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Sustaining Success.

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Message from the Mayor.



Limerick is Ireland's third largest city and during 2007 it continued to play a leading role both at a national and regional level. The Limerick economy continued to grow strongly during the year with numerous private sector investments being made. The Council has set out a vision for the city with a clear priority on the city centre as the key area for investment. This is a very challenging task for the council given the unfettered retail growth on the edge of the city. The continued improvement in the public realm and the city streets has leveraged further private development particularly in Bedford Row and Thomas Street. These new urban spaces are unrecognisable from just two or three years ago and they looked particularly attractive at Christmas time with new festive lighting. I was especially pleased to officially open the first shop in the new complex on Bedford Row.

2007 also witnessed the start of the social regeneration of the city with the creation of the Limerick Regeneration Companies. The task facing us as a city is very challenging. Over 3,000 current and former council houses are to be replaced. This is just the start. The real task is improving the delivery and outcomes across a range of public services for the communities involved, such as health, education, policing, community development. My colleagues and I on the Council

are very committed to this process as we have witnessed the affliction that has affected individuals, communities and the whole city in recent years. Regeneration has the promise of making a real and sustained change for the betterment of all and is the responsibility of all.

As Limerick adopts to and leads change, we are exploring new relationships in this process. I was particularly pleased to lead a group from the city to Santa Clara, California to open up the prospects of a new shared relationship with that city. Limerick has Ireland's highest proportion of third level students and there is now the opportunity to harness this energy to benefit the city. Our festivals continued to grow, Thomond Park is being developed, we reached the All Ireland Hurling Final and this is creating a strong belief in the future of the city and a feeling of well being.

Being elected Mayor was the greatest moment of my political life. Leading this city, with its illustrious history, to a new future is immensely challenging. I am proud to help in any way that I can to chart this path of renewal and development.

**Councillor Ger Fahy,
Mayor of Limerick**

Improving the quality of life for all Limerick City people and communities and encouraging sustainable economic growth.

Teachtaireacht ón Méara.

Is é Luimneach an tríú cathair is mó in Éirinn agus bhí páirt ríthábhachtach á himirt aige go réigiúnach agus go náisiúnta araon in 2007. Leanadh ar aghaidh leis an bhfás mór sa gheilleagar i Luimneach le linn na bliana agus rinneadh cuid mhór infheistíochtaí san earnáil phríobháideach. Tá pleananna móra ag an gComhairle don chathair agus tá tús áite tugtha do lár na cathrach mar an bpríomhlimistéar le haghaidh na hinfheistíochta. Is dúshlán an-mhór é seo don chomhairle nuair a chuirtear an fás miondíola atá ar bun gan staonadh ar imeall na cathrach. Tá níos mó forbairtí príobháideacha ar bun mar gheall ar an bhfeabhas leanúnach ar réimse an phobail agus ar shráideanna na cathrach, go háirithe i Rae Bedford agus i Sráid Thomáis. Ní aithneofaí na ceantair uirbeacha seo ón gcuma a raibh orthu dhá nó trí bliana ó shin agus bhí siad go hálainn ar fad um Nollaig mar thoradh ar an soilsiú féiltiúil nua. Bhí an-áthas orm go háirithe an chéad siopa san ollionad nua ar Rae Bedford a oscailt go hoifigiúil.

Cuireadh tús le hathbheochan shóisialta na cathrach in 2007 chomh maith nuair a bunaíodh Cuideachtaí Athbheochana Luimnigh. Is dúshlán an-mhór don chathair atá romhainn. Athsholáthrófar de bhreis ar 3,000 teach comhairle a bhíodh in úsáid agus atá in úsáid faoi láthair. Níl anseo ach tús. Is é an dúshlán is mó na seirbhísí poiblí a fheabhsú agus a chur ar fáil do na pobail lena mbaineann, lena n-áirítear seirbhísí sláinte, oideachais, póilíneartha agus forbairt phobail. Tá mo chomhghleacaithe agus mé féin an-tiomanta don phróiseas seo mar

tá an leatrom faoina raibh daoine, pobail agus an chathair ar fad le blianta beaga anuas feicthe againn. Tá dóchas againn as athbheochan na cathrach agus go rachaidh sí chun leasa do gach duine agus tá freagracht ar gach duine aisti.

Tá gaolmhaireachtaí nua á ndéanamh ag Cathair Luimnigh le linn di bheith i mbun a hathbheochana. Bhí an-áthas orm go háirithe grúpa ón gcathair a thabhairt go Santa Clara, California chun tús a chur leis an mian atá againn comhchaidreamh a dhéanamh leis an gcathair sin. Tá níos mó mic léinn tríú leibhéal i Luimneach ná mar atá i gcathair ar bith eile in Éirinn agus tá seans anois againn leas a bhaint as an bhfuinneamh seo chun go rachaidh sé chun tairbhe don chathair. Leanadh ar aghaidh le fás ár gcuid féilte, tá forbairt á déanamh ar Pháirc Thuamhan, shroicheadar Cluiche Ceannais Iomána na hÉireann agus is ábhar misnigh é seo i dtaca le todhchaí na cathrach agus chuaigh sé chun leasa don chathair i gcoitinne.

Ba í an onóir is mó i mo shaol polaitiúil nuair a toghadh mé i mo Mhéara. Is dúshlán an-mhór é bheith i gceannas ar an gcathair seo agus í ag dul i dtreo todhchaí nua, nuair a chuirtear a stair iontach san áireamh. Táim bródúil cúnamh a thabhairt ar bhealach ar bith is féidir liom chun an athbheochan agus an fhorbairt seo a phleanáil.

**An Comhairleoir Gearalt Ó Fathaigh,
Méara Luimnigh**

City Managers Foreword.



Limerick is a relatively compact geographical city. There is a wide range of retail and business services providing substantial employment in the city centre and these have been enhanced through urban renewal programmes. New apartment schemes have helped sustain the population of the city despite the continuous spread of the suburbs. There is a vibrant mix of social, sporting, artistic and cultural offerings in the city for the benefit of residents, visitors, students and the general public.

The Council's primary aim is to continually improve the quality of life for all of the above groups and to accelerate investment and development in the city without undue cost increases. In determining the budget for 2007, the Council agreed to reduce the business rate for the second year in succession. This is without parallel in the history of local government in Ireland and was delivered by the continued progress that was made in our finances in previous years. I wish to commend the leadership provided by the Mayor and members of the Council and the tremendous work of all staff in improving services while containing costs.

Progress in these headline areas enhance the attractiveness of the city for investors. The opening of several new high quality hotels in the city centre during 2007 is testament to the willingness and confidence of investors. These hotels create good employment and are an incentive for tourists to visit the city.

The competitive challenges facing the city are numerous most particularly from the suburbs that are outside the area of the city authority. The major projects where work continues are the public realm improvements and pedestrianisation of the city centre, the regeneration of our housing estates after the Fitzgerald Report, improving the image of the city, developing the riverside to its full potential and delivering on the gateway status. Many of these issues come together in the new City Centre Strategy document that was published in 2007. The new National Development Plan is a seminal opportunity and we must optimise the possibilities that it presents. From 2007 we must ensure that the sections of the council are organised to fully avail of the resources that will flow from the new plan.

Finally I want to thank all those individuals and outside agencies who engaged with the council at all levels during 2007. Your participation has undoubtedly strengthened local government in the city and helped us deliver more effectively on our remit. I welcome your continued contribution as we enter an exciting phase in the progress of the city.

Tom Mackey,
City Manager



Bainisteoirí Cathrach Brollach.

Is cathair réasúnta beag í Luimneach. Tá cuid mhór seirbhísí miondíola agus gnó i lár na cathrach a thugann fostaíocht do mhórán daoine agus cuireadh leis seo trí chláir athnuachana uirbí. Chuidigh scéimeanna nua árasáin le daonra na cathrach a choinneáil mar a bhí sé in ainneoin fhás leanúnach na mbruachbhailte. Titeann cuid mhór imeachtaí sóisialta, ealaíonta, spóirt agus cultúrtha amach sa chathair a théann chun tairbhe do mhuintir na cathrach, do thurasóirí, do mhic léinn agus don phobal go ginearálta.

Is í príomhaidhm na Comhairle saol na ngrúpaí dá dtagraítear dóibh thuas a fheabhsú an t-am ar fad agus chun infheistíocht sa chathair agus chun forbairt na cathrach a chur chun cinn gan ardú míchuí sa chostas. Agus iad ag teacht ar shocrúithe maidir le buiséad 2007, chinn an Chomhairle ar an ráta gnó a laghdú don dara bliain as a chéile. Níor tharla sé seo riamh i stair an rialtais áitiúil in Éirinn agus rinneadh an cinneadh mar thoradh ar dhul chun cinn leanúnach ar n-airgeadais le blianta beaga anuas. Táim go mór faoi chomaoín ag an Méara agus ag baill na Comhairle as a gceannasaíocht agus táim fórbhuíoch den fhoireann uile as a gcuid oibre maidir le feabhsú seirbhísí agus d'éirigh leo na costais a choinneáil íseal.

Is tarraingtí i bhfad an chathair d'infheisteoirí nuair is féidir na gnéithe thuas a chur chun cinn. Léiríonn oscailt roinnt óstáin nua ardchaighdeán i lár na cathrach i rith 2007 an toilteanas agus an mhuinín atá ag infheisteoirí asainn agus as an gcathair.

Cuireann na hóstáin seo fostaíocht mhaith ar fáil agus spreagann siad turasóirí teacht chun na cathrach.

Tá cuid mhór dúshlán roimh an gcathair, go háirithe na cinn a bhaineann leis na bruachbhailte atá lasmuigh de raon údarais na cathrach. Is iad na tionscadail mhóra atá ar bun go fóill feabhsúcháin sa réimse poiblí agus teorannú do choisithe i lár na cathrach, athbheochan ár n-eastát tithíochta mar thoradh ar Thuarascáil Fitzgerald, feabhsú íomhá na cathrach, forbairt bhruach na habhann an méid agus is féidir agus stádas na cathrach mar chathair thairsí a bhaint amach. Tagraítear do chuid mhór de na mórcheisteanna seo sa cháipéis nua, 'Straitéis Lár na Cathrach' a foilsíodh in 2007. Is deis é an Plean Forbartha Náisiúnta d'fhorbairt amach anseo agus ní mór dúinn leas iomlán a bhaint as. Ó 2007 ar aghaidh, ní mór dúinn cinntiú go n-eagrófar gach rannóg den chomhairle ionas go mbainfear leas iomlán as na hacmhainní a eascróidh ón bplean nua.

Mar fhocal scoir, gabhaim buíochas leis na daoine uile agus le gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha a d'oibrigh leis an gcomhairle ar gach bealach i rith 2007. Chuaigh bhur n-iarrachtaí go mór chun leasa don rialtas áitiúil sa chathair agus chuidigh siad linn dul i mbun ár sainchúram ar bhealach níos éifeachtaí. Ba mhór agam tuilleadh rannpháirtíochta uaibh san am spleodrach seo i ndul chun cinn na cathrach.



Our City.

Limerick City Council...

Realising the economic potential of the City by the provision of infrastructure and the promotion of retailing, tourism and general commercial and industrial development.

Freedom of the City.



Conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the City of Limerick on Thomas Ryan RHA and Sir Terry Wogan KBE.

The ceremony was held in City Hall on 15th June 2007 and was attended by the Mayor Joe Leddin, members of City Council, the City Manager, Council personnel, family and friends.



Civic & Mayoral Receptions.



Shannon & St. Michael's Rowing Clubs Victory

Mayor Fahy with rowers, trainers and coaches marking the clubs success in the Senior Eights National Rowing Championships of Ireland.

Shannon Team Honoured - AIL & Munster Senior Cup 2005/06 Champions



Mayor Joe Leddin with Gerry Ryan, President of Shannon RFC, Cllr Gerry McLoughlin, John Leahy incoming president of Shannon RFC and the Shannon Team with their Captain, Colm McMahon.



Kieran Lehane, Limerick City Council, John Leahy, incoming President of Shannon RFC, Mayor Joe Leddin, Pat O'Connor, Gerry Ryan, President of Shannon RFC and Jim McNicholas.



European Cooperation

Prof. Liam Bannon and Dr Gabriela Avrom, Interaction Design Centre UL, attend civic reception for 170 delegates from 14 countries attending the 10th European Conference on Computer Supported Co-operative Work in Limerick.



Tony Wallace, Cllr Lilly Wallace, Cllr John Gilligan and Gerard Mullally.



Cllr Kathleen Leddin, Gerry Moore, Cllr Maria Byrne.

Highlights of '07.

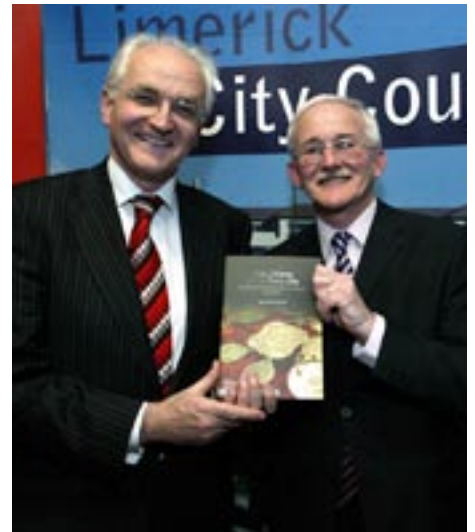


Limerick Regeneration

(Left) Launch of vision document for the regeneration of the Moyross & Southill estates. President Mary McAleese meets Ian Tuite, Corpus Christi School, Moyross.

