilte" mar chroí de sheachtain náisiúnta ceiliúrtha ag taispeáint flaithiúlachta agus spiorad na hÉireann dár gcomharsana nua AE. Bhí clár cuimsitheach imeachtaí ag an Luimneach, arna nascadh leis an tSlóivéin, lena n-áirítear ceolchoirmeacha ag Caisleán Rí Eoin ag grúpaí Luimnigh agus na Slóivéine araon. Compántas amharclainne sráide Luimnigh, The Umbrella Project i dteannta Chomhpántas Amharclannaíochta Sráide na Slóivéine, Serpentes; chuir siad ócáid mhór sráide i láthair, lán de dhathanna agus fuaimeanna.

Féile Idirnáisiúnta Filíochta Chuisle

Tharla Cuisle in ionaid éagsúla lár na cathrach ón 11 go 16 Deireadh Fómhair agus bhain léitheoireachtaí, ceardlanna, seoltaí leabhar agus taispeántais leis. Bhain na rannpháirtithe sult as léitheoireachtaí le filí móra le rá le Paul Durcan, Michael D. Higgins, Ian Duigh, Simon Armitage, John O'Donoghue, Trevor Joyce, Desmond O'Grady, Knute Skinner, Kevin Higgins agus Nuala Ní Chonchúir i dteannta filí céadfhoilsithe Imelda Maguire, Nigel McLaughlin, Maureen McAteer agus Leanne O'Sullivan. Seoladh an chéad úrscéal Limerick Junction leis an scríbhneoir Luimneach Liam Liddy i dteannta an Tríú Leabhar Stony Thursday den mhílaois úr. Bhí Oifig Ealaíon Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh mar ós-ionad, i gcomhar le WhiteHousePoets, do Cheardlann Filíochta, a lean ar aghaidh mar shraith ceardlann tar éis an fhéile. D'éascaigh an file Gaillmheach Kevin Higgins na ceardlanna agus cuimsíodh gnéithe éagsúla filíochta thar an tréimhse sé seachtaine, lena n-áirítear conas dán a chumadh; ábhar, stíl agus méadar a imscrúdú.

Féile Cheol agus Dhamhsa Traidisiúnta na Sionna

Tharla an féile ón 8 go 28 Samhain i mbliana, ag críochnú i nGradaim Ceoil TG4 i mbeochraoladh ag UCH ar an 28. Áiríodh leis an bhféile ceardlann ó The Shanghai Percussion Ensemble na Síne, léiriúcháin ó Radio Tarifa na Spáinne, agus Sabreen na Palaistíne, léiriúchán de na Goldberg Variations a Ardeaglais Naomh Muire, agus The Turner Trio ag an Teach & na Gairdíní Seoirseacha.

Ba chuid den tréith for-rochtana den fhéile é léiriúchán sráide de Squeal Amach 2: The Butcher's Revenge. Thóg an ócáid sráide ar rathúlacht imeacht na bliana anuraidh, ag coinneáil na formáide bunúsaí céanna, ach ag cur tréithe úra léi. Ba é Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin a chum an ceol agus ba é Mike Finn a scríobh an script. Ba é The Umbrella Project a tháirg agus a stiúir an imeacht.

Rochtain phoiblí agus Rannpháirtíocht

Scéalaíocht ar Scannán
- The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley

Bailiúchán scéalta ar DVD ó SN Buachaillí Naomh Mainchín agus SN Naomh Muire, arna tháirgeadh mar chuid de Scéim Ealaíontóra Chónaithigh sna Scoileanna.

Is bailiúchán cartlainne scéalta, carachtar, nathanna cainte agus pisreoga é The Banshee Lives in the Handball Alley,arna n-insint ag ranganna a cúig ó scoileanna Naomh Mainchín agus Naomh Muire thar thréimhse choicíse i mí Mheán Fómhair. Arna éascú ag Michael Fortune agus Aileen Lambert agus arna chomhordú ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh; nochtadh sa phróiseas scéalaíochta scéalta a léirigh eolas iontach agus saibhreas béaloidis, idir ársa agus chomhuaineach, a críochnaíodh i samhlaíocht éigríochta na scéalaithe iad féin. Arna chistiú ag Comhairle Ealaíon na hÉireann agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, tá cóipeanna den dvd ar fáil ón tSeirbhís Ealaíon, Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Ceol sa Pháirc um Bealtaine

Thug Banna Ceoil Phráis & Fheaga ón mBóthar Buí i Luimneach féin léiriúcháin phoiblí ar thrí Shatharn um Bealtaine i bPáirc na nDaoine.

Comhoibriú agus Comhpháirtíocht

Compose Yourself i gcomhar le Ceolfhoireann Aireagail na hÉireann Reáchtáladh Compose Yourself, tionscadal thrí bliana ceantar-bhunaithe (2002-04) i gCathair Luimneach Theas. Captured Moments, a tharla ar 13/14 Nollaig ag Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh.

Ghlac suas le 150 leanbh i dtrí cinn de bhunscoileanna páirt in Compose Yourself ar cheardlanna seachtaine sa cheol cruthaitheach ina scoileanna iad, as ar tháini léiriúcháin neamhfhoirmiúla a taifeadadh ar fhíseán. Leagadh an bhéim ar thorthaí sóisialta agus ceolmhara. An saothar grúpa, foghlaim trí thaithí, forbairt d'oilteachtaí ceoil, aiseolas agus measúnú na heochair-thréithe den chlár. Áirítear saothar ealaíne a dhíorthaítear ó na físeáin sin le cumadh/léiriú de shaothar úr atá bunaithe ar an gceol a cheap na leanaí. D'fhreastail na páistí sna ceardlanna ar an bpróiseas réamhchleachtaidh den choimisiún nua agus bhí siad ina n-aíonna ag an gcéad léiriúchán poiblí.

Líonra Ceoil

Cheoil an Trio Turner (an Fhrainc) ar Aoine 26 Samhain ag An Teach Seoirseach & a Ghairdíní. Áiríodh leis na buaicphointí taifeadadh mór le rá an triúir de shaothair go léir Arnold Bax don fheadóg mhór, vióla agus cláirseach ag an chéad chasadh domhanda riamh de Commentaires Sentimentaux Serge Natra ag an 8ú Comhdháil Cláirsí Dhomhanda thall sa Ghinéiv. Cuireadh an léiriúchán sin i láthair le cúnamh cneasta ó Ambasáid na Fraince, Rannóg Chultúrtha, agus AFAA.

Mayor Dick Sadlier and Rosemary O'Brien at the launch of the Kate O'Brien Weekend

Is iad na ceantair ghníomhartha straitéiseacha do Sheirbhís Ealaíon Chomhairle Chathair Luimnigh ná Pleanáil Phoiblí agus tacaíocht do na healaíona.

Bonneagar agus saoráidí do na healaíona

An Chathair Chruthaitheach

Rochtain phoiblí agus rannpháirteachas

Comhoibriú agus Comhpháirtíocht

An tEalaíontóir aonair

Irish Chamber Orchestra, St. Mary's Cathedral

Poets John O'Donoghue and Nigel McLoughlin at Cuisle 2004

Iarsmalann Chathrach Jim Kemmy

Formhéadaíodh catalóg ar líne na hiarsmalainne ag limerickcity.ie sa bhliain 2004 agus ba é an tAire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta, John O'Donoghue, a sheol go hoifigiúil ar an 3 Meitheamh é. Tá méanlíon na gcuairteoirí ar an gcatalóg in aghaidh na seachtaine tar éis 10,000 a shárú, agus ba é 347,530 líon iomlán na n-amas faoi dheireadh na bliana.

Cuireadh 144 mír úra le bailiúchán na hiarsmalainne i rith na bliana. Ar na cinn ba shuntasaí a bhí: spúnóg tae airgid Luimnigh le Thomas Walsh, c. 1770; spúnóg salainne airgid le Maurice Fitzgerald, c.1800; uaireadóir póca le Sterling, Luimneach, 1872; cnaipe de chuid Dheonaithe Ceannaithe Luimnigh, c. 1780; póstaer leis an Amharclann Ríoga, 1857; athbhreithniú de Rince Scátála Luimnigh, Plás Wellesley, 1909; nuachtán, The New York Daily Tribune, 28 Lúnasa 1848, le tuairiscí cuimsitheacha ar cheannairc Éire Óg agus ina diaidh; bonn ó Chlub Mótair Luimnigh, 1930í; canna stáin i gcomhair thobac Spillane's Two Flakes agus grianghraf de theainceanna Scotch & Soda ar Dhroichead Thuaidhmhumhan, Aibreán 1919. Bhí líon na gcuairteoirí, ag 13,825 comhsheasmhach leis an mbliain 2003.

Crochadh taispeántas de phainéil bheachlainne péinteáilte ón tSlóivéin le méadú an Aontais Eorpaigh a chomóradh. Ba é an tUas. Anton Rop, Príomh-Aire na Slóivéine, a d'oscail an taispeántas go hoifigiúil.

Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh

Bhí clár lán éagsúlaithe taispeántais ann i rith na bliana, lenar áiríodh:

- Tina O'Connell, ealaíontóir a rugadh i Luimneach, atá bunaithe i Londain, agus a tháirg dealbhóireacht agus suiteáil urláir ar scála mór déanta go speisialta d'Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh
- Tjibbe Hooghiemstra - Night Flight, Líníochtaí agus Pictiúir
- EVA 2004 - 52 Ealaíontóirí Náisiúnta agus Idirnáisiúnta ó 22 tír arna choimeád ag Zdenka Badovinac, An tSlóivéin
- Corpus- Women Artists and Embodiment, saothar ó na Bailiúcháin Náisiúnta Éireannach, Scoláireacht Coimeádta Shinnors
- reCollections – Grúpa Gníomhach Mhuire Lourdes, tionscadal agus taispeántas for-rochtana ag freagairt do Thaispeántas Corpais
- Taispeántas Malartaithe Ealaíontóirí Florida/na hÉireann 4 Meitheamh
- Aine Phillips - ardent shelters taiscéaladh coincheap baile agus foscaidh. Áiríodh leis an taispeántas beo-léiriúchán de gan dídean Shoot! At The Artist, ar taispeántas agus scéal é de bhlianta deiridh an réimis ollsmachtaigh san Iar-Iúgslaiv
- Jack Donovan Pictiúir Siar tríd na blianta 1959-2004
- Tom Fitzgerald, The Ministry of Dust líníochtaí úra, dealbhóireacht agus suiteálacha
- Damhsa Comhuaineach arna chomhordú le Mary Nuna, lena n-áirítear Colin Dunne agus Jean Butler.