First Citizens of the Treaty City

(Below) Minister for the Environment John Gormley launches new City Council book by Matthew Potter.



Limerick's Green Tree

(Above) Minister Gormley with Mayor Fahy, City Manager Tom Mackey and the team of local businesses, along with staff of Limerick City Council involved in this innovative initiative.

(Right) Minister for the Environment John Gormley switched on the country's first ever eco-friendly Christmas tree, made from recycled steel powered by wind generated energy.



City Centre Skating Rink

(Far right) Mayor Fahy officially launched the ice rink at the Potato Market, which has become a tradition for the City at Christmas.



Limerick Hurling Success.



Limerick All-Ireland Finalists 2007

A huge homecoming celebration was organised for the team and management. A 25,000 strong crowd packed the streets and enjoyed big screen footage and entertainment.



Limerick Celebrates.



Munster the new European Rugby Champions 2008 received a Civic Reception at the Limerick City Hall to acknowledge their incredible achievement in winning the Heineken European Cup for the 2nd time. They were greeted by the Mayor of Limerick Ger Fahy.





The team made its way through the streets lined with people via Athlunkard St, King's Island across the Thomond Bridge and on to the Treaty Stone where there was a brief pause in the bus trip to raise the Heineken Cup high in the air to tumultuous applause. They then made their way across Sarsfield Bridge to O'Connell St to face 50,000 supporters.



Sustaining Success.



Grand Slam Winning Garryowen FC Honoured By Limerick City Council

The tribute followed a spectacular 2006/7 season during which the club won an unprecedented Grand Slam, picking up the AIB League and Cup, as well as Munster Senior and Junior Cups. (Above l to r) Limerick Mayors Bobby Byrnes (left) and Frank Prendergast (right) with Mayor Fahy.



Irish Open Golf Championship held in Limerick

The Irish Open was held at Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort and was won by Padraig Harrington.



Young Munster U16

Only Irish participants in the Loire Rugby Nations 2007 Tournament, France.



Civic Reception for Ger O'Rourke

to mark the victory of yacht Chieftan in the Rolex Fastnet Yacht Race.



Community Young Golf Challenge Day at Rathbane Golf Club
(L to r :) Amy Linnane, Abbey Hickey and Mayor Ger Fahy.



Launch of new City Council website
Launch of new user friendly Limerick City Council website Gay Kilgarraff, Head of IS, Jason Murphy, IS Project Leader and Mayor Fahy.



Mayoral reception for South African tennis legend
(Left) Members of Limerick Lawn Tennis Club at a mayor reception for South African tennis legend Sandra Reynolds, marking the 50th anniversary of her winning the South of Ireland Tennis Championships. From left, Eithne Murphy, Brendan Bradshaw, Naoimi O'Nolan, Mayor Ger Fahy, Sandra Reynolds, Lowell Price (Sandra's husband), Fergus Walsh, Ivan O'Riordan - all of Limerick Lawn Tennis Club.



Richard Harris Sculpture
Mayor Ger Fahy congratulates sculptor Jim Connolly on his immortalisation of one of Limericks best loved sons, Richard Harris, unveiled on Bedford Row.



Springfest.





Springfest

The highlights of the festival included the St. Patrick's Day Parade which saw community, school, sports, arts and volunteer groups marching in a magical spectacle of colour, music and action.

The city also welcomed score of Marching Bands from around Ireland and abroad to participate in the Limerick International Band Competition.



Riverfest.



Riverfest

This week long party had an exciting calendar of events for young and old alike from music, street theatre, dance, market stalls, live gigs, comedy and much more.





Members of Limerick City Council Baill de chomhairle cathrach Luimnigh



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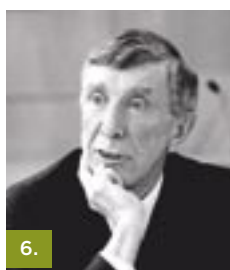
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2. Cllr. Jim Long, Fine Gael
3. Cllr. Pat Kennedy, Non-P.
4. Cllr. Lilly Wallace, Non-P.
5. Cllr. Joe Leddin, Labour
6. Cllr. John Cronin, Fianna Fáil
7. Cllr. Kevin Kiely, Fine Gael
8. Cllr. Michael Hourigan, Fine Gael
9. Cllr. Diarmuid Scully, Fine Gael
10. Cllr. Kieran Walsh, Labour
11. Cllr. Ger Fahy, Fine Gael
12. Cllr. John Ryan, Labour
13. Cllr. Maria Byrne, Fine Gael
14. Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin, Labour
15. Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Fianna Fáil
16. Cllr. James Houlihan, Labour
17. Cllr. Kathleen Leddin, Non-P.



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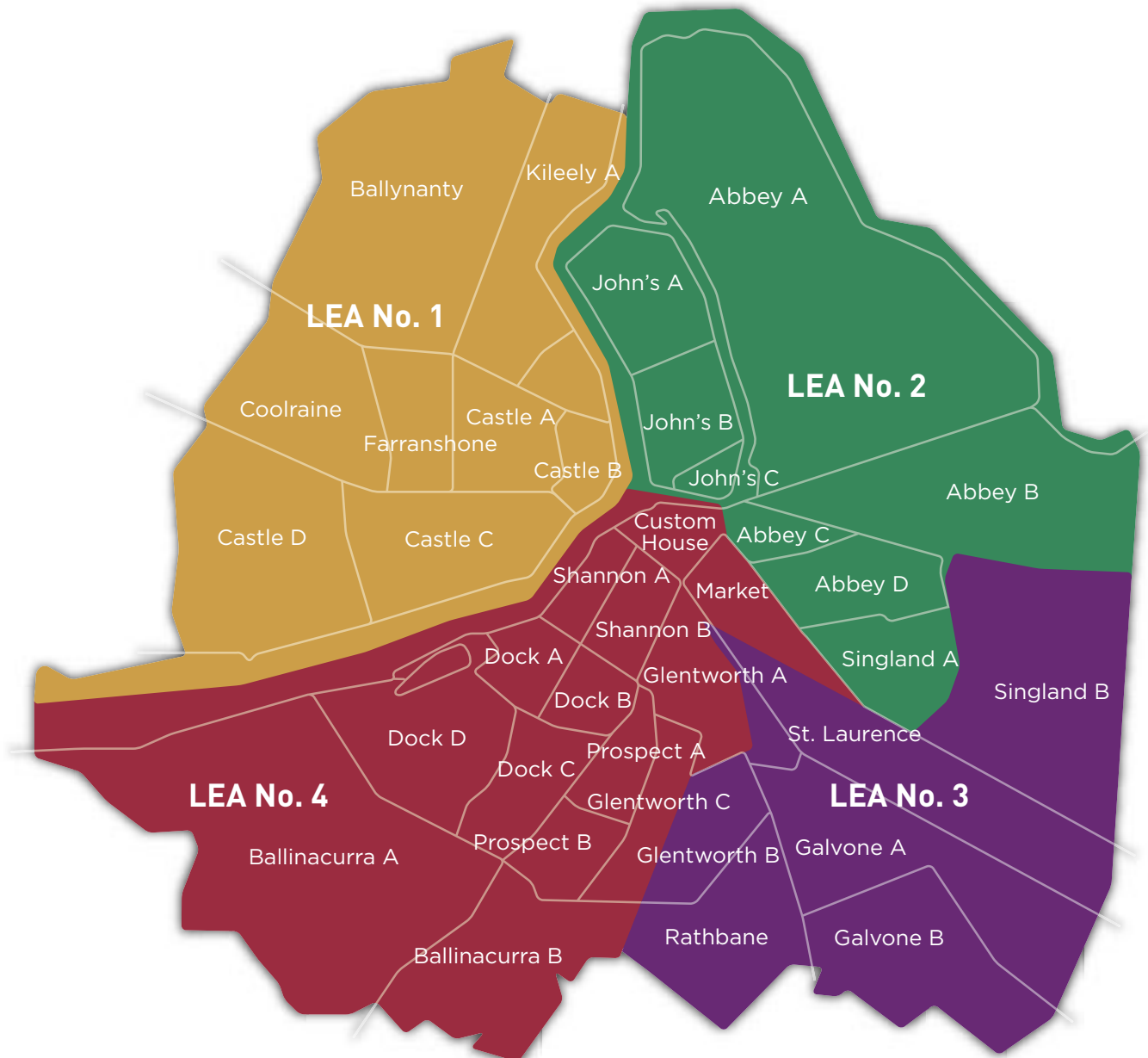


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Map of Electoral Areas Léarscáil na dToghcheantar



Corporate Services.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007

Successful operation of meetings of City Council.

Organisation of Civic and Mayoral Receptions.

Publication of Draft Register of Electors, Register of Electors and Edited Version of Register of Electors.

Publication of Irish Language Scheme which came into effect on 1st October, 2007.

Limerick City Council worked in partnership with Junior Achievement. Eight volunteers taught programmes to 210 students in three schools.

Assessing, processing and payment of Higher Education Grants.

Continued updating information on City Council website and intranet.

Innovative participation in the promotion of the city.

Significant progress was made in identifying and agreeing the change/modernisation agenda as set out under Sustaining Progress and the initial steps were taken in developing a modernisation agenda under Towards 2016.

The Human Resource Department is committed to fostering good industrial relations and recognises that such a policy facilitates the resolution of staff issues at the earliest possible time.

Training and Development

The City Council's Training and Development Unit continued to deliver and evaluate focused training and development programmes for staff to meet identified needs. A range of specialist and developmental courses were provided resulting in staff attending 154 courses and conferences.

Support was also provided for staff undertaking further education study programmes, resulting in many receiving qualifications in 2007.

Some of the courses during the year included the following:

- Certificate in Management Development
- IPA Certificate in Local Government Studies
- Local Government Policy & Practice Series
- Team Leader Training
- Supervisory Skills
- Dealing with Aggressive Customers

HUMAN RESOURCES

Industrial and Employee Relations

The Human Resource Department continued to work closely with the group of Unions under the auspices of the Partnership Steering Committee.



Community & Enterprise

(L to r:) Miriam O'Donoghue, Yvonne Daly, Noelle F. Deedigan, Pat Skehan

Arts

(L to r:) Sheila Deegan, Mark Kirby, Kathleen O'Connell

- Retirement Planning
- Construction Stage Safety
- Safe-Pass

Recruitment

The staff complement for Limerick City Council at 31st December 2007 was 622 and categorised as follows:

Managerial/Administrative	193
Professional/Technical	48
Craft, general and related grades	324
Other staff	44
Whole time equivalents	553.8

Work Experience/Work Placements

The City Council continue to place emphasis 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. 26 students availed of this facility in 2007.

Community Employment Schemes / Jobs Initiative Scheme

We continued to support the employment of 23 staff members under the Community Employment Scheme/Job Initiative 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 Awareness Sessions
- PMDS Awareness Sessions
- Training and Further Education Policy
- Attendance Management Policy
- Time Recording

The City Council arranged for a comprehensive review of the vaccination cover afforded to relevant sections in 2007 and will consider the results of this review and provide further inoculations etc. as required.

Family Friendly Policies

Number of staff who have availed of leave under the various schemes during the year:

Parental leave	11
Term Time	14
Worksharing	31
Flexitime	151
Career Breaks/Secondments	12

Staff Counselling/Support Service

The Human Resources 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.



Human Resources

(L to r back) : John McEntee (Health & Safety Officer),
Jane Wallace, Christy Brennan
(L to r front:) Michelle Downes, Therese Conway



Finance

(L to r back:) Stuart Calton, Grainne Teahan, Fiona O'Keeffe, Cathal Quaid
(L to r front:) Sinead O'Hanlon, Mary Kennedy

ICT

Telecommunications & Network Services

In line with the strategic requirements for Limerick City Council the ICT department continued to support, recommend and provide the computer infrastructure, applications and systems required for all sections of Limerick City Council.

- continued its focus on consolidation and efficiencies
- A new Government Networks LAN/WAN connection was enabled providing the ability for secure network communications between various government agencies and the necessary infrastructure for Limerick City Council to develop internet based services.
- Virtualisation technologies were introduced to replace older server systems while increasing the flexibility to provide new systems and reducing the environmental impact associated with server rooms.
- A new service desk system was deployed providing comprehensive support to end user and upgrades to the servers and databases system increased capacity, speed, reliability and productivity.
- In partnership with the Limerick City Library Service the ICT team set up a state of the art PC suite, language laboratory and public internet access PC's in the new Library at WatchHouse Cross, Limerick.

Geographic Information Systems

The numbers of GIS users increased to 80 or approximately 20% of the staff of the Council. This increase was directly attributed to the rollout of the Generic Digitising tool and the promotion of on-line map browsers. Integration of GIS technologies with existing applications and the increased use of spatial information (i.e. address database and orthophotography) also increased awareness of the technology.