Stóráil an Bhailiúcháin Bhuain

Ceannaíodh agus suiteáladh racaí stórála úra ag úsáid cistí ó Dheontas na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Treoir do dhaoine óga don Bhailiúchán Buan

D'fhoilsigh LCGA treoir do dhaoine óga don Bhailiúchán Buan. Dearadh an treoir sin chun feidhmiú mar spreagadh do dhaoine óga agus dá n-oideachasóirí chun staidéi chun plé le roinnt den saothar iontach sa bhailiúchán. Cuimseoidh sí éagsúlacht míreanna sa bhailiúchán lena n-áirítear pictiúir le Paul Henry, An Ridire William Orpen, Jack B Yeats, agus John Shinnors. Pléifidh sí freisin le líníochtaí ó Bhailiúchán Náisiúnta na Líníochtaí Comhuaineacha agus míreanna Dealbhóireachta, grianghrafadóireachta agus Il-Mheán. Foilsíodh an treoir le cúnamh ó Dheontas Chomhairle Oidhreachta.

Comhoibrithe le hÁiléirí eile agus Iasachtaí

Reáchtáil Siamsa Tíre taispeántas saothair ó Bhailiúchán Buan Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh dar teideal 'Péinteáil an tSaorstáit', taispeántas de Phéinteáil Éireannach an 20ú Céad, le saothar mór ó ealaíontóirí móra na hÉireann ó lár an 20ú céad lena n-áirítear Jack B Yeats, Paul Henry, Seán Keating, Maurice Mac Gonigal, Walter Osborne agus Percy French.

Seirbhísí Leabharlainne

Acmhainn luachmhar agus foinse cuimsitheachta do mhuintir Luimnigh
1. Acmhainn Eolais & Foghlama
2. Acmhainn Cultúir & na Samhlaíochta
3. Acmhainn do Leanaí & Daoine Óga

Úsáid Leabharlainne 2004	Granary	Roxboro
Seisiúin Ríomhaire Pearsanta & Idirlín	10,641	2,605
Saincheisteanna Iomlána	169,118	22,015
Clárúcháin Úra	8,196	813

Buaicphointí Seirbhíse
- Grúpa Léitheoireachta Ulysses le Scoláirí Joyce ó Choláiste Oideachais Mhuire gan Smál
- Netd@ays (Tionscnamh an Choimisiúin Eorpaigh) do Leanaí Bunscoile "Chase the Country, Catch the City, Collect the Fact" trí úsáid an idirlín.
- Seoltaí leabhar do Chríostóir Ó Floinn agus Danny Morrison.
- Tionscadal digitithe de chuid Bhailiúchán an CLG (arna dtiomnú ag Séamus Ó Ceallaigh). Tabhair cuairt ar www.askaboutireland.com
- Léacht um James Joyce chun Céad Bliain de Lá Bloom a cheiliúradh.
- "Lifesteps Project" i gcomhar le Sochaí na Faisnéise – treoir um chuardach an idirlín ar shaincheisteanna sláinte.
- Léacht um Mná Réabhlóideacha in Éirinn 1900-1973
- Léacht um Thaismí Luimnigh ón gCéad Chogadh Domhanda
- Léitheoireacht Mhór Luimnigh – vóta ag baill na leabharlainne ar an leabhar is ansa leo riamh

Day of Welcomes
Pupils from Gaelscoil Sairseal presented with gifts from Slovenian children, also in photo Prime Minister of Slovenia Mr. Anton Rop.

Community & Enterprise - Leading the Process
Pobal & Fiontar - An Próiseas a Cheannaireacht

A co-orginated & integrated approach to social, economic & cultural development
Cur chuige comhordaithe & comhtháite don fhorbairt shóisialta, eacnamúil & chultúrtha

Seeking to achieve a co-ordinated and integrated approach to the social, economic and cultural development of Limerick City via the Limerick City Development Board and related programmes (RAPID, Childcare Committee, Community Forum, Social Inclusion Unit) and supporting Limerick City Council which is charged with leading the process.

City Development Board

The year marked a highly successful conclusion to the City Development Board's application for funding measures to improve cohesion across local and community development structures. The proposal focussed on actions measuring the existing levels of cohesion in Limerick, supporting the development of specific community structures and premises, staffing needs to make community and voluntary structures more disability friendly, and specific actions to make Limerick a more equality friendly city.

Following an independent appraisal, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government approved the payment of a total grant of €221,800 for the following purposes:

- Development of a web-based, interactive directory of social inclusion services
- Kileely Community Centre
- O'Malley Park Community Centre.

The process leading to the submission of the proposal in 2004 typified efforts in Limerick aimed at enhancing social inclusion service delivery through a co-ordinated approach, and reflects the close collaborative nature of the work between the City Development Board and partner organisations.

Limerick: Profile of a Changing City

A socio-spatial profile of the city was compiled using the data from the small area population statistics taken from the 2002 Census. This in-depth report examines Limerick City and environs in a national and regional context and looks at the profound changes that Limerick has undergone in recent years. The City Development Board made formal contributions to key recommendations contained in the Regional Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines for the Mid-West Region, and provided a detailed and comprehensive submission to inform the drafting of the Limerick City Development Plan. Following local elections in June 2004, a newly-constituted Board undertook a series of extensive deliberations on the political and technical case for a borough boundary extension in Limerick City. In line with government measures introduced in 2003 to tackle social exclusion by improving cohesion across local and community development structures, the members of the Board formally endorsed the annual work plans of nine local development agencies in Limerick City.

During the year the Reception and Integration Agency at the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform proposed that

Limerick City become a pilot area for exploring a co-ordinated response to an integration policy for refugees. The Board welcomed the proposal and agreed that a comprehensive survey would be undertaken.

With the assistance of students from the University of Limerick, desk research on models of 'Cities of Learning' and an initial survey of current educational provision was undertaken. Regular progress reports have been provided to the City Development Board and a series of presentations raising awareness of Limerick as a 'City of Learning' have been designed and given to a number of organisations and individuals. A programme of fundraising has commenced with €4000 raised to date. A baseline audit of learning provision in Limerick is now underway and a database will be compiled and available as a resource in 2005.

The annual Comhairle na nÓg was held in the exhibition area and the Council Chambers of City Hall in May. Over 40 young people aged between 12 to 18 years attended with the gender balance on the day at 59% female and 41% male.

A Youth Forum was also formed to develop further links which will allow the delegates represent their views at a broader local level on structures such as the City Development Board and Strategic Policy Committees. The Forum has also the responsibility of nominating delegates for Dáil na nÓg and any other event which will take place before the next Comhairle na nÓg in 2005

Childcare Committee

The City Childcare Committee recruited a Development Worker and Administrator to support the existing co-ordinator. Throughout the year, the committee worked collaboratively with a number of key agencies to raise awareness, build capacity, disseminate information and produce childcare publications, support applicants to avail of the EOCP funding, set up a childcare database, and support childcare providers to avail of training and development opportunities.

Limerick City Community Forum

The Community Forum substantiated its work of previous years and identified new areas of development such as blood drives and seminars on positive well-being. Through levels of representation on the City Development Board, various sub committees of the Board and Strategic Policy Committees issues of concern such as the lack of secondary school places and substance abuse across the city have been highlighted.

RAPID Programme

The following three areas were specifically designated as RAPID areas in Limerick City, reflecting the high levels of social exclusion experienced by a number of communities in the city.

- Limerick City Centre: Kings Island and Watergate Flats.
- South Limerick City: Southill, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St Saviours
- North Limerick City: Kileely, Thomondgate, Ballynanty and Moyross

Captains of Enterprise Programme
(l-r) Tom Mackey, City Manager, Martin McAleese, President Mary McAleese and Mayor Dick Sadlier.

Launch - Limerick: Profile of a Changing City
(l-r) Mayor Hourigan, Cllr. Diarmuid Scully, Dick Roche, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Willie O'Dea, Minister for Defence, Minister of State Tim O'Malley TD and Peter Power TD.

Since the launch of the RAPID Programme, 51 projects are currently being implemented across the city with 11 projects successful for Dormant Account funding and five projects successful for Sports Capital Funding. Structures were put in place to facilitate local area planning and development including the involvement of the local community into the decision-making processes. Recognition of areas in the strategic development of service plans has promoted cooperation and reduced competition between communities. The Dormant Accounts Programme was rolled out in 2004, and specifically targets RAPID, CLAR and Drugs Task Force areas for prioritisation. This fund assists a range of RAPID projects under the categories of Economic & Social Disadvantage, Educational Disadvantage and Persons with a Disability. Leverage funding has been allocated to the RAPID programme nationally to assist in the local delivery of RAPID Projects. Projects to be supported under capital funding in 2005 are identified through the local Area Implementation Team representatives and a number of these have been successful in Limerick, such as the Local Authority Estate Enhancement Scheme (LAEES) and Playground Scheme. The three RAPID areas have also been successful under the Sports Capital programme and Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme where in excess of €4 million was allocated to Limerick RAPID Projects.