Much work was carried out in the organisation of the corporate GIS datasets. This work included the recording of Metadata and the streamlining of data processing methods (using such tools as FME).

In 2007 the Council also acquired high-quality aerial photography for the city and environs.

Web Services

The new corporate website (www.limerick.ie) was completed with the financial assistance of the DoEHLG. The new site was designed with accessibility in mind and some 40 staff were trained in "writing for the web" and the content management system. Individual departments now maintain their own sections of the new site. There are over 150,000 visitors per annum to the councils website.

In line with the corporate site the development of two additional sites was facilitated and hosted by the IT department – both Childcare and the City Development Board have fresh websites.



Motor Tax

(L to r back:) Denise Cregan, Ailish Shortt
(L to r front:) Nora Hartigan, Aoife Madden



IT Department

(L to r back:) Breda Tierney, Jason Murphy, Lisa Doyle, Mihai Bilauca
(L to r front:) Eoin Kirwan, Patricia Wright

The Customer Relations tool was rolled out to the Environment section bringing the number of departments using the software to three.

Business Applications

1. The online planning register was upgraded to meet basic web accessibility standards.
2. A time-recording system was designed for the organisation which is accessed through the intranet and used by all staff.
3. TerminalFour Content Management System was rolled out for website management.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Key Achievements Included:

- Provision of Employee Safety Handbook to every employee
- Extension of the AED programme to include the Library at WatchHouse Cross.
- Completion of radon monitoring in City Hall.
- Election of a Representatives Committee for 2007-2009 for consultation with management on H&S issues.
- Development of Safety Policies in the Workplace and another on Safety Management of Construction Projects.
- Comprehensive investigation and analysis of all occupational accidents / incidents.
- Review and upgrade of the EA Policy
- VDU Assessment / training and the provision of equipment

- Provision of eyesight tests for all VDU operators and prescription safety glasses as required
- Upgrade of a significant number of safe practices, procedures and safety statements
- Review, upgrade and implementation of emergency evacuation plans for City Hall, including fire drills and additional Fire Wardens.
- Safety inspections and Risk Assessments including comprehensive MMH risk assessment for Road maintenance
- Provision a variety of safety training, including safety induction for new and CE employees; training on safety statements, asbestos awareness; MMH and working at height
- Development and delivery of a customised training course for Signalmen.
- Provision of safety awareness information and activities during H&S Week 2007 including MMH workshops in all Depots.
- Represented LCC at safety workshops and with the Local Authority Safety Advisors Group.

PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership process is a mechanism to secure delivery of change and modernisation. It involves management, unions and employees at all levels addressing a wide range of issues of strategic and operational importance, and the delivery of positive outcomes to benefit all parties i.e. management, unions, employees and the public.



Partnership
(L to r:) Esther Ryan



Presentation of Junior Achievement Certificate
(L to r:) Kieran Lehane and Niall Flaherty

A new protocol Handling Significant Change through Partnership has been adopted by the Local Authority National Partnership Advisory Group as it had become clear that managers, union representatives and employees all agreed that all issues of a significant nature should be handled through Partnership.

Towards 2016 is the new Ten-Year Framework Social Partnership Agreement and discussions have commenced through Partnership in relation to the provisions both national and local contained within T2016 Action Plan.

In 2007 Partnership was involved in the following:

Projects:

- Long Service Awards
- Return to Learning
- Health Promotion
- Educational Grant Scheme
- Grapevine Publication
- Stress Management

Discussions:

- Attendance Management Policy
- Fortnightly Pay
- Staff Information Talks
- Customer Care Package
- Depot Relocation
- Acting Up Policy

LIMERICK ARCHIVES

Limerick City Archives completed a major cataloging project in 2007, with the assistance of Limerick Civic Trust. A considerable number of collections are now listed and available for public access and research, providing a unique insight into Limerick City Council's history and development.

These include:

Archives relating to Limerick City Council.

- City Council Minute Books (1841-1972);
- Special Committee Minute Books (1841-1991);
- Old Corporation -Pre-Reform (1719-1917);
- Limerick Night Watch (1861-1920);
- Rate Books for the City (1853-1959);
- Registration of Motor Vehicles (1904-1982);

Limerick City Archives also holds the records of predecessor bodies-Limerick Union and Limerick Rural District Council.

The Archives also holds a large collection of private papers donated to or acquired by the City Archives. These include:

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Presentation of Junior Achievement Certificates

(L to r:) Norah O'Connor, Jenny Stone, Yvonne McMahon, Daniel Butler, Kieran Lehane, Majella O'Brien, Catherine Bowes-Kelly, Dermot Winston, Michael Keehan

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha.

ÉACHTAÍ IN 2007

Reachtáladh cruinnithe na Comhairle Cathrach mar is ceart.

Eagraíodh Fáiltithe Cathartha agus Méaracha.

Foilsíodh Dréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, Clár na dToghthóirí agus Eagrán Atheagraithe de Chlár na dToghthóirí.

Foilsíú Scéim na Gaeilge a tháinig i bhfeidhm an 1 Deireadh Fómhair, 2007.

D'oibrigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i gcomhpháirtíocht le 'Junior Achievement'. Mhúin ochtar oibrithe deonacha cláir do 210 dalta i dtrí scoil.

Measúnaíodh, próiseáladh agus íocadh Deontais Ardoideachais.

Leanadh le nuashonrú faisnéise ar láithreán gréasáin agus inlín na Comhairle Cathrach.

Bhí rannpháirtíocht nuálaíoch i gcur chun cinn na cathrach.

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Caidrimh Thionsclaíocha agus Caidrimh idir Fostóirí agus Fostaithe

Lean an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna orthu ag oibriú leis an ngrúpa Ceardchumann faoi choimirce an Choiste Stiúrtha Comhpháirtíochta.

Rinneadh an-dul chun cinn i dtaca le sainaitheint agus le comhaontú an chláir oibre athraithe/nuachóirithe mar atá leagtha amach in 'Ag Cothabháil an Dul Chun Cinn' agus tógadh na chéad chéimeanna i dtaca le forbairt cláir oibre nuachóirithe faoi 'I dTreo 2016'.

Tá an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna tiomanta do chothú dea-chaidrimh thionsclaíoch agus tuigeann siad gur fiúntach an beartas seo maidir le réiteach saincheisteanna foirne a luaithé agus is féidir.

Oiliúint agus Forbairt

Lean Rannóg Oiliúna agus Forbartha na Comhairle Cathrach orthu ag cur oiliúint dhírithe agus cláir forbartha ar fáil don fhoireann chun freastal ar shainriachtanais. Rinne siad measúnacht ar na nithe seo chomh maith. Cuireadh raon sainchúrsaí agus cúrsaí forbartha ar fáil agus d'fhreastal baill foirne ar 154 cúrsa agus comhdháil dá thoradh seo.

Cuireadh tacaíocht ar fáil do bhaill foirne a bhí ag glacadh páirte i gcláir staidéir bhreiseoideachais agus bronnadh cáilíochtaí ar chuid mhór acu in 2007 dá thoradh seo.



Transportation & Infrastructure

(L to r back:) John Irwin, James O'Donovan, Derek Stundon, Vincent Murray, Michael McCarthy, Mark Gaffney
(L to r front:) Geraldine O'Regan, Fiachra O'Keeffe, Thomas Kelly, Joe Coughlan, Catherine Bowes-Kelly

I measc na gcúrsaí a reáchtáladh le linn na bliana bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Teastas i bhForbairt Bainistíochta
- Teastas an Fhorais Riaracháin i Staidéar Rialtais Áitiúil
- Beartas Rialtais Áitiúil agus Sraith Chleachtais
- Oiliúint do Cheannairí
- Scileanna Maoirseachta
- Déileáil le Custaiméirí Ionsaitheacha
- Pleanáil do Lucht Scoir
- Sábháilteacht um Chéim na Tógála
- Pas Sábháilte

Earcaíocht

An 31 Nollaig 2007, 622 duine a bhí fostaithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh arna chatagóiriú mar seo a leanas:

Foireann Bainistíochta/Riaracháin	193
Foireann Ghairmiúil/Theicniúil	48
Foireann ar ghráid cheardaíochta, ghinearálta agus ghaolmhara	324
Foireann eile	44

Coibhéisí lánaimseartha 553.8

Taithí Oibre/Socrúcháin Oibre

Leanann an Chomhairle Cathrach le béim a leagan ar ár ngaolmhaireacht a neartú agus tacú leis na scéimeanna socrúcháin éagsúla do scoileanna



Planning & Economic Development Department

(L to r back:) Olivia Campbell, Aoife O'Brien Slater, Elaine Barry, Caroline Conway, Mary Hayes
(L to r front:) John Cregan, Maria Croke-O'Sullivan, Jennifer Macnulty

dara leibhéal agus tríú leibhéal ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach agus le go leor eagraíochtaí eile, FÁS agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh. Bhain 26 mac léinn leas as an áis seo in 2007.

Scéimeanna Fostaíochta Pobail / Scéim Tionscnaimh Post

Leanamar orainn ag tacú le 23 comhalta foirne a fhostú faoin Scéim Fostaíochta Pobail/Scéim Tionscnaimh Post i gcomhar le FÁS.

Beartais agus Nósanna Imeachta

Ag cloí leis an reachtaíocht agus na dea-chleachtas reatha, lean an Rannóg seo ar aghaidh ag forbairt, ag cur i bhfeidhm agus ag nuashonrú na mbeartas/nósanna imeachta seo a leanas i rith na bliana:

- Seisiúin Feasachta ar Chasaid agus Disciplín
- Seisiúin Feasachta ar CBF
- Oiliúint agus Beartas Breisoideachais
- Beartas um Bainistíocht Freastail
- Taifeadadh Ama

Shocraigh an Chomhairle Cathrach athbhreithniú cuimsitheach a dhéanamh ar an gclúdach vacsaínithe a cuireadh ar fáil do rannóga cuí in 2007 agus measfaidh siad torthaí an athbhreithnithe, agus cuirfidh siad tuilleadh córacha leighis etc. ar fáil de réir mar is gá.



Coffee Shop

(L to r:) Annette Higgins, Pamela Collins



Watchhouse Cross Library

(L to r back:) Tom Finucane, Patricia Cusack, Liam Hogan
(L to r front:) Pamela Byrne, Maria O'Sullivan, Sinead Hourigan

Beartais a Oireann don Teaghlach

An líon foirne a thóg saoire faoi na scéimeanna éagsúla i rith na bliana:

Saoire do thuismitheoirí	11
Saoire Scoilbhliana	14
Postroinnt	31
Tráthanna oibre inathraithe	151
Sosanna Gairme/lasachtaí	12

Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta/Tacaíochta Foirne

Leanann an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna ag tabhairt aitheantais don tábhacht a bhaineann le Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta Foirne a thugann deis do gach ball foirne rochtain a bheith acu ar chomhairleoireacht ghairmiúil le cabhrú le baill foirne ar bhonn rúnda.

TFC

Teileachumarsáid agus Seirbhísí Líonra

Ag cloí leis na riachtanais straitéiseacha do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, lean an rannóg TFC ag tacú le bonneagar, le feidhmchláir agus le córais ríomhairí a theastaíonn ó gach rannóg de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Chomh maith leis sin, mhol an rannóg TFC na seirbhísí seo agus chuir siad iad ar fáil do na rannóga éagsúla.

- lean siad orthu ag díriú ar chomhdhlúthú agus ar éifeachtúlacht
- Cuireadh nasc LAN/WAN nua de chuid Líonraí an Rialtais ar chumas. Mar thoradh air seo, bhí líonra cumarsáide sábháilte ar fáil le nascadh le gníomhaireachtaí éagsúla rialtais agus chomh maith leis sin, cuireadh an bonneagar riachtanach ar fáil do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh chun seirbhísí idirlín a fhorbairt.
- Tugadh isteach teicneolaíochtaí fíorúlaithé in ionad seanchóras freastalaí. Mhéadaigh sia seo an méid solúbthachta ionas go gcuirfí córais nua ar fáil. Chomh maith leis sin, laghdaigh siad an tionchar a bhíonn ag seomraí freastalaí ar an timpeallacht.
- Baineadh úsáid as córas nua deisce freastail a thug tacaíocht chuimsitheach do na daoine a bhain úsáid as agus bhí sé in oiriúint do na freastalaithe. Chomh maith leis sin, tháinig méadú ar chumas, ar luas, ar iontaofacht agus ar tháirgiúlacht an chórais bhunachar sonraí.
- I gcomhar le Seirbhís Leabharlainne Chathair Luimnigh, bhunaigh an fhoireann TFC ríomhlann den chéad scoth, saotharlann teanga agus ríomhairí a bhfuil teacht ag an bpobal ar an idirlíon orthu sa Leabharlann nua i gCros Theach na Foraíre, Luimneach.

Córais Faisnéise Gheografacha

Tháinig méadú ar líon na ndaoine a bhain úsáid as GIS go 80 nó thart ar 20% d'fhoireann na Comhairle. Bhí an méadú seo mar thoradh

ar an acra Digitithe Chineálaigh agus cur chun cinn freastalaithe mapa ar líne. Tháinig méadú ar fheasacht ar an teicneolaíocht freisin trí theicneolaíochtaí GIS a chomhcheangal le feidhmchláir reatha agus trí níos mó úsáide a bhaint as faisnéis spáis (i.e. bunachar sonraí seoltaí agus ortafótagrafaíocht).

Rinneadh a lán oibre in eagrú na dtacar sonraí corparáideach GIS. San áireamh sa phróiseas seo bhí taifeadadh Meiteashonraí agus modhanna próiseála sonraí a athchóiriú chun éifeachta (trí úsáid a bhaint as acraí ar nós FME).

In 2007 freisin, fuair an Chomhairle grianghrafadóireacht den chathair agus den cheantar máguaird ón aer a bhí ar ardchaighdeán.

Seirbhísí Gréasáin

Cuireadh an láithreán gréasáin nua corparáideach (www.limerick.ie) i gcrích le cúnamh airgid ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Dearadh an láithreán nua le béim ar inrochtaineacht agus cuireadh oiliúint maidir le „scríobh don ghréasán” agus maidir leis an gcóras bainistíochta inneachair ar 40 ball foirne. Coinníonn na rannóga éagsúla an bhail cheart ar a gcuid féin den láithreán. Breathnaíonn níos mó ná 150,000 duine ar láithreán gréasáin na comhairle gach bliain.

Chomh maith leis an láithreán corparáideach, rinneadh forbairt ar dhá láithreán eile arna éascú agus arna óstáil ag an rannóg TF – tá láithreán gréasáin nua ag Cúram Leanaí agus ag Bord Forbartha na Cathrach.

Baineadh úsáid as an acra um Chaidreamh le Custaiméirí sa rannóg Comhshaoil agus ba iad siúd an tríú rannóg a bhain úsáid as na bogearraí seo.

Iarratais Ghnó

1. Uasghrádaíodh an clár pleanála ar líne le freastal ar bhunchaighdeán inrochtaineacht gréasáin.

2. Dearadh córas taifeadta ama don eagraíocht agus tá teacht ar seo tríd an inlíon agus baineann an fhoireann uile úsáid as.
3. Baineadh úsáid as Córas Bainistíochta Inneachair TerminalFour le haghaidh bainistíocht láithreáin gréasáin.

SLÁINTE & SÁBHÁILTEACHT

Ar na Mórreachtaí bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Cur ar fáil Lámhleabhar um Shábháilteacht d'Fhostaithe do gach ball foirne
- Fairsingiú an chláir AED (Uath-dhífhibrileoir Seachtrach) le go gclúdófaí an Leabharlann ag Crois Theach na Foraíre.
- Cur i gcrích na monatóireachta ar radón i Halla na Cathrach.
- Toghadh Coiste Ionadaithe don tréimhse 2007-2009 le bheith i mbun comhairliúcháin leis an bhfoireann bhainistíochta ar shaincheistean na bhaineann le sláinte agus sábháilteacht.
- Forbairt Beartas Sábháilteachta san Ionad Oibre agus ceann eile ar Bhainistíocht Sábháilteachta um Thionscadail Tógála.
- Imscrúdú agus anailís chuimsitheach ar gach timpiste/eachtra a thiteann amach san ionad oibre.
- Uasghrádú agus athbhreithniú ar an mBeartas EA
- Measúnacht / oiliúint VDU (Aonad Fístaispeána) agus cur ar fáil trealaimh
- Cur ar fáil tástáil súl do gach oibreoir VDU agus speaclaí cosanta ar oideas de réir mas is gá
- Uasghrádú líon mór cleachtas sábháilte, modhanna oibre agus ráiteas sábháilteachta
- Athbhreithniú, uasghrádú agus cur i bhfeidhm pleananna aslonnaithe éigeandála do Halla na Cathrach, lena n-áirítear cleachtadh dóiteáin agus níos mó Maoir Dóiteáin.
- Iniúchtaí Sábháilteachta agus Measúnuithe Riosca lena n-áirítear measúnú cuimsitheach riosca MMH le haghaidh cothabháil Bóithre
- Oiliúint sábháilteachta de gach saghas a chur ar an bhfoireann, lena n-áirítear ionduchtú sábháilteachta d'fhostaithe nua agus d'fhostaithe CE; oiliúint maidir le ráitis sábháilteachta, feasacht ar aispeist, MMH agus obair ar phointí airde

- Forbairt agus cur ar fáil cúrsa oiliúna saincheaptha d'fhir chomharthaíochta.
- Cur ar fáil faisnéise a bhaineann le feachtas ar shábháilteacht agus imeachtaí le linn Sheachtain Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta 2007, lena n-áirítear ceardlanna MMH i ngach Stáisiún.
- Rinneamar ionadaíocht do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag ceardlanna sábháilteachta agus le Grúpa Comhairleoirí Sábháilteachta an Údaráis Áitiúil.

COMHPHÁIRTÍOCHT

Is uirlis é an próiseas Comhpháirtíochta a chinntíonn go dtitfeadh athrú agus nuashonrú amach. Bíonn baint ag bainistíocht, ag aontais agus ag fostaithe leis agus pléitear raon leathan saincheistanna atá tábhachtach ó thaobh straitéise agus feidhmithe de, agus cinntítear go mbeidh torthaí dearfacha a rachfar chun leasa do gach páirtí i.e. bainistíocht, aontais, fostaithe agus an pobal.

Tá prótacal nua, Ag Dul i nGleic le Mórathruithe trí Chomhpháirtíocht, á cur i bhfeidhm ag Grúpa Comhairleach Comhpháirtíochta Náisiúnta an Údaráis Áitiúil de bharr gur léir go raibh bainisteoirí, ionadaithe aontais agus fostaithe uile den tuairim gur cheart go rachfaí i ngleic le saincheistanna tromchúiseacha trí Chomhpháirtíocht.

Is é, I dTreo 2016, an Comhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Sóisialta le Creatlach 10 mBliana agus tá tús curtha le cainteanna trí Chomhpháirtíocht maidir leis na forálacha náisiúnta agus áitiúla atá le fáil i bPlean Gníomhaíochta T2016. Bhí baint ag Comhpháirtíocht leis seo a leanas sa bhliain 2007:

Tionscadail:

- Duaiseanna Fadseirbhíse
- Filleadh ar an bhFoghlaim
- Cur Chun Cinn na Sláinte
- Scéim Deontais Oideachais
- Foilseachán Grapevine
- Bainistíocht Struis

Cainteanna:

- Beartas um Bainistíocht Freastail
- Pá gach Coicís
- Cainteanna Faisnéise don Fhoireann
- Pacáiste Cúraim Chustaiméirí
- Athlonnú Stáisiún
- Beartas um Ghníomhú ag Leibhéal níos Airde

CARTLANNA LUIMNIGH

Chuir Cartlanna Chathair Luimnigh mórtionscadal catalógaithe i gcrích in 2007, le cúnamh ó lontaobhas Cathartha Luimnigh. Tá líon mór bailiúchán atá liostaithe mar thoradh air seo agus tá siad ar fáil don phobal agus le haghaidh taighde, rud a thugann léargas den scoth ar stair agus ar fhorbairt Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Ar na bailiúcháin sin tá siad seo a leanas: Cartlanna a bhaineann le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

- City Council Minute Books (1841-1972);
- Special Committee Minute Books (1841-1991);
- Old Corporation -Pre-Reform (1719-1917);
- Limerick Night Watch (1861-1920);
- Rate Books for the City (1853-1959);
- Registration of Motor Vehicles (1904-1982);

Tá taifid de sheanfhorais le fáil i gCartlanna Chathair Luimnigh - Aontas Luimnigh agus Comhairle Ceantair Thuaithe Luimnigh.

Tá bailiúchán mór de pháipéir phríobháideacha le fáil sna Cartlanna a fuair Cartlann na Cathrach nó ar tugadh iad dóibh. Orthu siúd tá siad seo a leanas:

- Limerick Chamber of Commerce, (1807-1919);
- Limerick Harbour Commissioners, (1823-1980);
- Limerick Catholic Literary Institute (1886-1923);
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Social Policy & Housing.

The Action plan for Social & Affordable Housing 2004 – 2008 was reviewed in early 2007. The main priorities are;

- Regeneration
- Delivery under Rental Accommodation Scheme (R.A.S.)
- Improving the output of the Voluntary sector
- Improvement in estate management and greater collaboration with the Gardaí through the operation of a Joint Policing Committee and Coordinator Scheme
- Improvement of Traveller and homeless services
- Provision of Affordable Housing

Housing Stock

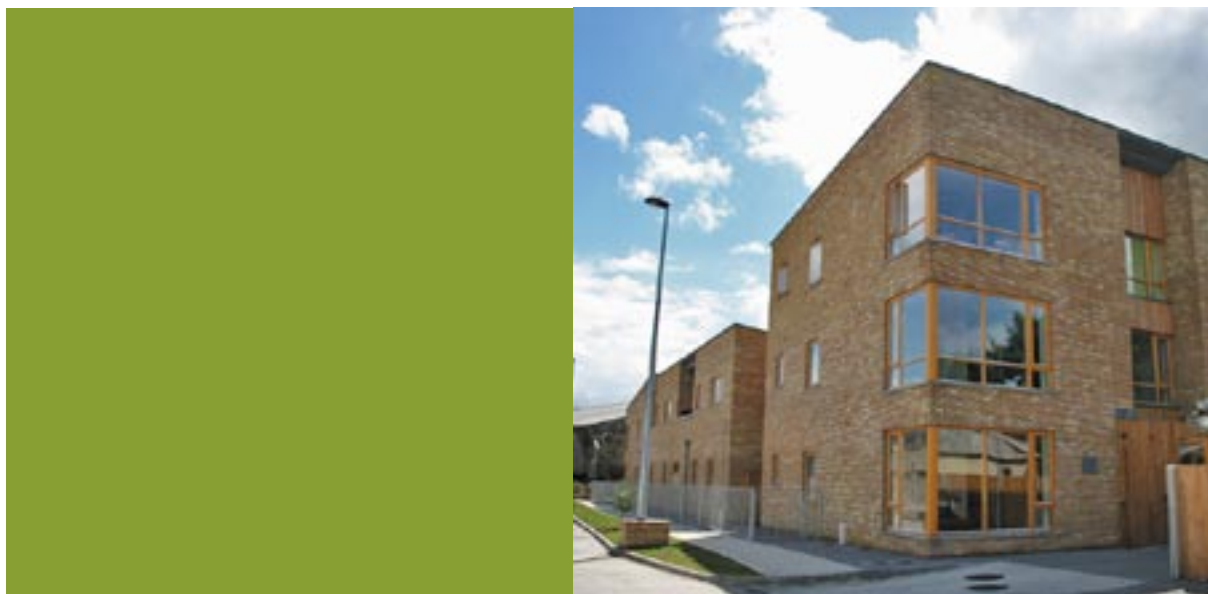
	2005	2006	2007
Housing Stock	3279	3201	3201
Housing Waiting List	1300	2400	2300

Regeneration

The Government appointed John Fitzgerald (former Dublin City Manger) to review issues of social exclusion/disadvantage in Moyross and other parts of the City. Mr. Fitzgerald delivered his report in April 2007 and this led to the establishment of two regeneration agencies on the north and south sides of the city. The two boards and staff have been in place since September 2007 and intend to have detailed plans completed in 2008 to deal with all aspects of regeneration.

Main Achievements during the year:

- Submission of Draft Strategy Report for the Regeneration of St. Mary's Park to Department of Environment
- Continued progress of Limerick Community Safety Partnership bringing together the key statutory bodies including the City Council, H.S.E., Gardaí and Department of Justice
- Commencement of Community Coordinator positions
- Continued progress on construction/acquisition of housing units
- Works continuing on Halting Sites and in particular provision of improved units at Long pavement and Childers Road Halting Sites
- €151,000 paid to estate management groups in respect of staffing and office administration
- Expenditure of €200,000 in respect of community and voluntary grant schemes
- 130 completions in Rental Accommodation Scheme
- Approval of 107 applications under Disabled Persons Grants Scheme
- Over 1,200 houses have benefited from the Windows and Doors Programme
- Completion of 360 houses under the Central Heating project at a cost of €2.8 million.



Vizes Court, off St. Joseph Street
Housing units for the elderly

SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT

Disability

Disability Implementation Plan

The SIU established and coordinated a Disability Advisory Group to assist the Council in preparing its Disability Implementation Plan. The Disability Advisory Group helped to identify actions to assist in the gradual and sustainable improvement in the delivery of our services to people with disabilities. The plan runs until 2010 and progress will be monitored on an annual basis.

Disability Awareness Training

The SIU in conjunction with the Training Department organised the rollout of a series of disability awareness workshops for LCC staff. Modules were delivered to staff at all levels on topics such as: disability and equality legislation; management of the built environment; disability proofing and access auditing.

Disability Fund

The SIU continues to coordinate LCC application to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for National Disability Funding. In 2007 LCC received €305,000.