Social Inclusion Unit

Established in March 2002 to broaden the role of Limerick City Council in tackling social exclusion and poverty in Limerick City, the work of the SIU during the year included:

- Developing a guide to the housing of non-nationals
- Reviewing Limerick City Council's rental scheme to ensure it does not contribute to the creation of poverty traps
- Reviewing Limerick City Council's consultation policy
- Assisting the Housing Department in producing a literacy-friendly Tenants Handbook
- Translating information documents into French, Arabic and Russian
- Organising awareness raising events on issues such as literacy and interculturalism
- Providing policy guidance on social inclusion issues in relation to the development of the Sports and Recreation Strategy for Limerick

Féachaint le cur chuige comhordaithe comhtháite a bhaint amach um fhorbairt shóisialta, eacnamúil agus chultúrtha Chathair Luimnigh trí mheán Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh agus cláir ghaolmhar (RAPID, Coiste Chúram Leanaí, Fóram an Phobail, Aona Cuimsitheachta Sóisialta) agus trí thacú le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, a bhfuil muirear aici um cheannaireacht an phróisis.

School Enterprise Programme Winners
Mayor Sadlier with Ger Coleman of Compact Clocks and team mates Jean Cadogan, Alison Roche and Adrien Coffey.

Bord Forbartha na Cathrach

Ba chríoch fhíor-rathúil í an bhliain ar iarratas Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach do bhearta cistithe le comhtháthú ar fud na struchtúr forbartha áitiúil agus pobail a fheabhsú. Dhírigh an togra a aird ar ghníomhartha lena dtomhaisfí na leibhéil chomhtháthaithe atá ann i Luimneach, ar thacú le forbairt na struchtúr agus na n-áitreabh pobail faoi leith, na n-éileamh foirnithe le struchtúir phobail agus deonacha a dhéanamh níos fabhraí do mhíchumas, agus gníomhartha ar leith le Luimneach a chur ar bhonn níos fabhraí don chomhionannas mar chathair.

Tar éis breithmheasa neamhspleáigh ab ea a cheadaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil íocaíocht de dheontas iomlán de €221,800 chun na gcuspóirí seo a leanas:

- Forbairt d'eolaire gréasáin-bhunaithe, idirghníomhach de sheirbhísí cuimsitheachta sóisialta
- Ionad Pobail Chill Liadhaine
- Ionad Pobail Pháirc Uí Mháille.

Bhí an próiseas as ar cuireadh an togra isteach sa bhliain 2004 mar chomhartha sóirt ar iarrachtaí i Luimneach leis an aidhm acu chun seachadadh seirbhísí cuimsitheachta sóisialta a fheabhsú trí chur chuige comhordaithe, agus freagraíonn sé do bhunbhrí dhlúth-chomhoibre a bhaineann leis an saothar idir Bord Forbartha na Cathrach agus na heagrais is chomhpháirtithe.

Luimneach: Próifíl de Chathair Athraitheach

Tiomsaíodh próifíl shoc-spásúil den chathair, trí úsáid a bhaint as sonraí ó na staitisticí daonra mioncheantair a tógadh óDhaonáireamh na bliana 2002. Scrúdaíonn an mhiontuarascáil seo Cathair Luimnigh agus máguaird i gcomhthéacs náisiúnta agus réigiúnach, agus féachann sí ar na hathruithe ó bhonn atá feicthe i Luimneach le blianta beaga anuas.

Thug Bord Forbartha na Cathrach rannchuir fhoirmiúl d'eochair-mholtaí a fhaightear sna Treoirlínte Straitéise Réigiúnaí agus Pleanála Réigiúnaí do Réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair, agus sholáthraigh sé aighneacht mhionsonraithe chumsitheach chun dréachtú Phlean Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh a mhúnlú. I ndiaidh na dtoghchán áitiúil

i Meitheamh na bliana 2004, b'amhlaidh a chuiagh Bord nuabhunaithe i mbun sraithe de dhíospóireachtaí forleathana um an gcás polaitiúil agus teicniúil i bhfabhar shíneadh críche baile i gCathair Luimnigh. Ag cloí le bearta an rialtais a tugadh isteach sa bhliain 2003 chun dul i ngleic leis an eisiamh sóisialta tríd an gcomhtháthú a fheabhsú trasna na struchtúr forbartha áitiúil agus pobail, thacaigh baill an Bhoird go foirmiúil le pleananna oibre bliantúla de chuid naoi ngníomhaireacht áitiúla um fhorbairt i gCathair Luimnigh.

Mhol an Ghníomhaireacht Fáiltiúcháin agus Comhtháite ag an Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí i rith na bliana go mbeadh Cathair Luimnigh mar cheantar píolótach um thaiscéaladh ar fhreagra comhordaithe um beartas comhtháite do theifigh. D'fháiltigh an Bord roimh an moladh agus d'aontaigh siad go rachfaí i mbun suirbhé cuimsitheach.

Le cúnamh mhac léinn ó Ollscoil Luimnigh ab ea a chuathas i mbun taighde deisce ar shamhlacha de 'Chathracha Léinn' agus suirbhé tosaigh ar sholáthar reatha oideachais. Táthar tar éis tuairiscí dhul chun cinn rialta a sholáthar do Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach agus táthar tar éis sraith láithreoireachtaí chun feasacht a spreagadh um Luimneach mar 'Chathair Léinn' a dhearadh agus a thabhairt do roinnt eagras agus daoine aonair. Tugadh faoi chlár ardaithe cistí le €4,000 carnaithe go nuige seo. Táthar i mbun iniúchadh bonnlíne ar sholáthar an léinn i Luimneach ar bun faoi láthair agus tiomsófar bunachar sonraí lena chur ar fáil mar acmhainn sa bhliain 2005.

Reáchtáladh Comhairle na nÓg bhliantúil san ionad taispeántais agus i Seomraí na Comhairle de chuid Halla na Cathrach sa Bhealtaine. D'fhreastail os cionn 40 duine óg idir 12 agus 18 mbliana déag d'aois uirthi, le cóimheá na n-inscní ar an lá ag 59% baineann agus 41% fireann.

Bunaíodh Fóram Óige fosta le breis nasc a fhorbairt a ligfidh do na toscairí a dtuairimí a chur in iúl ag leibhéal áitiúil níos leithne um struchtúir ar nós Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach agus na gCoistí Beartais Straitéisigh. Tá an Fóram freagrach as ainmniú na dtoscairí freisin do

Dháil na nÓg agus d'aon imeacht eile a tharlóid roimh an gcéad Chomhairle na nÓg eile sa bhliain 2005

An Coiste Chúram Leanaí

D'earcaigh an Coiste Chúram Leanaí Oibrí Forbartha agus Riarthóir chun tacú leis an gcomhordaitheoir atá ann. D'oibrigh an coiste i rith na bliana i gcomhar le roinnt eochair-ghníomhaireachtaí le feasacht a spreagadh, toilleadh a thógáil, faisnéis a scaipeadh agus foilseacháin chúram leanaí a tháirgeadh, chun tacú le hiarratasóirí chun cistiú ECOP a fháil, bunachar sonraí chúram leanaí a bhunú, agus tacú le soláthraithe chúram leanaí le deiseanna oiliúna agus forbartha a thapú.

Fóram Pobail Chathair Luimnigh

Thug an Fóram Pobail substaint dá shaothar ó na blianta roimhe sin, agus d'aithin sé limistéir úra um fhorbairt ar nós na bhfeachtas fola agus na seimineár um fholláine dhearfach. Is trí leibhéil ionadaíochta ar Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach, fo-choistí éagsúla de chuid an Bhoird agus Coistí Beartais Straitéisigh a cuireadh saincheisteanna mar an easpa áiteanna iar-bhunscoile agus mí-úsáid substaintí ar fud na cathrach faoi imscrúdú.

Clár RAPID

Ainmníodh na trí limistéar seo a leanas ach go háirithe mar cheantair RAPID i gCathair Luimnigh, ag freagairt do leibhéil arda an eisiata shóisialta a chonacthas i roinnt pobal sa chathair.

- Lár Chathair Luimnigh: Oileán an Rí agus Árasáin Watergate
- Cathair Luimnigh Theas: An Cnoc Theas, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St Saviours
- Cathair Luimnigh Thuaidh: Cill Liadhaine, Geata Thuaidhmhumhan, Baile Uí Neachtain agus Maigh Rois

Ó seoladh Clár RAPID i leith is ea atá 51 tionscadal á bhforfheidhmiú faoi láthair ar fud na cathrach le 11 tionscadal ar éirigh leo cistiú na gCuntas Suanach a fháil agus cúig cinn ar éirigh leo Maoiniú Caipitil Spórt a shlánú. Cuireadh struchtúir i bhfeidhm leis an bpleanáil agus forbairt ceantair áitiúil a éascú, lena n-áirítear baint an phobail áitiúil leis an bpróiseas cinnteoireachta. Tá aithint na gceantar sna pleananna um fhorbairt straitéiseach seirbhíse tar éis an comhoibriú a chur chun cinn agus an iomaíocht idir pobail a laghdú.

Rolladh amach Clár na gCuntas Suanach sa bhliain 2004, agus díríonn sé go sainiúil ar cheantair RAPID, CLAR agus an Tascfhórsa Drugaí le tús áite a thabhairt dóibh. Tugann an ciste seo cúnamh um raon tionscadal RAPID faoi chatagóirí an Mhí-bhuntáiste Eacnamúil & Shóisialta, Mí-bhuntáiste Oideachasúil agus Daoine le Míchumas. Táthar tar éis maoiniú luamháin a leithdháileadh ar chlár RAPID go náisiúnta chun cúnamh i seachadadh áitiúil na dTionscadal RAPID. Aithnítear na tionscadail lena dtacú faoin gcistiú caipitil sa bhliain 2005 trí ionadaithe na Foirne Forfheidhmithe Limistéir áitiúla agus bhí rath ar roinnt acu seo i Luimneach, ar nós Scéim Feabhsúcháin Eastáit na nÚdarás Áitiúil (SFEÚÁ) agus Scéim na gClós Súgartha. D'éirigh leis na trí cheantar RAPID freisin faoin gclár Caipitil Spórt agus faoi Chlár Comhionannas Deiseanna um Chúram Leanaí mar ar leithdháileadh sa bhreis ar 4 mhilliún do Thionscadail RAPID Luimnigh.