Travellers

Interagency Funding

The SIU led the local Interagency Traveller Team in the development of an application for funding from the Dept of Justice, Equality and Law Reform for monies to undertake a feasibility study into the development of a Horse Project for Limerick City and environs. To date €29,040 has been awarded and the work is due to commence in early 2008.

Research Steering Group

The SIU established a research steering group to assist the consultants in their work to develop the Business and Implementation Plan.

Integration

A Joint Interagency Group was established from amongst the statutory, community and voluntary sector in the wider Limerick area to address the challenges experienced by our new communities. The aim of the group is:

- To promote the harmonious integration of migrant workers and ethnic minorities into indigenous society;
- To uphold and promote the rights of immigrants; and
- To meet the needs of immigrants resident in the county.

The SIU facilitates the working of this group and hopes to produce two important pieces of research in 2008; namely a report on the experience of ethnic minorities in Limerick which will audit the services available to ethnic minorities and

a second report which will provide a strategic platform for local agencies to develop specific actions to meet the needs of minority groups.

Bealtaine

In May 2007, the SIU in cooperation with Limerick City Council's Arts Office organised a series of bus tours during Bealtaine (National arts festival celebrating cultural diversity in old age) to facilitate and encourage elderly groups from our local authority estates to visit and experience the range of cultural services on offer in the city.

Awareness Raising Events

A number of events were organised to increase staff awareness of social inclusion issues. Some of the events organised included:

- Social Inclusion Week
- International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- European Week Against Racism
- Literacy and Plain English Workshops

External Cooperation and Coordination

The Unit actively participated on the following groups:

- Interagency Traveller Group
- Interagency Integration Group
- Disability Advisory Group
- Tipping the Scales Research Steering Group

LIMERICK CITY COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATORS

The Limerick City Community Coordinator Project arose from research by the City Council into solutions to deal with low level anti-social behaviour within communities. The Project was formally approved by the Department of Environment & Local Government in June 2006, and its main purpose is restoring a sense of community in various estates in the city.

The aims of the Team, made up of eight personnel headed by a team leader, are:

1. Community Safety

- providing a visible presence around our communities, Coordinators have notably acted as a deterrent to low level anti-social behaviour.
- a readily identifiable uniform and vehicles to give a high visibility presence in housing estates.
- act on reducing the fear of crime, through safety initiatives e.g. Safety Chain scheme and crime prevention talks.

2. Developing Community Spirit

- establish trust and a reputation for getting things done quickly i.e. "early wins".
- active engagement with the community
- identifying vulnerable elderly residents
- identifying young people who may be unaware of services or clubs in their areas

3. Improving the Environment

The physical condition of a neighbourhood has a material bearing on the "feel good" factor of the residents.

- promote greater responsibility in communities for their own environment
- promote practical solutions such as litter picks, community clean ups, care of open spaces and waste management.

Feedback from the communities has indicated that the scheme is providing value for money in terms of front line information and service linkage.

Early indications are

- a reduction in the level of queries directly to the health agency and local authority.
- Other savings are expected through reduced housing repairs on broken windows, graffiti and environmental clean-ups on illegal dumping.
- enhancement to community spirit, particularly for elderly people (who know that they can call on the coordinators for advice or even just a chat if they feel lonely) and those who feel more secure by the visible presence of the co-ordinators cannot be measured.



UN Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Deputy Mayor Cllr Kathleen Leddin, Niall Flaherty, Social Inclusion Unit and Breda Gardiner, Manager, St. Munchins Action Centre, Kileely, providing hot meals and entertainment for the elderly.



Anti-Poverty Projects

Mayor Fahy presented awards to fifth and sixth class Our Lady Queen of Peace primary school pupils, Janesboro.

Beartas Sóisialta & Tithíocht.

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an bPlean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht Shóisialta Inacmhainne 2004 - 2008 go luath in 2007. Is iad seo a leanas na príomhthosaíochtaí:

- Athfhorás
- Seachadadh faoin Scéim um Chóiríocht ar Cíos (R.A.S.)
- Feabhas a chur ar tháirgeacht na rannóige deonaí
- Feabhas a chur ar bhainistíocht eastáit agus níos mó comhoibrithe leis na Gardaí trí Choiste Comhphóilíneachta agus Scéim Comhordaitheora Pobail a chur i bhfeidhm
- Feabhas a chur ar sheirbhísí don Lucht Taistil agus do dhaoine gan dídean
- Cur ar fáil Tithíochta ar Phraghas Réasúnta

Stoc Tithíochta

	2005	2006	2007
Stoc Tithíochta	3279	3201	3201
Liosta Feithimh do Thithíocht	1300	2400	2300

Athfhorás

Cheap an Rialtas John Fitzgerald (Iarbhainisteoir Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath) le hathbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar shaincheisteanna a bhaineann le heisiamh sóisialta/míbhuntáiste i Maigh Rois agus i gceantair eile den chathair. Chuir an tUasal Fitzgerald a thuarascáil ar fáil i mí Aibreáin 2007 agus bunaíodh dhá ghníomhaireacht athfhoráis i dtuaisceart agus i ndeisceart na cathrach dá thoradh seo. Tá an dá bhord agus an fhoireann i

bhfeidhm ó mí Mheán Fómhair 2007 agus tá sé ar intinn acu pleananna sonracha a chur i gcrích in 2008 chun dul i ngleic le gach gné a bhaineann le hathfhoráis.

I measc na bPríomhéachtaí i rith na bliana bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Tugadh an Dréacht-Thuarascáil Straitéise maidir le hAthfhorás Pháirc Mhuire don Roinn Comhshaoil
- Dul chun cinn leanúnach Chomhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Luimnigh, a thugann na príomhfhórais reachtúla le chéile, lena n-áirítear an Chomhairle Cathrach, Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte (H.S.E.), na Gardaí agus an Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
- Tús curtha le ré Comhordaitheoirí Pobail
- Dul chun cinn leanúnach maidir le tógáil/fáil aonad tithíochta
- Leanadh ar aghaidh leis an obair ar Láithreáin Stad, go háirithe cur ar fáil aonad níos fearr ag na Láithreáin Stad ag an gCosán Fada agus ag Bóthar Childers
- €151,000 le grúpaí bainistíochta eastáit le haghaidh soláthar foirne agus riarachán oifige
- Caiteachas €200,000 le haghaidh scéimeanna deontais phobail agus deonacha
- 130 comhlánú sa Scéim um Chóiríocht Ar Cíos
- Ceadú de 107 iarratas faoi Scéim Deontais do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas
- Chuaigh an Clár Fuinneog agus Doirse chun tairbhe do níos mó ná 1,200 teach
- Tógadh 360 teach faoin Tionscadal Téimh Lárnaigh le costas €2.8 milliún.

AN TAONAD UM CHUIMSIÚ SÓISIALTA (ACS)

Míchumas

Plean Gníomhaithe Míchumais

Bhunaigh agus chomhordaigh an ACS Grúpa Comhairleach Míchumais le cúnamh a thabhairt don Chomhairle agus iad ag ullmhú a bPlean Gníomhaithe Míchumais. Thug an Grúpa Comhairleach Míchumais treoir dúinn lenár seirbhísí do dhaoine atá faoi mhíchumas a fheabhsú. Beidh deireadh leis an bplean in 2010 agus déanfar monatóireacht air gach bliain.

Oiliúint maidir le Feasacht ar Mhíchumas

D'eagraigh an ACS, i gcomhar leis an Rannóg Oiliúna, sraith ceardlanna maidir le feasacht ar mhíchumas d'fhoireann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Cuireadh modúil éagsúla ar fáil don fhoireann, lena n-áirítear iad seo a leanas: reachtaíocht míchumais agus comhionannais; bainistíocht na timpeallachta tógtha; deimhniú míchumais agus iniúchóireacht rochtana.

Ciste do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas

Leanann an ACS ar aghaidh ag comhordú iarratais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh don Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le haghaidh Maoiniú Míchumais Náisiúnta. In 2007 fuair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh €305,000.

An Lucht Siúil

Maoiniú Idirghníomhaireachta

Thug an ACS cúnamh do Ghrúpa áitiúil Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil le hiarratas a chur isteach ar mhaoiniú ón Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí le haghaidh airgid chun taighde a dhéanamh ar fhiúntas fhorbairt Tionscadail Chapail do Chathair Luimnigh agus don cheantar máguaird. Cuireadh €29,040 ar fáil go dtí seo agus táthar ag súil ag dtosófar an obair go luath in 2008.

Grúpa Stiúrtha Taighde

Bhunaigh an ACS grúpa stiúrtha taighde chun cúnamh a thabhairt do na comhairligh chun go bhféadfaí an Plean Gnó agus Gníomhaithe a fhorbairt.

Imeascadh

Bunaíodh Comhghrúpa Idirghníomhaireachta san earnáil reachtúil, phobail agus dheonach i mórcheantar Luimnigh chun tabhairt faoi na dúshláin atá roimh ár bpobail nua. Is í aidhm an ghrúpa ná:

- Imeascadh comhchuí na spailpíní fánacha agus na mionlach eitneach isteach sa tsochaí dúchais a chur chun cinn;
- Seasadh le cearta inimirceach agus chun iad a chur chun cinn; agus
- chun freastal ar riachtanais na n-inimirceach a bhfuil cónaí orthusa tír.

Éascaíonn an ACS feidhmiú an ghrúpa seo agus tá súil acu go gcuirfidh siad dhá phíosa thábhachtacha taighde ar fáil in 2008; mar atá, tuarascáil ar thaithí mionlach eitneach i Luimneach a dhéanfar scrúdú ar na seirbhísí atá ar fáil do mhionlaigh eitneacha agus cuirfear clár straitéise ar fáil sa dara tuarascáil a bheidh á úsáid ag gníomhaireachtaí áitiúla le go mbeidh siad ábalta freastal ar riachtanais na ngrúpaí mionlach ar bhealach níos sainiúla.

Bealtaine

I mí na Bealtaine 2007, d'eagraigh an ACS, i gcomhar le hOifig Ealaíon Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, turais bhus le linn Bhealtaine (féile ealaíon Náisiúnta a cheiliúránn éagsúlacht chultúrtha i measc seandaoine) chun daoine aosta ónár n-eastáit údaráis áitiúil a éascú agus a spreagadh chun cuairt a thabhairt ar an gcathair agus chun sult a bhaint as an raon seirbhísí cultúrtha atá le fáil sa chathair.

Imeachtaí Spreagtha Feasachta

Eagraíodh roinnt imeachtaí le feasacht na foirne ar shaincheisteanna a bhaineann le cuimsiú sóisialta a mhéadú. Ar an himeachtaí a eagraíodh bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Seachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta
- Lá Idirnáisiúnta chun Deireadh a chur le Bochtaineacht
- Seachtain na hEorpa i gcoinne Ciníochais
- Ceardlanna Litearthachta agus Béarla Neamhchasta

Comhoibriú agus Comhordú Seachtrach

Ghlac an tAonad páirt ghníomhach sna grúpaí seo a leanas:

- Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Luchta Siúil
- Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta Imeachth
- Grúpa Comhairleach Míchumais
- Grúpa Stiúrtha Taighde, 'Tipping the Scales'

COMHORDAITHEOIRÍ POBAIL CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

D'éascair Tionscadal Comhordaitheora Pobail Chathair Luimnigh ó thaighde a rinne an Chomhairle Cathrach ar réitigh ar iompar frithshóisialta i bpobail éagsúla. D'fhaomh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil an tionscadal go foirmiúil i mí an Mheithimh 2006, agus is é príomhchuspóir an tionscadail spiorad pobail a chur ar ais in eastáit éagsúla na cathrach.

Is iad aidhmeanna na foirne, a bhfuil ochtar inti, lena n-áirítear ceannaire:

1. Sábháilteacht sa Phobal

- go mbeidh ár láithreach inár bpobail le feiceáil, is léir go bhfuil tionchar mór ag Comhordaitheoirí ar mhaolú iompair fhrithshóisialta.
- éide inaitheanta agus feithiclí le go bhfeicfear muid go soiléir in eastáit tithíochta.
- an faitíos go dtitfear coir amach a mhaolú, trí thionscnaimh shábháilteachta e.g. scéim Safety Chain agus cainteanna dírithe ar chosc choireanna.

2. Spiorad Pobail a Fhorbairt

- muinín a spreagadh agus clú a bhaint amach trí dul i ngleic le deacrachtaí go mear agus go héifeachtach i.e. "tús maith leath na hoibre".
- caidreamh gníomhach leis an bpobal
- le cónaitheoirí aosta atá i mbaol a aithint
- feachtas a chur ar dhaoine óga más rud é nach bhfuil siad ar an eolas faoi sheirbhísí agus faoi chumainn ina gceantar

3. An Timpeallacht a Fheabhsú

Tá an-bhaint idir an bhail atá ar chomharsanacht áirithe agus "dea-bhraistintí" na ndaoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu inti.

- níos mó freagrachta a chur ar phobail as a dtimpeallacht féin a chur chun cinn
- réitigh phraiticiúla cosúil le bailiú brúscair, glantachán pobail, aire a thabhairt do spásanna oscailte agus bainistíocht dramhaíola.