An tAonad Cuimsitheachta Sóisialta

Bunaíodh i mí an Mhárta na bliana 2002 é le ról Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a leathnú chun dul i ngleic le heisiamh sóisialta agus leis an mbochtaineacht i gCathair Luimnigh, áiríodh le hobair an ACS i gcaitheamh na bliana:

- Treoirleabhar a fhorbairt um thithíocht do neamh-náisiúnaigh
- Athbhreithniú ar scéim cíosa Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh lena chinntiú nach gcuireann sí le cruthú de ghaistí bochtaineachta
- Athbhreithniú ar bheartas comhairliúcháin Chomhairle Chathair Luimnigh
- Cúnamh leis an Rannóg Tithíochta chun Lámhleabhar do Thionóntaigh um Litearthacht a tháirgeadh
- Aistriúchán na gcáipéisí eolais isteach sa Fhraincis, san Araibis agus sa Rúisis
- Imeachtaí spreagtha feasachta a eagrú um shaincheisteanna mar an litearthacht agus an t-idirchultúrachas
- Treoir beartais um shaincheisteanna na cuimsitheachta sóisialta a sholáthar i ndáil le forbairt na Straitéise Spórt agus Fóillíochta do Luimneach.

Recreation & Sport
Fóillíocht & Spórt

Imporved awareness & access to facilities
Feabhas um fheasacht & rochtain ar shaoráidi

Grove Island Leisure Centre
The Grove Island Leisure Centre in Corbally was officially opened on Thursday, 3rd June, by Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, Mr John O' Donoghue. Limerick City Council and King's Island Developments Ltd equally own this new centre, developed at a cost of €12.3 million. €3.8 million of the cost was funded by way of a government grant under the Swimming Pools Programme. Facilities include a 25m 5 lane pool, kiddies pool, learner's pool, sports hall, gym, steam room, sauna and jacuzzi.

Rathbane Golf Course
This municipal parkland course is built on 125 acres and is located within the city suburbs. The day to day operation of the golf course is managed by Mack Trading (International) Ltd on behalf of Limerick City Council.

A very successful junior golf programme was held for a second year at the course. Over 50 young people from various parts of the city took part.

Parks Service
Hanging baskets were placed on a further three bridges in 2004; Shannon Bridge, Abbey Bridge and O'Dwyer Bridge bringing the total 'Bridges in Bloom' in Limerick City to seven.

The Parks Service mowed in the region of 300 acres of grass during the year, raised a substantial quantity of plants in the Mill Road Nursery for subsequent planting out and carried out tree planting and pruning throughout the city.

The Mayor, Cllr. Dick Sadlier, planted a hornbeam tree in the People's Park during National Tree Week in March, to commemorate the week and the Special Olympics, held in Ireland in 2003.

Limerick Looking Good
2004 was the first year of our new environment competition, 'Limerick Looking Good', which had two main categories: Best Residential Area and Best City Street, and also incorporates the popular, Annual Residential Front Garden Competition. Shannon Development, Garden World & Shamrock, Limerick City Co-Ordination Office and the City Council supported the competition, which generated widespread interest across the city. The winners were announced at a very enjoyable award ceremony held at the Limerick City Gallery of Art last October.

Thomas Hanley Parks Service

National 'City Neighbourhoods' Competition 2004
Limerick City was the proud winner of three awards in the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's City Neighbourhoods Competition. Mr Batt O Keefe T.D., Minister of State, presented the awards at a ceremony in Dublin Castle, on 15th November.

Silver Brook, Mill Road, Corbally, was the national winner in the Best Residential Area Category. O' Connell Street won the award for Best Residential/ 'Mixed Use' Street. The People's Park was a special category winner in the Best Local Park award, which it also won in 2003.

This is the second year of the City Neighbourhoods Competition. Similar to the Tidy Towns Competition City Neighbourhoods is limited to areas within the city boundaries of Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

Cemeteries
The three cemeteries: Mount St. Lawrence, Mount St. Lawrence extension and Mount St. Oliver, were maintained to their usual high standard. Pathway improvement works were completed at Mount St. Lawrence.

Number of Burials 2004:
Mt. St. Lawrence - 196, Mt. St. Oliver - 237

The Peoples Park

The Peoples Park, City Gallery Entrance

Anthony Dean, Parks Service

Ionad Fóillíochta Oileán an Gharráin

Osclaíodh Ionad Fóillíochta Oileán an Gharráin sa Chorrbhaile go hoifigiúil ar Déardaoin, 3 Meitheamh, leis an Aire Ealaíon, Spórt agus Turasóireachta, an tUas. John O'Donoghue. Is le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus King's Island Developments Ltd araon an t-ionad nua seo, arna fhorbairt ag costas de €12.3 milliún. Fuair 3.8 mhilliún de chostas cistiú trí mheán deontais rialtais faoi Chlár na Linnte Snámha. Áirítear leis na saoráidí linn 5 lána 25 méadar, linn na leanaí, linn na bhfoghlaimeoirí, halla spórt, giomnáisiam, seomra gaila, teach allais agus seacúsaí.

Machaire Gailf An Rátha Bháin

Tá machaire na cathrach seo tógtha ar 125 acra agus lonnaithe laistigh de bhruachbhailte na cathrach. Is é Mack Trading (International) Ltd a bhainistíonn oibriú laethúil an mhachaire ghailf ar son Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Reáchtáladh clár sóisearach gailf fíor-rathúil don dara bliain as chéile ag an machaire. Ghlac os cionn 50 duine óg ó limistéir éagsúla den chontae páirt ann.

Seirbhís na bPáirceanna

Crochadh ciseáin ar thrí dhroichead bhreise sa bhliain 2004; Droichead na Sionainne, Droichead na Mainistreach agus Droichead Uí Dhubhuir; le líon na "nDroichead faoi Bhláth" i gCathair Luimnigh ag seacht gcinn.

Lom Seirbhís na bPáirceanna timpeall 300 acra d'fhéar i rith na bliana, shaothraigh sí cainníocht nach beag plandaí i bPlandlann Bhóthar an Mhuilinn lena gcur amach agus rinne sí plandú agus sciotadh ar fud na cathrach.

Phlandaigh an Méara, An Cmlr. Dick Sadlier, crann cornbhíoma i bPáirc na nDaoine le linn Sheachtain Náisiúnta na gCrann i mí an Mhárta, leis an tseachtain a chomóradh agus na Cluichí Oilimpeacha Speisialta, a reáchtáladh in Éirinn sa bhliain 2003.

Dea-Chuma ar Luimneach

Ba í an bhliain 2004 an chéad bhliain dár gcomórtas comhshaoil úr, 'Dea-Chuma ar Luimneach', a raibh dhá phríomh-chatagóir ann: An Ceantar Cónaithe is Fearr agus an tSráid Cathrach is Fearr, agus áirítear leis an Comórtas Bliantúil coitianta um Ghairdín Tosaigh Chónaithe. Thacaigh Forbairt Sionna, Garden World & Shamrock, Oifig Chomhordaithe Chathair Luimnigh agus Comhairle na Cathrach leis an gcomórtas, lenar gineadh spéis fhorleathan ar fud na cathrach. Fógraíodh na buaiteoirí ag searmanas bronnta fíor-thaitneamhach a reáchtáladh ag Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh um Dheireadh Fómhair seo caite.

Comórtas Náisiúnta do 'Comharsanachtaí na Cathrach' don bhliain 2004

Ba í Cathair Luimnigh buaiteoir bródúil de thrí cinn de dhámhachtainí i gComórtas de chuid an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil um Chomharsanachtaí Cathrach. Ba é an tUas. Batt O Keefe T.D., an tAire Stáit, a bhronn na dámhachtainí ag searmanas i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, ar 15ú Samhain. Ba é Bruach an Airgid, Bóthar an Mhuilinn, An Corrbhaile an buaiteoir náisiúnta i gCatagóir an Cheantair Chónaithe is Fearr. Ba í Sráid Uí Chonaill a bhuaigh an duais don tSráid Chónaithe/ 'Úsáid Mheasctha' ab Fhearr. Buaiteoir i gcatagóir speisialta sa duais um an bPáirc Áitiúil is Fearr ab ea Páirc na nDaoine, duais ar bhuaigh sí sa bhliain 2003 freisin.

Seo é an dara bliain de Chomórtas na gComharsanachtaí Cathrach. Cosúil le Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara, bíonn na Comharsanachtaí Cathrach teoranta do cheantair laistigh de chríocha cathrach de chuid Chathair Chorcaí, Bhaile Átha Cliath, na Gaillimhe, Luimnigh agus Phort Láirge.

Reiligí

Na trí reilig: Mount St. Lawrence, síneadh Mount St. Lawrence agus Mount St. Oliver; cothabháladh dá ngnáth-ardchaighdeán iad. Críochnaíodh oibreacha feabhsaithe cosán ag Mount St. Lawrence.