Tugann aiseolas ó na pobail le fios go bhfuil luach a cuid airgid sa scéim i dtaca le faisnéis thábhachtach agus le nascáil seirbhíse. Is comharthaí luatha iad seo a leanas:

- laghdú ar an méid fiosrúchán a fuair an ghníomhaireacht sláinte agus an t-údarás áitiúil.
- Táthar ag súil le coigilteas eile trí obair dheisiúcháin ar fhuinneoga briste a laghdú, graifítí agus glantachán timpeallachta ar dhumpáil mhídhleathach.
- spiorad pobail a fheabhsú, go háirithe do dhaoine aosta (a bhfuil a fhios acu go bhfuil siad ábalta glaoch a chur ar na comhordaitheoirí le haghaidh comhairle nó le haghaidh comhrá má tá siad uaigneach) agus iad siúd a mhothaíonn níos sábháilte de bharr láithreachta na gcomhordaitheoirí. Is deacair a mheas cé chomh tábhachtach agus atá ár seirbhísí do na pobail seo.

Transportation & Infrastructure

ROADS

Limerick City Centre remodelling of streets and public open spaces

The Limerick City Centre pedestrianisation project is an ambitious initiative which aims to make the city centre a pedestrian friendly environment and a more attractive place in which to shop, to visit, do business and to pass the time of day. The development of the strategy has entailed extensive ongoing consultation with key stakeholders and the local community whose valued input is very important to Limerick City Council. The following schemes were progressed during 2007.

(a) Bedford Row

- pedestrianisation completed during 2007.
- provides an important open space link between the main shopping areas of the City Centre and the Regenerated River Shannon Waterfront and the multi-storey car parks.
- improvements to the streetscape have been a catalyst for significant private sector investment in new building on the street.

(b) Thomas St/Little Catherine St

- Thomas Street between O'Connell Street and Augustinian Lane and Little Catherine Street were pedestrianised during the year.

- Work involved the under grounding of services, installation of high quality limestone paving and the provision of distinctive street furniture and public lighting.

(c) Clancy Strand

- contract was awarded in July.
- work consists of upgrading the plaza area around Limerick's Treaty Stone, construction of riverside park and two access slipways to river, upgrading and widening of footpaths, under grounding of boards, provision of coach set down area and viewing areas and tree planting. A grant of €1.6million was awarded to Limerick City Council by Failte Ireland to part fund this scheme.

(d) O'Callaghan Strand

- tenders for the upgrade of O'Callaghan Strand were submitted to the Council.

(e) Corbally Link Road

- this vital piece of road infrastructure linked the existing R463 Corbally Road at the Grove Island Centre with the R445 Dublin Road at the Park Road junction. The road was officially opened on 2nd November, 2007.



Clancy Strand

Cycling

The Cycle Track project along Childers Road from the Parkway roundabout to the Kilmallock Road roundabout was completed in 2007. In total, over 1.6m of new footpath and cycle track were constructed and over 40 new trees planted to replace trees removed during construction. Work was also completed on a new pebble dash coating on the wall dividing Childers Road from Norwood Park housing estate.

Road Maintenance

Limerick City Council received the following road maintenance grants during 2007.

NRA	€1,521,000
Block Grant	€ 546,000
Special Block Grant	€ 689,000
Special Improvement Grant	€1,220,000
Regional Traffic Management Grant	€ 475,000

Limerick City Council used these grants and their own resources to maintain the road and footpath network in the city and to manage traffic.

Road Resurfacing Works

Resurfacing works were carried out in the following areas:

- Patricks Road
- Hartstonge Street
- Clontarf Place
- Sexon Street North
- Thomond Bridge
- Dock Road
- South Circular Road
- Mulgrave Street

- Courtbrack Ave
- Shelbourne Park
- Norwood Park
- Lynwood Park

WATER SERVICES

Waste Water

- All contracts under the Limerick Main Drainage scheme are complete.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant, Sludge Plant and the new Pumping Stations continue to operate satisfactorily. No EPA audit was carried out since the Autumn 2005 Audit which was satisfactory in all respects.
- Application has been made to the DEHLG for approval to appoint Consultants for Phase Two of the Project which entails considerable rehabilitation of the old sewer network, expansion of the sewer system in Counties Limerick and Clare to cater for future population growth, industry etc. and the future possible expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant will also be considered.

Water Treatment

The contract for the refurbishment of the Clareville Water Treatment Plant was awarded in 2006. This sees a DBO type contract in place for 20 years. The Local Authority will see its function change from a service provider to a service monitor. The refurbishment works are progressing and the contractor is now operating the plant.



Water Services Crew

(Left to r:) Clem Reynolds, Eugene Cahill, Adrian Ryan, Ger Cusack, Patrick Morrisson, Mark Quinlivan



Pa Healy Road (Corbally Link Road)
New bridge over the canal

New Mains

New Water Mains were laid at the following locations:

- Rosbrien to Dock Road Trunk main
- Bedford Road
- Corbally Link Road

New Connections

Over 100 new property connections completed.

Water Main Bursts

There were over 20 major water main bursts in the City during the year. All were repaired immediately with effects, generally confined to period not exceeding 12 hours

Leak Detection

Over 250 leaks on the distribution system were located and fixed by our water conservation crews. Unaccounted for water in the distribution system was reduced by an average of 1500 m³/ day.

Meters

Contract to install water meters in all commercial premises in the City was completed in 2007.



(L to r:)
Helen Kiely, Traffic Warden
Reg Turner, Litter Warden

Iompar & Bonneagar.

BÓITHRE

Athmhúnlú sráideanna agus spásanna oscailte pobail i lár na cathrach i Luimneach

Is tionscnamh uailmhianach é tionscadal teorannaithe do choisithe i Lár Chathair Luimnigh a bhfuil de chuspóir aige timpeallacht atá neamhdhíobhálach do choisithe a chothú agus atá tarraingteach do dhaoine cuairt a thabhairt ar an Lár, chun siopadóireacht agus chun gnó a dhéanamh ann agus chun an t-am a chur isteach ann. Táimid i mbun comhairliúcháin leanúnach le geallsealbhóirí ríthábhachtacha agus leis an bpobal áitiúil maidir le forbairt na straitéise seo. Tá a gcuid tuairimí an-tábhachtach do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Rinneadh dul chun cinn ar na scéimeanna seo a leanas i rith 2007:

(a) Rae Bedford

- cuireadh teorannú do choisithe i gcrích le linn 2007.
- is nasc tábhachtach spáis oscailte é idir na príomhcheantair shiopadóireachta i Lár na Cathrach agus Éadan le hUisce Abhainn na Sionainne atá athfhorbartha agus na carrchlóis ilurláracha.
- is cúis mhór iad na feabhsúcháin ar an sráid dreach go ndearnadh infheistíocht mhór na hearnála príobháidí i dtógáil nua ar an tsráid.

(b) Sráid Thomáis/Sráid Bheag Chaitríona

- Rinneadh teorannú do choisithe le linn na bliana ar Shráid Thomáis idir Sráid Uí Chonaill agus Lána San Agaistín agus ar Shráid Bheag Chaitríona.
- San áireamh san obair bhí fothalmhú seirbhísí, suiteáil pábhála aolchloiche ardchaighdeán agus soláthar troscáin sráide shuntasaigh agus soilsiú poiblí.

(c) Trá Mhic Fhlannchaidh

- bronnadh an conradh i mí Iúil.
- san áireamh san obair tá uasghrádú limistéar an phláis timpeall Cloch Chonartha Luimnigh, tógáil páirc cois abhainn agus dhá fhánán rochtana chuig an abhainn, uasghrádú agus leathnú cosán, fothalmhú bord, soláthar láithreach tuirlingthe do chóistí, soláthar ionad amhairc agus plandú crann. Bhronn Fáilte Ireland deontas €1.6milliún ar Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh mar pháirt-mhaoiniú don scéim seo.

(d) Trá Uí Cheallacháin

- cuireadh tairiscintí isteach don Chomhairle ar uasghrádú Thrá Uí Cheallacháin.

(e) Nascbhóthar an Chorrbaile

- nasc an bóthar ríthábhachtach seo Bóthar an Chorrbaile R463 ag Ionad Oileán an Gharráin le Bóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath R445 Acomhal Bhóthar na Páirce. Osclaíodh an bóthar go hoifigiúil an 2 Samhain 2007.

Rothaíocht

Cuireadh tionscadal an Raoin Rothair taobh le Bóthar Childers ó thimpeallán Parkway go timpeallán Bhóthar Chill Mocheallóg i gcrích in 2007. San iomlán, tógadh de bhreis ar 1.6 míle de chosán agus de raon rothar agus cuireadh níos mó ná 40 crann nua in ionad na cinn a leagadh le linn na tógála. Cuireadh an obair i gcrích freisin maidir le steancadh méaróg an bhalla a scarann Bóthar Childers agus eastát tithíochta Pháirc Norwood óna chéile.

Cothabháil Bóithre

Fuair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh na deontais chothabhála bóithre seo a leanas i rith 2007:

an tÚdarás um Bóithre	
Náisiúnta (NRA)	€1,521,000
Blocdheontas	€ 546,000
Blocdheontas Speisialta	€ 689,000
Deontas Feabhsúcháin Speisialta	€1,220,000
Deontas um Bainistíocht	
Tráchta Réigiúnaí	€ 475,000

Bhain Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh leas as na deontais seo agus as a gcuid acmhainní féin leis an mbail cheart a choinneáil ar an líonra bóithre agus cosán sa chathair agus chun an trácht a bhainistiú.

Oibreacha Athdhromchlaithre Bóithre

Rinneadh oibreacha athdhromchlaithre sna ceantair seo a leanas:

- Bóthar Phádraig
- Sráid Hartstonge
- Plás Chluain Tarbh
- Sráid Uí Sheasnáin Thuaidh
- Droichead Thuamhan
- Bóthar na nDugaí
- An Cuarbhóthar Theas
- Sráid Mulgrave
- Ascaill Chúirt Bhreac
- Páirc Shíol Bhroin
- Páirc Norwood
- Páirc Lynwood

SEIRBHÍSÍ UISCE

Fuíolluisce

- Tá na conarthaí uile faoi Scéim Phríomhdhraenála Luimnigh curtha i gcrích.
- Tá an Mhonarcha Chóireála Fuíolluisce, an Mhonarcha Sloda agus na Stáisiúin Chaidéalúcháin ag feidhmiú go maith. Ní dhearna an Ghníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil (EPA) iniúchadh orainn ó Iniúchadh an Fhómhair 2005 agus bhí gach rud i gceart san iniúchadh sin.
- Tá iarratas curtha isteach ar cheadú ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil maidir le comhairligh a cheapadh don dara céim den tionscadal. San áireamh sa chéim seo tá athshlánú an tseanlíonra séarachais, fairsingiú an córais séarachais i gContae Luimnigh agus i gContae an Chláir le freastal ar mhéadú sa daonra amach anseo, ar an tionsclaíocht srl. agus déanfar machnamh ar fhairsingiú a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i gceist leis an Monarcha Chóireála Fuíolluisce.

Cóireáil Uisce

Bronnadh an conradh maidir le hathchóiriú Mhonarcha Chóireála Uisce Clareville in 2006. Is conradh den chineál DBO (Dearadh, Tógáil agus Oibriú) é seo agus beidh sé i bhfeidhm ar feadh 20 bliain. Athrófar feidhm an Údaráis Áitiúil ó sholáthraí seirbhíse go faireach seirbhíse. Tá na hoibreacha athchóirithe ag dul ar aghaidh agus tá an conraitheoir ag oibriú na monarcha.

Príomhlíonraí Nua

Osclaíodh príomhlíonraí nua uisce ag na suíomhanna seo a leanas:

- príomhlíonra ó Ros Uí Bhriain go Bóthar na nDugaí
- Bóthar Bedford
- Nascbhóthar an Chorrbaile

Naisc Nua

Cuireadh de bhreis ar 100 nasc maoine nua i gcrích.

Pléascanna Príomhlíonraí Uisce

Bhí de bhreis ar 20 ollphléascanna príomhlíonraí uisce sa chathair i rith na bliana. Deisíodh iad láithreach go héifeachtach, agus de ghnáth deisíodh iad laistigh de 12 uair.

Brath Ligin Uisce

Fuarthas de bhreis ar 250 lígean sa chóras dailte agus dheisigh ár bhfoirne um chaomhnú uisce iad. Tháinig laghdú 1500 m³ sa lá ar an meán ar uisce gan tuairisc sa chóras dailte.

Méadair

Cuireadh an conradh a bhaineann le suiteáil méadair uisce i ngach ionad tráchtála sa chathair i gcrích in 2007.



Steamboat Quay Skate Park



Environment Highlights.