Líon na nAdhlacthaí sa bhliain 2004:

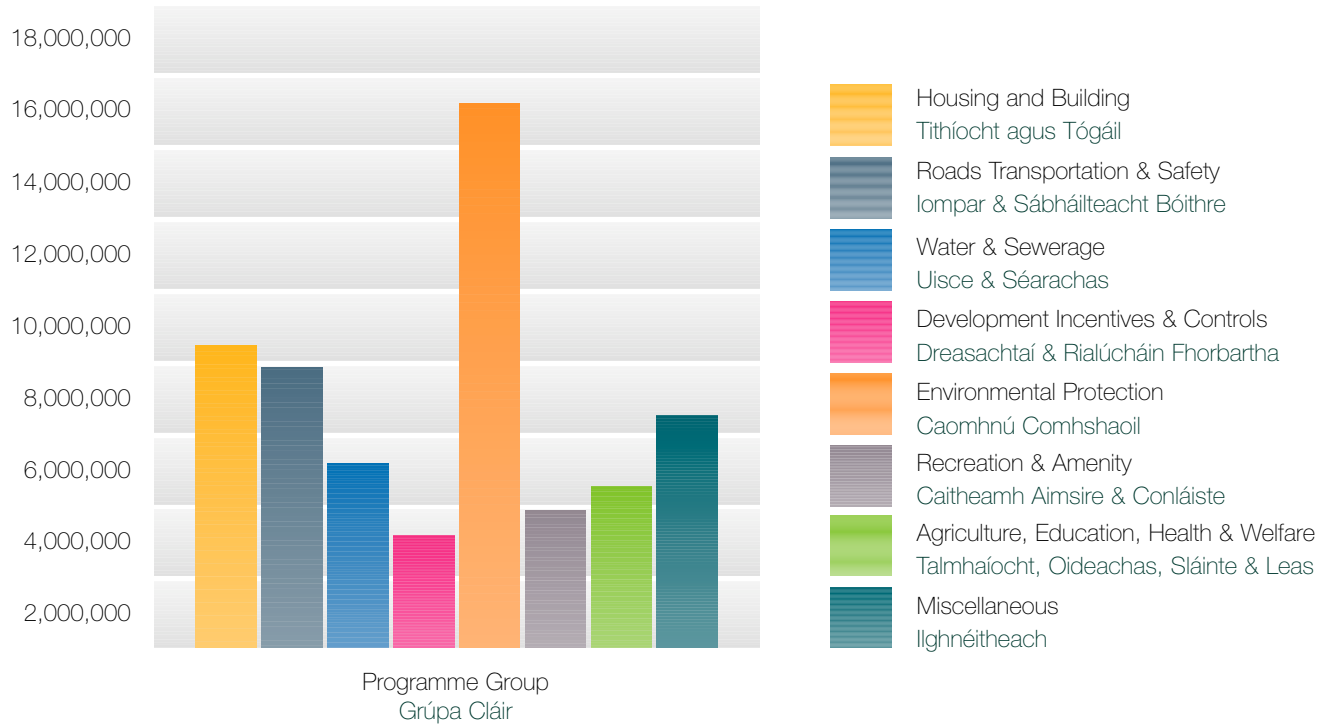
Mt. St. Lawrence - 196 Mt. St. Oliver – 237

Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2004
Ráitis Airgeadas don bhlian dar críoch 31ú Nollaig 2004

Revenue Account Expenditure Statement for year ended 31st December 2004
Ráiteas Caiteachtais an Chuntas Ioncaim don bhlian dar críoch 31ú Nollaig 2004

	2004	2003
Housing & Building Tithíocht agus Tógáil	8,517,163	8,932,543
Roads Transportation & Safety Iompar & Sábháilteacht Bóithre	7,876,217	7,649,047
Water & Sewerage Uisce & Séarachas	6,894,295	5,263,999
Development Incentives & Controls Dreasachtaí & Rialúcháin Fhorbartha	3,091,701	2,888,280
Environmental Protection Caomhnú Comhshaoil	15,007,688	15,117,074
Recreation & Amenity Caitheamh Aimsire & Conláiste	3,997,563	4,702,523
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte & Leas	4,722,782	4,383,862
Miscellaneous Ilghnéitheach	6,764,232	6,644,211
Total Expenditure Caiteachas Iomlán	56,871,641	55,581,539

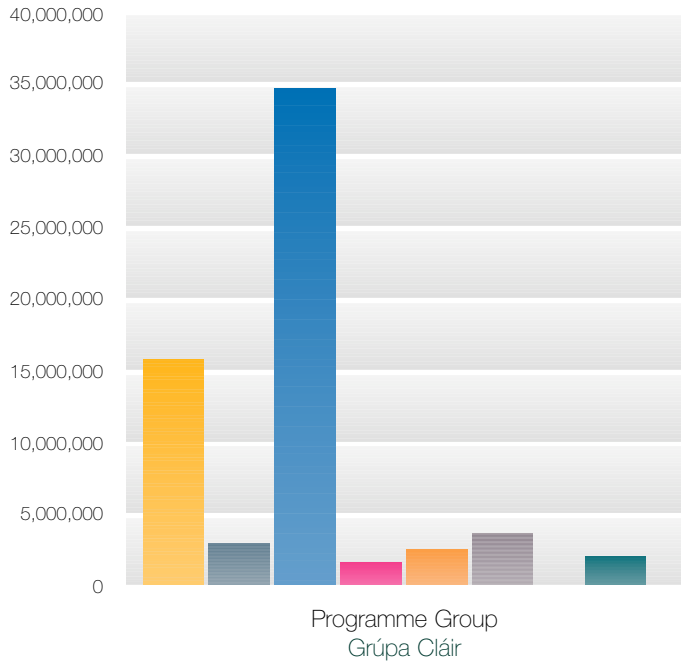
Revenue Account Expenditure for year ended 31/12/04
Caiteachas an Chuntais Ioncaim don bhliain dar críoch 31/12/04



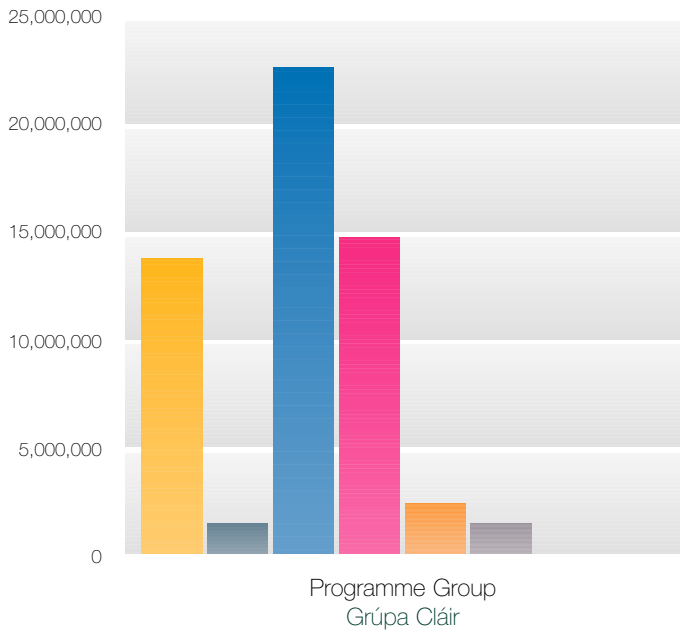
Draft summary of Capital Payments and Receipts
Dréacht Ráitis Caiteachais agus Ioncaim

Payments (Net of Internal Transfers)* Íocaíochtaí (Glan d'Aistrithe Inmheánacha)*	2004	2003
Housing & Building Tithíocht agus Tógáil	16,250,667	2,809,056
Roads Transportation & Safety ompar & Sábháilteacht Bóithre	3,047,923	2,831,706
Water & Sewerage Uisce & Séarachas	34,854,643	42,327,982
Development Incentives & Controls Dreasachtaí & Rialúcháin Fhorbartha	1,192,418	7,711,388
Environmental Protection Caomhnú Comhshaoil	2,151,408	636,058
Recreation & Amenity Caitheamh Aimsire & Conláiste	3,009,109	2,525,539
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte & Leas		0
Miscellaneous Ilghnéitheach	1,890,790	3,376,591
Total Payments Caiteachas Iomlán	62,396,958	62,218,320
Receipts (Net of Internal Transfers)* IAdmhálacha (Glan d'Aistrithe Inmheánacha)*		
Housing & Building Tithíocht agus Tógáil	14,133,148	3,353,038
Roads Transportation & Safety Iompar & Sábháilteacht Bóithre	1,912,577	2,237,904
Water & Sewerage Uisce & Séarachas	22,504,163	37,672,395
Development Incentives & Controls Dreasachtaí & Rialúcháin Fhorbartha	14,855,280	8,476,006
Environmental Protection Caomhnú Comhshaoil	2,201,141	868,518
Recreation & Amenity Caitheamh Aimsire & Conláiste	1,679,500	2,329,249
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte & Leas		
Miscellaneous Ilghnéitheach	2,221,279	3,242,304
Total Receipts Admhálacha Iomlán	59,507,088	58,179,414
Surplus\(Deficit) for year Barrachas\(Easnamh) don bhliain	(2,889,870)	(4,038,906)
Balance (Debit)\Credit @ 1st January Fuíllach (Sochair)\Dochair @ 1 Eanáir	(12,167,806)	(8,128,900)
Balance (Debit)\Credit @ 31 December Fuíllach (Sochair)\Dochair @ 31 Nollag	(15,057,676)	(12,167,806)

Capital Account Expenditure
Caiteachas Cuntais Caipitiúil



Capital Account Income
Ioncaim Cuntais Caipitiúil



Strategic Policy Committes
Coistí an Bheartais Straitéisigh

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Committee met on four occasions in 2004. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- The Shannon River Basin Management Project
- All Island Contract for the Management of Waste Refrigerators and Freezers
- Enforcement of litter and waste legislation
- Protection of the Environment Act 2003
- Race Against Waste Campaign
- Environment Improvement Initiative Grants Scheme 2004
- Service Indicators in the area of Environmental Protection
- Presentation on current Environmental issues for new members of the SPC

The following recommendations were made to the City Council for their approval

- Grants under the Environment Improvement Initiative Scheme
- Notices of Motion received from Councillors

The Economic Policy Development & Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee

The Committee met on three occasions in 2004. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including :

- Draft Contribution Scheme 2004
- Integrated Area Plan
- Living Over the Shop
- Workplan for 2005
- Park Canal Project
- Greenpark
- Walk-in Taxi Bases
- Local Area Plans

Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee:

The Committee met on three occasions during 2004. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide rang of issues including:

a) Summary Report of Limerick City Sports and Recreation Policy Framework Plan
b) Museum Website
c) EV+A
d) Moyross Library
e) Day of Welcomes
f) The Séan O Ceallaigh GAA Collection at Limerick City Library
g) LPYMA Grounds
h) Shelbourne Park

The following recommendations were made to the City Council for approval:

- Council to call on the Government to enact legislation allowing local radio presently denied the right to broadcast, access to the airways.
- Limerick City Council to call on the Minister for Communications to introduce as a matter of urgency legislation to provide for choice and variety in relation to the provision of local broadcasting to meet the needs and requirements of local communities.
- City Council actively encourages the National Community Games Finals to re-locate to the University of Limerick as their permanent home.
- A group comprising City Councillors, officials and skateboarders' representatives are formed to investigate the feasibility of providing a skateboard facility in Arthur's Quay Park.
- City Council to accept the Limerick and Environs Sports and Recreation Policy.