- Limerick City celebrates Fairtrade Fortnight and its 2nd birthday as a Fairtrade City
- Launch of gum litter campaign
- 14 Sustainable Energy Primary School Workshops were facilitated along with 17 viewings of the 'Litter Monster' an antilitter awareness play
- An additional seven first time An Taisce Green flags were awarded to Limerick City Schools for their work on litter and waste along with three renewal flags.
- Limerick City and County hosted a joint Real Nappy Event in the Parkway Shopping Centre
- The first community based Waste Awareness Prevention Days. These events were run in partnership with the environment sub group of the estate management forum.
- Chewing gum soiling was removed from approximately 3000m² of footway in the city centre.
- Works commenced on the rejuvenation of Shelbourne Park
- Three new mechanical sweepers purchased
- 24 audits on waste collectors, 12 on waste facilities
- 15 inspections on WEEE retailers
- Two inspections on packaging producers
- Two inspections on single stream waste movements from the docks
- Four Road Side Waste Enforcement Checkpoints carried out with Gardaí
- Four construction site inspections
- Four ELV/ATF site suitability inspections
- In excess of 100 retailer inspections carried out under the ban on the bituminous coal regulations
- Audits of commercial premises in the city
- 890 household waste questionnaires
- 80 litter pollution surveys
- 35 litter quantification surveys
- 21 wetland inspections
- 40 noise complaints investigated
- 13 air quality complaints investigated
- 2,405 complaints investigated
- 17 local areas surveyed on their refuse disposal methods.
- 53 cases were taken against individuals/ companies for breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996 and 26 successful prosecutions were secured
- 735 litter fines issued and 43 successful prosecutions secured.
- Glass recycled 816.87 tonnes and cans 24.37 tonnes at bring banks alone
- 32 horses impounded under Control of Horses legislation
- Pilot initiative on pure plant oil for two council vehicles.



National Spring Clean

Teacher Christy McNamara with pupils from St. Patrick's Girls' National School, Dublin Road.



Green Flag Award

Minister for Defence Willie O'Dea pictured with staff and pupils of St. John's Boys School.



Gumboots

Limerick Chamber president Reg Freake and Mayor Ger Fahy and City Council personnel at launch of anti-gum campaign.



Fairtrade Birthday

Mayor Leddin helps celebrate the 2nd birthday of Limerick's Fairtrade status.



Real Nappy Promotion

Brid & Eve Kelly with Orla Healy.



Corpus Christi National School pupils at The Story of the Rubbish Monster puppet show at the Watch House Cross Library.

Buaicphointí Timpeallachta.

- Ceiliúrann Cathair Luimnigh Coicís Chóirthrádála agus a dara bliain mar Chathair Chóirthrádála.
- Sseoladh an feachtas i gcoinne bruscar guma.
- Cuireadh 14 Ceardlann Bhunscoile maidir le Fuinneamh Inbhuanaithe i láthair mar aon le 17 léiriú den 'Litter Monster', dráma feasachta in aghaidh an bhruscair.
- Bronnadh seacht mbrat glas eile 'An Taisce' don chéad uair ar scoileanna Chathair Luimnigh as ucht a gcuid oibre in aghaidh bruscair agus dramhaíola. Athnuaíodh trí bhrat eile chomh maith.
- D'óstáil Cathair agus Contae Luimnigh comh imeacht, 'Real Nappy' in Ionad Siopadóireachta Parkway.
- Reáchtáladh Laethanta Feasachta chun Cosc a Chur ar Dhramhaíl sa phobal don chéad uair. Reáchtáladh na himeachtaí seo i gcomhpháirtíocht le foghrúpa timpeallachta an fhórait bhainistíochta eastáit.
- Baineadh guma de thimpeall 3,000m² de chosán i lár na cathrach.
- Cuireadh tús leis na hoibreacha a bhaineann le hathnuachan Pháirc Shíol Bhroin.
- Ceannaíodh trí inneall nua glanta sráide.
- Rinneadh 24 iniúchadh ar bhailitheoirí dramhaíola agus 12 iniúchadh ar áiseanna dramhaíola.
- Rinneadh 15 cigireacht ar mhiondíoltóirí WEEE (dramhthrealamh leictreach agus leictreonach)
- Rinneadh cigireachtaí ar tháirgeoirí pacáistithe
- Rinneadh dhá iniúchadh ar ghluaiseachtaí dramhaíola aonsrutha ó na dugáí.
- Eagraíodh ceithre Sheicphointe um Chosc ar Dhramhaíl ar thaobh an bhóthair i gcomhar leis na Gardaí.
- Ceithre chigireacht ar shuíomhanna tógála.
- Ceithre chigireacht maidir le hoiriúnacht suímh ELV/ATF (Feithiclí a bhfuil a Ré caite/Áis Chóireála Údaraithe)
- Rinneadh de bhreis ar 100 cigireacht miondíoltóra faoin gcosc ar reachtaíocht a bhaineann le gual biotúmanach
- Rinneadh iniúchtaí ar ionaid tráchtála sa chathair.
- 890 ceistneoir i dtaca le dramhaíl tí
- 80 suirbhé i dtaca le truailliú bruscair.
- 35 suirbhé i dtaca le cainníochtú bruscair.
- 21 cigireacht bogaigh
- Rinneadh imscrúdú ar 40 gearán faoin méid torainn.
- Rinneadh imscrúdú ar 13 gearán faoi chaighdeán an aeir.
- Rinneadh imscrúdú ar 2,405 gearán.
- Rinneadh suirbhé ar mhodhanna diúscartha bruscair i 17 gceantar áitiúla.
- Tógadh 53 cás i gcoinne daoine/cuideachtaí as sárúithe an Achta um Bainistiú Dramhaíola, 1996 agus cuireadh an dlí ar 26 duine/cuideachta.
- Eisíodh 735 fíneáil bhruscair agus cuireadh an dlí ar 43 duine.
- Rinneadh athchúrsáil ar 816.87 tona gloine agus ar 24.37 tona cannaí ag Bainc Athchúrsála.
- Gaibhníodh 32 capall faoi reachtaíocht a bhaineann le Rialú Capall.
- Tionscnamh pólótach i dtaca le húsáid planda ola fíorghlan le haghaidh dhá fheithicil chomhairle.



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Policy Development & Future Planning.

Realising the economic potential of the City by the provision of infrastructure and the promotion of retailing, tourism and general commercial and industrial development.

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:

- Initiation of City Centre Strategy
- Drafting of Atlantic Gateways Corridor Report
- Final certification issued in respect of development sites under the Integrated Area Plan and levies collected amounting to €1,516,515
- Phase 2 works amounting to €500,000 completed on the Park Canal Project
- Preparation of Gateway Innovation Fund bid.
- Committee appointed by Minister and evidence heard on limited boundary extension to Caherdavin. Minister's order awaited.

Significant planning permissions issued in 2007 included:

- Re-development of Thomond Park
- Mixed use retail/office development at corner of Rosbrien Road/Ballinacurra Road
- 83 Residential units at Alandale Square, Courtbrack Road
- Commercial development at Roches Hanging Gardens, Lower Henry Street
- Retail/residential development at 38-41 Catherine Street

Development levies in the amount of €6.54 million were collected



Below a selection of events organised by
Limerick City Community Co-Ordinator Team
(L to r :) Catherine Andrews, Yvonne McMahon, Daniel Butler,
Margaret O'Connor. Front l to r: Ann-Marie Hogan, Jennifer
Fitzgerald, Deirdre Quinn, Jenny Stone.



Litter Pick Up



Safety in the Home initiative



Community Day



Junior Achievement Awards

Buaicphointí Timpeallachta.

Poitéinseal eacnamaíoch na Cathrach a bhaint amach trí infrastruchtúr a sholáthar agus miondíoltóireacht, turasóireacht agus forbairt ghinearálta tráchtála agus thionsclaíoch a chur chun cinn.

I measc phríomhsheirbhísí na rannóige seo tá:

- Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach
- Forbairt a Rialú
- Cláir an Rialtais d'fhorbairtí díolúine cánach a chur i bhfeidhm
- Caomhnú na timpeallachta Nádurtha agus Tógtha
- Comhairle agus treoir a chur ar fáil

Rinneadh neart oibre i rith na bliana, lena n-áirítear:

- Tús curtha leis an Straitéis do Lár na Cathrach
- Dréachtú Thuarascáil Chonair Thairseach an Atlantaigh
- Eisíodh an deimhniú deiridh maidir le láithreáin forbraíochta faoin bPlean Cónasctha Limistéir, agus bailíodh tobhaigh ar fiú €1,516,515 iad.
- Cuireadh oibreacha i gcrích ar fiú €500,000 iad mar chuid d'oibreacha Phás 2 de thionscadal Pháirc na Canála
- Ullmhú iarratais ar Chiste Nuálaíochta Tairsigh.
- Rinne Aire coiste a cheapadh agus éisteadh le fianaise maidir le síneadh teoranta críche baile go Cathair Dháibhín. Táthar ag fanacht ar ordú an Aire.

Áirítear leis na ceadanna pleanála móra a eisíodh in 2007:

- Athfhorbairt Pháirc Thuamhan
- Forbairt miondíola/oifigí ag cúinne Bóthar Ros Uí Bhriain/Bóthar Bhéal Átha na Cora
- 83 aonad cónaithe ag Cearnóg Alandale, Bóthar Chúirt Bhreac
- Forbairt Tráchtála ag Gairdíní Léibheann de Róiste, Sráid Anraí Íochtarach.
- Forbairt miondíola/chónaithe ag 38-41 Sráid Chaitríona.

Bailíodh luach €6.54 milliún de thobhaigh forbartha.



Economic Development.

The Economic Development Section of Limerick City Council is responsible for promoting the overall Economic Development of Limerick City.

In this regard the Draft City Centre Strategy was published in late 2007. Limerick City Council launched an Issues Paper on the Draft City Centre Strategy in mid 2007. The Issues Paper served as a precursor to the Draft City Centre Strategy and formed the framework from which submissions from the public and private sector were incorporated into the Draft City Centre Strategy. The City Centre Strategy will be presented to Council in January 2008 and will form the basis for the identification of key redevelopment opportunities in the City over the coming years.

In 2007 Limerick City Council in collaboration with Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary County Councils submitted a proposal under the Gateway Innovation Fund (GIF) for projects which include amongst others extensive public realm works, the provision of an orbital traffic route and enhancement of riverside walks. The Gateway Innovation Fund (GIF) was established under the National Development Plan 2007-2013 as a specific measure to assist in the strategic development of the nine Gateway cities and towns designated in the National Spatial Strategy (NSS). The Gateway local authorities were invited to submit proposals on a competitive basis to be funded under the Gateway Innovation Fund. The fund provides a total of €300 million for the three years 2008 to 2010 and will require at least 20% matching funding at local level.

During 2007 Economic Development continued their work with the representatives of the Opera Centre at Patrick Street / Michael Street. This Section also monitors properties for sale and identifies other opportunities which may prove to be key acquisitions. A number of strategic land assets were acquired and several CPO claims were settled.

In conjunction with promoting Economic Development the section is responsible for the management of Limerick City Council's property portfolio. This involves acquisition of property for various uses by Limerick City Council, compulsory purchase orders for capital schemes and the acquisition of properties required by other Council Departments.

The Section is also responsible for the sale of land and dealing with the freehold interests held on leased property. During 2007, €3.25 million was generated from the sale of council lands. The revenue income for 2007 was €213,062.

Management and maintenance of the Councils Property Register is also a responsibility of this Section. The register contains details of all properties owned/leased by the City Council. During the year there was on going work relating to the perfection of existing titles and registering them with the Property Registration Authority.



Forbairt Eacnamaíochta.

Tá freagracht ar Rannóg Forbartha Eacnamaíochta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh as an bhforbairt eacnamaíochta i gCathair Luimnigh a chur chun cinn.

Maidir leis seo, foilsíodh an Dréacht-Straitéis do Lár na Cathrach go déanach in 2007. Sheol Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh Páipéar na Mórcheisteanna i dtaca leis an Dréacht-Straitéis do Lár na Cathrach leathbhealach trí 2007. Réamhtheachtaí na Dréacht-Straitéise do Lár na Cathrach a bhí i bPáipéar na Mórcheisteanna agus ba chreatlach é freisin ionas go bhféadadh moltaí ón bpobal agus ón earnáil phríobháideach a ionchorpú sa Dréacht-Straitéis do Lár na Cathrach. Cuirfear an Straitéis do Lár na Cathrach faoi bhráid na Comhairle i mí Eanáir 2008 agus is treoirleabhar í le deiseanna tábhachtacha athfhorbartha sa chathair sna blianta amach romhainn a aithint.

In 2007, chuir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, i gcomhar le Comhairlí Contaetha Luimnigh, an Chláir agus Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, togra isteach faoin GIF (Ciste Núalaíochta do Cheantair Thairsí) maidir le tionscadail, lena n-áirítear cuid mhór oibreacha i réimse an phobail, soláthar seachbhóthair agus feabhsú na siúlán cois abhann. Cuireadh an GIF ar bun faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2007-2013 mar chéim shonrach le cúnamh a thabhairt i bhforbairt straitéiseach na naoi gcathair Thairsí agus bailte atá ainmnithe sa Straitéis Spáis Náisiúnta (NSS). Iarradh ar údaráis áitiúla na gceantar Tairsí tograí a chur isteach ar bhonn iomaíoch le go bhfaighfí maoiniú ón GIF. Cuireann an ciste €300 milliún ar fáil do na trí bliana idir 2008 to 2010 agus beidh 20% den mhéid

sin ar a laghad ag teastáil ó fhoinsí áitiúla. I rith 2007 lean an Rannóg Forbartha Eacnamaíochta ar aghaidh lena gcuid oibre le hionadaithe an Ionaí Cheoldrámaíochta ar Shráid Phádraig / Sráid Mhichíl. Pléann an Rannóg seo le maoin atá ar díol agus agus déanann siad deiseanna de chineál áirithe eile a aithint a d'fhéadfadh a bheith an-tábhachtach amach anseo. Fuarthas roinnt sócmhainní talún straitéiseacha agus socraíodh éilimh éagsúla a bhaineann le hordú ceannaigh éigeantaigh (CPO).