- That City Council accept the kind donation by Mr. Peter Hogan of a bronze statue Framework Plan of the Bard of Thomond. That we also accede to his request to have it placed in the plaza in front of King John's Castle.
- Payment of grants under the Arts Act in the sum of €10,000.

Transportation & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee

The Committee met on five occasions in 2004. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Limerick Main Drainage
- Water Services Capital Works Programme
- Open Skies Aviation Policy
- Limerick City Cycle Strategy
- Road works Programme for 2004
- Report on general review of parking in the city / Delivery Strategy
- Report on Park Canal Project
- Proposals for the Regulation of Road Works undertaken by Network Operators in Limerick City Council Area.

The following recommendations were made to City Council for approval:

- Reports on various Notices of Motion
- Road Works Programme for 2004
- Limerick City Cycle Strategy
- General review of parking in the city /Delivery Strategy
- Park Canal Project: "To proceed to Section 8 of the planning process; to put the plans on display and to advertise for tenders as soon as possible."

Social Policy & Housing Strategic Policy Committee

The Committee met on five occasions in 2004.
The Director of Service provided updates, and discussions took place on the following issues:

1. Review of Traveller Accommodation Programme 2000 - 2004.
2. Draft Social & Affordable Housing Action Plan 2004 - 2008
3. Draft Statement of Policy on Anti-Social Behaviour
4. Preliminary building programme for 2004.
5. Phase 2 of the Remedial Works Scheme in O'Malley Park
6. Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005 - 2008
7. Voluntary Housing Scheme proposed by Respond Housing Association at Kilmurray Court, Garryowen.
8. Refurbishment/redevelopment of Local Authority Apartments in Limerick City.
9. Action Plan for Social Inclusion Unit 2004.
10. 2005 Differential Rent Scheme

The Strategic Policy Committee forwarded the following recommendations to the City Council:

1. Payment of Social & Community Grants to 12 voluntary and community groups, totalling €125,000.
2. Payment of Estate Management Grants to six groups, totalling €98,900.
3. Adoption of Statement of Policy on Anti-Social Behaviour
4. Adoption of Action Plan for Social & Affordable Housing 2004 - 2008

Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh Chomhshaoil

Bhuail na baill le chéile faoi cheathair sa bhliain 2004. Cuireadh láithreachais faoina mbráid agus reáchtáladh comhráití ar réimse leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear

- Tionscadal Bainistíochta Abhantrach na Sionainne
- Conradh Uile-Oileánda um Bainistiú na gCuisneoirí agus na Reoiteoirí Dramhaíola
- Cur i bhfeidhm na reachtaíochta bruscair agus dramhaíola
- An tAcht um Chaomhnú an Chomhshaoil 2003
- Feachtas an Rása in aghaidh Dramhaíola
- Scéim Deontas an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil 2004
- Táscairí Seirbhíse i limistéar Chaomhnú an Chomhshaoil
- Láithreoireacht um shaincheisteanna reatha Comhshaoil do bhaill
- úra an CBS

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena gceadú

- Deontais faoi Scéim an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil
- Fógraí Foriarratais a fuarthas ó Chomhairleoirí

An Coiste um Fhorbairt an Bheartais Eacnamaíochta & Beartas Straitéiseach um Pleanáil Todhchaí

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile faoi thrí sa bhliain 2004. Cuireadh láithreachtais faoina bhráid agus reáchtáladh comráití ar réimse leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear :

- An Dréacht-Scéim Ranníocaíochta 2004
- Plean Limistéir Chomhtháite
- Ag Cónaí os cionn an tSiopa
- Plean Oibre don bhliain 2005
- Tionscadal Pháirce na Canála
- Páirc Ghlas
- Bunáiteanna Tacsaí Shiúl Isteach
- Pleananna Limistéir Áitiúil

Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh Chultúrtha & Spóirtiúil

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile faoi thrí sa bhliain 2004. Cuireadh láithreachais faoina bhráid agus reáchtáladh comhráití ar réimse leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear :

a) Tuarascáil Achomair ar Chreatphlean Beartais Spórt agus Caithimh Aimsire de chuid Chathair Luimnigh
b) Suíomh Gréasáin na hlarsmalainne
c) EV+A
d) Leabharlann Mhaigh Rois
e) Lá na bhFáiltí
f) Bailiúchán CLG Sheáin Uí Cheallaigh ag Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh
g) Tailte LPYMA
h) Páirc Shíol mBroin

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena gceadú:

- Glaoch ón gComhairle ar an Rialtas chun reachtaíocht a achtú lena ligfí don raidió áitiúil a ndiúltaítear an ceart chun craolta dó faoi láthair rochtain a bheith aige ar na haerthonnta.
- Glaoch ó Chomhairle Chathair Luimnigh ar an Aire Cumarsáide chun reachtaíocht a thabhairt isteach mar ábhar práinneach le foráil do rogha agus d'éagsúlacht maidir le soláthar an chraolacháin áitiúil chun éilimh agus riachtanais na bpobal áitiúil a shásamh.
- Spreagadh gníomhach ón gComhairle Cathrach do Chluichí Ceannais na gCluichí Pobail Náisiúnta chun athlonnú chuig Ollscoil Luimnigh mar bhaile buan dóibh.
- Grúpa de Chomhairleoirí Cathrach, oifigigh agus ionadaithe leas-sealbhóirí a bhunú chun an fhéidearthacht a fhiosrú go soláthrófaí áis scátála boird in Arthur's Quay Park.
- Glacadh na Comhairle Cathrach le Beartas Spórt agus Caithimh Aimsire do Luimneach agus Máguaird.
- Glacadh na Comhairle Cathrach leis an mbronntanas cneasta ón Uas. Peter Hogan de Chreatphlean um dhealbh cré-umha um Bhard Thuaidhmhumhan. Go ngéillfimis freisin dá iarratas lena cur sa phlás os comhair Chaisleán Rí Eoin.
- Íoc de dheontais faoin Acht Ealaíon mar shuim de €10,000.

An Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Iompar & Bonneagar

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile faoi chúig sa bhliain 2004. Cuireadh láithreachais faoina bhráid agus reáchtáladh comhráití ar réimse leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear :

- Príomh-Dhraenáil Luimnigh
- Clár Oibreacha Caipitil na Seirbhísí Uisce
- Beartas Eitlíochta na Spéartha Oscailte
- Straitéis Rothaíochta Chathair Luimnigh
- Clár na nOibreacha Bóithre don bhliain 2004
- Tuarascáil um athbhreithniú ginearálta na páirceála sa chathair / Straitéis Seachadta
- Tuarascáil um Thionscnamh Pháirc na Canála
- Tograí um Rialú na nOibreacha Bóithre a dtéitear ina mbun ag Oibreoirí Líonra i gCeantar Chomhairle Chathair Luimnigh.

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena gceadú :

- Tuairiscí um Fhógraí Foriarratais éagsúla
- Clár na nOibreacha Bóithre don bhliain 2004
- Straitéis Rothaíochta Chathair Luimnigh
- Athbhreithniú ginearálta um páirceáil sa chathair / Straitéis Seachadta
- Tionscadal Pháirc na Canála: "Chun dul ar aghaidh chuig Rannóg 8 den phróiseas pleanála; le pleananna ar chur ar taispeáint agus le fógairt do thairiscintí chomh luath agus is féidir."

Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Beartas Sóisialta & Tithíocht

Bhuail Baill an Choiste Beartais Straitéisigh um Beartas Sóisialta & Tithíocht faoi chúig sa bhliain 2004.
Thug an Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse nuashonruithe uaidh/uaithi, agus reáchtáladh comhráití faoi na saincheisteanna seo a leanas:

1. Athbhreithniú ar an gClár Cóiríochta don Lucht Siúil 2000 - 2004.
2. Dréachtphlean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht Shóisialta & Inacmhainne 2004 - 2008
3. Dréachtráiteas um Beartas faoin Iompar Frith-Shóisialta
4. An Réamhchlár Tógála don bhliain 2004.
5. Céim 2 de na hOibreacha Feabhais i bPáirc Uí Mháille
6. Dréachtchlár Cóiríochta don Lucht Siúil 2005 - 2008
7. Scéim Tithíochta Dheonach molta ag Cumann Tithíochta Respond ag Cúirt Chill Muire, Garraí Eoin.
8. Athchóiriú/athfhorbairt d'Árasáin an Údaráis Áitiúil i gCathair Luimnigh.
9. Plean Gníomhaíochta don Aonad Cuimsitheachta Sóisialta 2004.
10. Scéim an Chíosa Dhifreálaigh 2005

Chuir an Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh na moltaí seo a leanas ar aghaidh chuig Comhairle na Cathrach:

1. Íocaíocht na nDeontas Sóisialta & Pobail, le 12 ghrúpa dheonacha agus pobail, le €125,000 san iomlán.
2. Íocaíocht na nDeontas Bainistíochta Eastáit, le sé cinn de ghrúpaí, le €98,900 san iomlán.
3. Glacadh le Ráiteas um Beartas faoin Iompar Frith-Shóisialta
4. Glacadh le Plean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht Shóisialta & Inacmhainne 2004 - 2008

Service Indicators - measurable improvement
Táscairí Seirbhíse - feabhsúcháin intomhaiste

A review of the years expenditure & income statistics
Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas na bliana agus staitisticí ioncaim

A & C: Arts and Cultural Services	E & C:SEIRBHÍSÍ EALAÍON AGUS CULTÚRTHA	2004	2003
A & C.1 Arts Grants	**E & C.1 Deontais Ealaíon**		
- number of arts grants allocated	- Líon na ndeontas ealaíon a leithdháiltear	30	
- total value of arts grants allocated per 1,000 population	- Luach iomlán na ndeontas ealaíon a leithdháiltear in aghaidh 1,000 daonra	3562.40	

C: Corporate Issues	C: SAINCHEISTEANNA CHORPARÁIDEACHA	2004	2003
C.1 Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence	**C.1 Céatadán de na laethanta oibre a chailltear de bharr neamhláithreachas tinnis**	5.48	6.39
C.2 Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	**C.2 Caiteachas ar Oiliúint agus Forbairt mar chéatadán de chostais iomlána párolla**	3.66	

E: Environmental	E: SEIRBHÍSÍ COMHSHAOIL	2004	2003
Water	**Uisce**		
E.2 Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to Public Schemes	**E.2 Torthaí na hanailíse ar chéatadán an uisce óil a chomhallann le riachtanais reachtúla maidir le Scéimeanna Poiblí**	99.2	98.24
Waste Management	**Bainistiú Dramhaíola**		
E.7 Percentage of household waste recycled	**E.7 Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a athchúrsáiltear**	18.8	
E. 8 Percentage of household waste going to landfill	**E. 8 Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a théitear chuig an líonadh talún**	81.2	
E. 9 Recycling facilities	**E. 9 Saoráidí athchúrsála**		
Glass	**Gloine**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	15	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	16	
Number of locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	1.45	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	54	
Cans	**Dosen**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	18	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	19	
Number of locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	1.73	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	2	

		2004	2003
Textiles	**Teicstílí**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	0	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	1	
Number of locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.1	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	1	
Batteries	**Cadhnraí**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	2	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	3	
Number of locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.185	
Oils	**Olaí**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	0	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	1	
Number of locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.1	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.5	
Others	**Cinn Eile**		
Number of Bring Sites	Líon na Suíomh Tabhartha	2	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	Líon na Suíomh Fóntas Pobail	1	
Total Number of Facilities	Líon Iomlán na Saoráidí	3	
Number of Locations per 5000 of population	Líon na n-áiteanna in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.3	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5000 of population	Tonnáiste na dramhaíola a bhailítear um athchúrsáil in aghaidh 5000 daonra	70	
Litter Prevention & Environmental Enforcement	**Cosc an Bhruscair agus Forfheidhmiú Comhshaoil**		
E.10 Litter – Number of Litter Wardens	**E.10 Bruscar – Líon na Maor Bruscair**		
Total number of full-time litter wardens	Líon iomlán na maor bruscair lán-aimseartha	3	
Total number of part-time litter wardens	Líon iomlán na maor bruscair pháirt-aimseartha	0	
Number of litter wardens (both full and part-time) per 5000 population	Líon na maor bruscair (idir lán-aimseartha agus pháirt-aimseartha) in aghaidh 5000 daonra	0.3	
Number of on-the spot fines	Líon na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	544	
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	Líon na gcásanna ionchúisimh a tugadh de bharr neamhíoc na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	226	
Number of prosecutions secured	Líon na n-ionchúiseamh a slánaíodh	111	
Percentage of areas within the local authority that are	Céadtadán na limistéar laistigh den údarás áitiúil atá		
- unpolluted (i.e. litter – free)	- neamhthruaillithe (.i. saor ó bhruscar)	1.30	
- slightly polluted with litter	- beagán truaillithe le bruscar	37.66	
- moderately polluted with litter	- measartha truaillithe le bruscar	49.35	
- significantly polluted with litter	- sách truaillithe le bruscar	10.39	
- grossly polluted with litter	- rí-thruaillithe le bruscar	1.30	

		2004	2003
E.11 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement	**E.11 Gearáin Chomhshaoil agus Forfheidhmiú**		
- total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	- líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearáin maidir le truailliú comhshaoil (a bhaineann le dramhaíl, bruscar, truailliú uisce, truailliú torainn, truailliú aeir)	952	
- number of complaints investigated	- líon na ngearán a fiosraíodh	952	
- number of enforcement procedures taken	- líon na ngnáthamh forfheidhmithe ar tugadh fúthu	307	

E.12 Percentage of Schools participating in environmental campaigns	**E.12 Céatadán na Scoileanna a ghlacann rannpháirt i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil**		
- primary schools	- bunscoileanna	53	
- secondary schools	- iar-bhunscoileanna	40	

Fire Service	Seirbhís Dóiteáin	2004	2003
E.3 Average time, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in	**E.3 Meán-achar, i nóiméid, chun briogáidí dóiteáin a chur i mbun oibre sna**		
- full time stations	- stáisiúin lán-aimseartha	1.52	1.41
E.4 Percentage of attendances at scenes where	**E.4 Céatadán d'fhreastail ar láithreacha mar**		
- first attendance is at scene within 10 minutes	- a mbíonn an chéad fhreastal ag láthair laistigh de 10 nóiméad	90.95	
- first attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	- a mbíonn an chéad fhreastal ag láthair tar éis 10 nóiméad ach laistigh de 20 nóiméad	8.30	
- first attendance is at scene after 20 minutes	- a mbíonn an chéad fhreastal ag láthair tar éis 20 nóiméad	0.75	
E.5 Fire prevention – Total number of fire certification applications	**E.5 Cosc dóiteáin – Líon iomlán na n-iarratas deimhniúcháin dóiteáin**		
- received	- a fuarthas	121	
- processed	- a próiseáladh	103	

H: Housing	H: Tithíocht	2004	2003
H. 1 Housing Vacancies	**H. 1 Tithíocht gan Áitiú**		
Total number of dwellings in local authority stock	Líon iomlán na dtithe cónaithe i stoc an údaráis áitiúil	3223	3216
Overall % of dwellings that are let	% Iomlán de thithe cónaithe a ligtear	93	93
Overall % of dwellings that are empty	% Iomlán de thithe cónaithe ar folamh iad	7	7
% of empty dwellings subject to major refurbishment schemes	% de thithe folmha faoi réir na scéimeanna móra athchóirithe	88	90
% of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	% de thithe folmha gan a bheith ar fáil le ligean	80	
Houses in need of structural repair	Tithe a theastaíonn deisiú struchtúrtha uathu	0	
% of empty dwellings available for letting	% de thithe folmha atá ar fáil le ligean	20	
Houses not in need of significant repair work, limited demand for houses in these areas	Tithe nach dteastaíonn obair dheisiúcháin ró-mhór uathu, éileamh teoranta do thithe sna ceantair seo	0	
H.2 Average time taken to relet dwellings available for letting (in weeks)	**H.2 Méan-achar a thógtar le tithe le hathligean ar fáil lena ligean (i seachtainí)**	1	
H.3 Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	**H.3 Líon na ndeisiúchán a críochnaíodh mar chéatadán de líon na n-iarratas bailí deisiúcháin a fuarthas**	74	88
H.4 Average time taken to inform applicants of local authority's decision on applications for	**H.4 Meán-achar a glacadh chun iarratasóirí a chur ar an eolas faoi chinneadh an údaráis áitiúil um iarratais do**		

		2004	2003
- the shared ownership housing scheme (in days)	- scéim tithíochta na húinéireachta chomhroinnte (i laethanta)	16	
- housing loans (in days)	- iasachtaí tithíochta (i laethanta)	23	
- local authority housing (in days)	- tithíocht údaráis áitiúil (i laethanta)	56	

H.5 Traveller Accommodation	**H.5 Cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil**	
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme.	Líon iomlán na dteaghlach an lucht siúil a cóiríodh mar chéatadán de na spriocanna a socraíodh sa chlár cóiríochta áitiúil don lucht siúil.	0

No annual targets were set out in the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2000-2004. No travellers were accommodated in traveller specific accommodation or local authority housing in 2004. 11 No. families were assisted in obtaining private rented accommodation and rental supplement.

Níor socraíodh aon spriocanna bliantúla sa Phlean um Chóiríocht don Lucht Siúil 2000-2004. Níor cóiríodh d'aon bhaill den lucht siúil i gcóiríocht faoi leith don lucht siúil ná i dtithíocht údaráis áitiúil sa bhliain 2004. Tugadh cúnamh do 11 ceann do theaghlaigh chun forliúntas cíosa agus cóiríocht phríobháideach ar cíos a fháil.

L: Library Services	**L: Seirbhísí Leabharlainne**	**2004**	**2003**
L.3 Number of items issued per head of population	**L.3 Líon na míreanna a eisíodh in aghaidh gach ball den daonra**		
(a) Books	(a) Leabhair	3.20	2.92
(b) Other Items	(b) Míreanna Eile	.30	.37

M: Motor Taxation	**M: Cánachas Mótair**	**2004**	**2003**
M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which	**M. 1 Céatadán d'idirbheartuithe cánachais mhótair**		
- are dealt with over the counter	- a bpléitear leo thar an gcuntar	74	
- are dealt with by post	- a bpléitear leo tríd an bpost	26	26
- are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	- a bpléitear leo ar bhealaí eile (m.sh. ar líne, trí ghuthán)	0	
M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	**M. 2 Líon na n-iarratas poist a bpléitear leo (.i. ceadúnas diosca/tiománaí a eisítear) ó fháil an iarratais**		
(a) On the same day	(a) Ar an lá céanna	7913	
(b) On the third day or less	(b) Ar an treas lá nó níos luaithe	3668	
(c) On the fifth day or less	(c) Ar an gcúigiú lá nó níos luaithe	172	
(d) Over 5 days	(d) Os cionn 5 lá	45	
Total postal applications	Líon iomlán na n-iarratas poist	11798	9125
% of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	% na n-iarratas poist a bpléitear leo (.i.e ceadúnas diosca/tiománaí eisithe) ó fháil an iarratais		
(a) On the same day	(a) Ar an lá céanna	67	57
(b) On the third day or less	(b) Ar an treas lá nó níos luaithe	31	41
(c) On the fifth day or less	(c) Ar an gcúigiú lá nó níos luaithe	1.50	2
(d) Over 5 days	(d) Os cionn 5 lá	0.50	0
M.3 Public opening hours	**M.3 Uaireanta oscailte poiblí**		
- average number of opening hours per week	- méanlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	30	30

P: Planning & Building Control	P: Pleanáil agus Rialú Foirgneamh	2004	2003
P. 1 Planning Applications	**P. 1 Iarratais Phleanála**		
– Decision Making	**- Cinnteoireacht**		
Individual Houses	**Tithe Aonair**		
No. of applications determined	Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	36	
% of complete applications determined within 8 weeks	% na n-iarratas comhlíonta a cinneadh laistigh de 8 seachtaine	100	
Average length of time taken to determine an application where further information is sought (in days)	Meán-achar ama a ghlactar le hiarratas a chinneadh mar a mbíonn breis eolais á lorg (i laethanta)	73.42	
% of grants	% de dheontais	91.67	
% of refusals	% de dhiúltuithe	8.33	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar dheimhnigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	66.67	
% of cases where the decision was varied by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar athraigh An An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar aisiompaigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	33.33	
Housing Development	**Forbairt Tithíochta**		
No. of applications determined	Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	24	
% of complete applications determined within 8 weeks	% na n-iarratas comhlíonta a cinneadh laistigh de 8 seachtaine	100	
Average length of time taken to determine an application where further information is sought (in days)	Meán-achar ama a ghlactar le hiarratas a chinneadh mar a mbíonn breis eolais á lorg (i laethanta)	78.58	
% of grants	% de dheontais	83.33	
% of refusals	% de dhiúltuithe	16.67	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar dheimhnigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	55.56	
% of cases where the decision was varied by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar athraigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	22.22	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar aisiompaigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	22.22	
Other: not requiring EIA	Eile: nach dteastaíonn EIA uathu		
No. of applications determined	Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	269	
% of complete applications determined within 8 weeks	% na n-iarratas comhlíonta a cinneadh laistigh de 8 seachtaine	99.46	
Average length of time taken to determine an application where further information is sought (in days)	Meán-achar ama a ghlactar le hiarratas a chinneadh mar a mbíonn breis eolais á lorg (i laethanta)	74.14	
% of grants	% de dheontais	88.10	
% of refusals	% de dhiúltuithe	11.90	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar dheimhnigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	75	
% of cases where the decision was varied by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar athraigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	6.25	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar aisiompaigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	18.75	
Other: requiring EIA	Eile: EIA de dhíth		
No. of applications determined	Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh	0	
No. of applications required EIA in 2004	Líon na n-iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004	0	

		2004	2003
% of complete applications determined within 8 weeks	% na n-iarratas comhlíonta a cinneadh laistigh de 8 seachtaine	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004		
Average length of time taken to determine an application where further information is sought (in days)	Meán-achar ama a ghlactar le hiarratas a chinneadh mar a mbíonn breis eolais á lorg (i laethanta)	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004		
% of grants	% de dheontais	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004		
% of refusals	% de dhiúltuithe	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004		
% of cases where the decision was confirmed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar dheimhnigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004	0	
% of cases where the decision was varied by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar athraigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004	0	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	% de chásanna mar ar aisiompaigh An Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0	
No applications required EIA in 2004	Gan aon iarratas a theastaíonn EIA uathu sa bhliain 2004		

P.2 Planning Enforcement	**P.2 Forfheidhmiú Pleanála**	
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	- líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a fhiosraítear	49
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	- líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a dhíbhtear	0
- number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	- líon na ngnáthamh forfheidhmithe a ghlactar trí litreacha foláirimh	45
- number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	- líon na ngnáthamh forfheidhmithe a ghlactar trí litreacha forfheidhmithe	11
- number of prosecutions	- líon na n-ionchúiseamh	11

P.3 Public opening hours	**P.3 Uaireanta oscailte poiblí**	
- average number of opening hours per week	- méanlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	35

P. 4 Average length of time from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation (in days)	**P. 4 Meán-achar ama óna n-iarrtar comhairliúchán le pleanálaí an údaráis áitiúil go dtí an cruinniú foirmiúil iarbhír um chomhairliúchán réamhphleanála (i laethanta)**	10

P.5 Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	**P.5 Na foirgnimh a imscrúdaíodh mar chéatadán d'fhoirgnimh úra a fhógraítear don údarás áitiúil áitiúil**	41.48

REC: Recreational Services	**Caith: Seirbhísí Caithimh Aimsire**	**2004**	**2003**
Rec. 1 Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population	Caith. 1 Líon na gclós súgartha leanaí in aghaidh 1,000 daonra		
- directly provided by the local authority	- arna soláthar go díreach ón údarás áitiúil	0.055	
- facilitated by the local authority	- arna n-éascú ag an údarás áitiúil	0.018	

Councillors Appointed

Committees Coistí

Planning and Development Committee (Whole House) An Coiste Pleanála agus Forbartha (An Teach Iomlán)
Finance Committee(Whole House) An Coiste Airgeadais(An Teach Iomlán)
Protocol Committee(Whole House) An Coiste Prótacail(An Teach Iomlán)

Strategic Policy Committees Coistí Beartais Straitéisigh

Culture and Sport	Economic Policy Dev. & Future Planning	Environmental	Social Policy & Housing	Transportation & Infrastructure
Cultúr agus Spórt	Forbairt an Bheartais Eacnamúil & Pleanáil Amach Anseo	Comhshaol	Beartas Shóisialta & Tithíocht	Iompar & Bonneagar
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Appointments Made to Other Bodies: Ceapacháin ar Chomhlachtaí Eile:

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Comhairle Ghinearálta na gComhairlí Contae
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Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland
Cumann Údaráis Chathrach na hÉireann
Cllr. J. Leddin and Cllr. D. Scully

Local Authorities Members Association
Cumann Bhaill na nÚdarás Áitiúil
Cllr. J. Cronin

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The Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly
Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt agus an Oirthir
Cllr. J. Leddin

EU Operational Committee
Coiste Oibriúcháin an AE
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Bord Fiontar Chathair Luimnigh
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Coiste Monatóireachta an Phlean Limistéir Chomhtháite
Cllr. G. Fahy

The Moyross Community Enterprise Centre
Lár-Ionad Fiontair Phobail Mhaigh Rois
Cllr. J. Ryan

The Traveller Consultative Committee
Coiste Comhairliúcháin an Lucht Siúil
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Dr. Eileen Lenihan, Ms. Catherine Aylmer, Mr. Sean Treacy and Mr. Jack Bourke

Limerick City Council Personnel Retirements During 2004
Comhairle Chathair Luimnigh Scor Pearsanra i Rith na Bliana 2004

Tony Lynch
Chief Technician Príomh-Theicneoir

Seumas O'Sullivan
City Engineer Innealtóir Cathrach

Fergus Quinlivan
Senior Executive Officer
Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach

Peter McBride
Staff Officer Oifigeach Foirne

Michael O'Floinn
City Solicitor Dlíodóir Cathrach

Mary O'Keeffe
Staff Officer Oifigeach Foirne

Teresa Cotter
Clerical Officer Oifigeach Cléireachais

Ray Judge
Firefighter Comhraiceoir Dóiteáin

Peter Begg
Firefighter Comhraiceoir Dóiteáin

Michael Crowe
Firefighter Comhraiceoir Dóiteáin

Patrick O'Donovan
Firefighter Comhraiceoir Dóiteáin

Harry O'Connor
Painter Péintéir.

Garrett Lawlor
Carpenter Siúinéir.

Michael Fitzgerald
Plantman Fear Fearais

Fergus Bourke
Foreman Saoiste

John Hayes
Supervisor Maoirseoir

Harry Hockedy
Lifeguard Garda Tarrthála

Bernard Fahy
General Operative Oibreoir Ginearálta

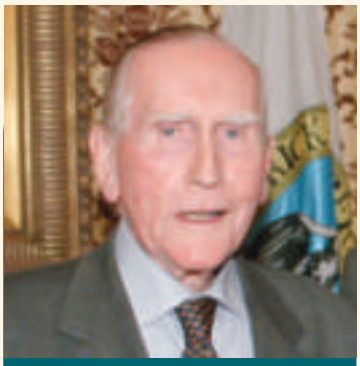
Richard O'Donnell
General Operative Oibreoir Ginearálta

Robert O'Halloran
Carpenter Siúinéir.

Cathy O'Donoghue
School Warden Maor Scoile

Limerick City Council Remembers

John Hunt (1957-2004)
Freeman of Limerick 1997



George E. Russell (1912-2004)
Freeman of Limerick 1995
Mayor of Limerick 1954/55, 55/56, 56/57, 67/68 76/77

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