Chomh maith le forbairt eacnamaíochta a chur chun cinn, tá freagracht ar an rannóg seo as punann maoine Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Áiríonn sé seo maoin a fháil a bheidh in úsáid ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i mbealaí éagsúla, orduithe ceannaigh éigeantacha do scéimeanna caipitiúla agus maoin a fháil a theastaíonn ó Rannóga eile na Comhairle.

Tá an rannóg seo freagrach freisin as talamh a dhíol agus déileáil le léasanna ruilse ar mhaoín léasaithe. I rith 2007, cruthaíodh €3.25 milliún ó thalamh de chuid na comhairle a dhíol. Bá é €213,062 ioncam na bliana 2007.

Freagracht eile atá ar an rannóg seo is ea Clár Maoine na Comhairle a bhainistiú agus a chothabháil. Tá sonraí na maoine uile faoi úinéireacht/léasaithe ag an gComhairle Cathrach le fáil sa chlár. I rith na bliana, leanadh ar aghaidh le hobair a bhain le cruinneas na dteideal reatha agus iad a chlárú leis an Údarás Clarúcháin Maoine.

Fire & Rescue Service.

Key Achievements Include:

- Attended 2030 incidents with 1225 of these incidents being fires and 405 of these incidents being special service incidents such as road traffic accidents, water pumping / flooding etc.
- Replacement of overhead appliance doors with a safe modern system
- All hydraulic cutting equipment converted to the more efficient and safer Core System
- Maintenance of Fire Station roof
- Training courses were provided for staff in the following areas: Senior and Junior Officer Courses in conjunction with Fire Services Council
- Average mobilising time was 1 minute and 33 seconds.

MUNSTER REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

The Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC) is now part of a national network of three fire service mobilisation and communications centres, and reflects current best practice in all aspects of its activities, including its operational response, technology and management.

The Centre currently provides emergency call-taking and mobilisation services for all 10 Local Authority Fire Services in the Munster Region; Clare County Council, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Kerry County Council, Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council, North Tipperary County Council, South Tipperary County Council, Waterford City Council, and Waterford County Council.

Since its inception in 1992, the Centre has processed in excess of 250,000 calls, and now mobilises 66 retained and 4 full-time Fire Stations in Munster. Approximately 25,000 999/112 emergency calls are answered and processed per annum in a prompt and efficient manner, so that the correct Fire Brigade is mobilised to an emergency incident as quickly as possible. The Centre also provides a mobilising service for Limerick Marine Search and Rescue.

Munster Regional Communications Centre Training Programmes

The Centre provides staff with all the necessary skills and knowledge required to ensure their work is quality work. Staff members are also responsible for maintaining their own levels of expertise by completing a minimum of one hours training per day.

The Munster Regional Communications Centre is also a provider of external operational and project

training for participating Fire Authorities. Internal Major Emergency Exercises are planned and the performance of staff, equipment and procedures is assessed and evaluated. It is intended that the Major Emergency Exercises will be integrated with external Fire Authority Training in the future.

Management Information Systems

The Centre also provides management information resources and technology to the member authorities to assist with the production of Service Indicator reports and to facilitate the analysis of other operational areas.

Project Implementation

The Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC) owns and operates a telecommunications infrastructure to support a range of next generation fire applications. The end-to-end networking infrastructure consists of five technology subsystems that all interoperate with each other. These include:

1. A Microwave Network
2. A Private Mobile Radio (PMR) System
3. A Mobilisation System
4. A Command & Control System
5. A Geographical Information System (GIS) System

In addition to operating the above systems, the organisation is also planning to deploy a regional mobile data system to enable fire-fighters to communicate to the MRCC via text and status based messaging.

ISO 9001:2000

The ISO9001:2000 quality management standard achieved by the centre continues to be audited on an annual basis and has successfully passed all audits to date.

The Munster Regional Communications Centre is currently providing consultancy to number of Limerick City Council departments, a number of Local Authorities (both internal to the region and external), An Garda Síochána, and a number of other agencies in relation to the implementation of similar quality management projects.

FIRE PREVENTION, BUILDING CONTROL & DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

Activity Area	Outputs 2007
1 Building Control (Fire Safety)	
- Fire Safety Certificate Applications assessed	106
- Commencement Notices received & validated	140
2 Use & Fire Safety Management of Buildings	
- During performance inspections	22
- Planning Referrals	
Part M of the Building Regulations	11
Part B of the Building Regulations	71
Other activities include	18
- Inspections of existing buildings	
- Giving advice on Fire Safety Matters	
- Investigating complaints	
3 Licensing of Public Assembly Buildings	74
4 Premises storing dangerous substances	
- Inspections & witnessing tests	8
5 Premises under the Seveso Directive & Various other Legislation	Two Seveso sites in the City
6 Miscellaneous Activities	
- Event Planning	8
- Pre Fire Planning	None
- Community Fire Safety	
- Talks to schools & other groups	6
- National Fire Safety week events	Various
- National community smoke alarm scheme	500 smoke alarms fitted in 250 houses
7 Building Control – Non Fire (Part A,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N)	
- Inspections	88
8 Dangerous Structures & Places LG (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 2007	
- No. of Structures	16
- No. of Inspections	22
- No. of Notices served	16
9 Performance Indicators	
- Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (12.5% -15%) of Commencement Notices required.	30%
10 ISO9001:2000	
Work commenced on achieving this quality award.	
11 Statistical Returns	
Statistical Returns for	
- Building Control and Fire Prevention are made to DOE on a half yearly basis.	

Seirbhís Dóiteáin agus Tarrthála.

I meascna bpríomhimeachtaí bhí:

- Freastal ar 2,030 tarlúint agus ba dhóiteáin 1,225 de na tarlúintí seo agus ba tharlúintí seirbhíse speisialta cosúil le timpistí bóthair, caidéalú uisce/tuilte etc. 405 díobh
- Córas nua-aimseartha sábháilte in ionad doirse fearas lasnairde
- Tiontaíodh an trealamh hiodrálach gearrtha go dtí an Croíchóras atá níos éifeachtaí agus níos sábháilte
- Coinníodh an bhail cheart ar dhíon an Stáisiúin Dóiteáin
- Cuireadh cúrsaí oiliúna ar fáil don fhoireann sna réimsí seo a leanas: Cúrsaí le haghaidh Oifigigh Shinsearach agus Shóisearacha i gcomhar le Comhairle na Seirbhísí Dóiteáin
- Ar an meán thóg sé 1 nóiméad 33 soicind chun daoine a ullmhú agus a eagrú

IONAD CUMARSÁIDE RÉIGIÚNAÍ NA MUMHAN

Anois is cuid de líonra náisiúnta de thrí ionad ullmhúcháin agus cumarsáide dóiteáin é Ionad Réigiúnach Cumarsáide na Mumhan (MRCC), agus tugann sé léargas ar an gcleachtas is fearr sna gnéithe uile dá ghníomhaíochtaí, lena n-áirítear a fhreagairt oibriúcháin, teicneolaíocht agus bainistíocht.

Faoi láthair soláthraíonn an tIonad seirbhísí éigeandála tógála glaonna agus ullmhúcháin do na 10 Seirbhís Dóiteáin Údaráis Áitiúil thart ar

Chúige Mumhan: eadhon Comhairle Contae an Chláir, Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí, Comhairle Contae Chorcaí, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, Comhairle Contae Luimnigh, Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Theas, Comhairle Cathrach Phort Láirge agus Comhairle Contae Phort Láirge.

Ó cuireadh tús leis sa bhliain 1992, tá os cionn 250,000 glao faighte ag an Ionad agus anois eagraíonn sé 66 Stáisiún Dóiteáin pháirtaimseartha atá ar glao-dhualgas agus 4 Stáisiún Dóiteáin lánaimseartha i gCúige Mumhan. Freagraítear agus próiseáiltear thart ar 25,000 glao éigeandála 999/112 in aghaidh na bliana go tapúil agus ar bhealach éifeachtach, ionas go dtéann an Bhriogáid Dóiteáin chuig an tarlúint éigeandála a luaite agus is féidir. Lena chois sin, soláthraíonn an tIonad seirbhís ullmhúcháin do Sheirbhís Chuardaigh agus Tarrthála ar Muir, Luimneach.

Cláir Oiliúna Ionad Réigiúnach Cumarsáide na Mumhan

Cuireann an tIonad an t-eolas agus na scileanna cuí ar an bhfoireann le cinntiú gur obair atá ar ardchaighdeán atá ar bun acu. Tá baill foirne freagrach as a leibhéil saineolais féin a chothabháil trí ar a laghad uair an chloig amháin in aghaidh an lae a chaitheamh ag fáil oiliúna.

Chomh maith leis sin soláthraíonn Ionad Réigiúnach Cumarsáide na Mumhan oiliúint sheachtrach oibriúcháin agus tionscadail d'Údaráis Dóiteáin rannpháirteacha. Tá Mórcheleachtais Inmheánacha Éigeandála beartaithe agus déantar

measúnacht agus meastóireacht ar obair foirne, ar threalamh agus ar nósanna imeachta. Tá sé beartaithe na Mórchleachtais Éigeandála a chomhtháthú le hOiliúint sheachtrach na nÚdarás Dóiteáin amach anseo.

Córais Faisnéis Bainistíochta

Cuireann an tIonad acmhainní faisnéise bainistíochta agus teicneolaíocht ar fáil do na ballúdaráis le cúnamh a thabhairt maidir le soláthar tuarascálacha um Tháscairí Seirbhíse agus le hanailísiú oibriúcháin eile a eagrú.

Cur i bhfeidhm Tionscadal

Feidhmíonn Ionad Réigiúnach Cumarsáide na Mumhan (MRCC) bonneagar teileachumarsáide, agus is leis an Ionad é chomh maith, le tacú le feidhmeanna éagsúla dóiteáin den chéad ghlúin eile. Tá cúig fhochóras teicneolaíochta sa bhonneagar líonraithe ceann go ceann agus idirfheidhmíonn siad uile lena chéile. Is iad seo a leanas na fochórais sin:

1. Líonra Micreathoinne
2. Córas Príobháideach Raidió Shoghluaiste (PMR)
3. Córas Ullmhúcháin
4. Córas Ordaithe agus Rialaithe
5. Córas Faisnéise Geografaí Córas (GIS)

Chomh maith le feidhmiú na gcóras thuas, tá sé beartaithe ag an eagraíocht córas réigiúnach sonraí soghluaiste a úsáid le go mbeidh comhraiceoirí dóiteáin in ann teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an MRCC trí theachtaireachtaí téacs agus teachtaireachtaí stádais.

ISO 9001:2000

Déantar iniúchadh gach bliain ar an gcaighdeán bainistíochta cáilíochta ISO9001:2000 a ghnóthaigh an tIonad. Éiríonn leis gach bliain sna hiniúchtaí.

Tá Ionad Réigiúnach Cumarsáide na Mumhan ag cur sainchomhairliúcháin ar roinnt rannóg de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ar roinnt Údaráis Áitiúla (údaráis atá sa réigiún agus údaráis atá lasmuigh de), ar an nGarda Síochána, agus ar roinnt gníomhaireachtaí eile maidir le cur i bhfeidhm tionscadal bainistíochta cáilíochta den saghas céanna.

Arts & Culture.

Arts Service Events 2007

The Kate O'Brien Weekend

The theme was "Being Irish : What 'ish my nation?". Speakers included, Thomas Moore, Anne Maguire, Melissa Murray, Terry Lynch and Terry Corcoran

Fresh Film Festival

An annual festival of film screenings and workshops along with the Irish School Video Competition. Workshops focussed on training participants to develop their ideas into stories and images. The Irish Schools Video Competition featured the best in video and film production from young people all over Ireland.

Open e v+ a 2007 A Sense of Place

e v+ a presented 32 artists, 19 of which were living and working in Ireland. The remaining 13 artists were from the United Kingdom, continental Europe, and the United States.

Cuisle International Poetry Competition

Poets included Michael Longley, Theo Dorgan, Eiléan Ni Chuilleanáin, Sean Lysaght, Ger Kileen, Barbara Korun, Mícheál O Siadhail, Roman Simic and Hugh Dunkerley as well as a feast of local, national and international contributors.

Cuisle Young Poet of the Year Competition

A poetry competition for young people between the ages of 8 and 18 was run as part of Cuisle Poetry Festival. Judges appointed were Paddy Bushe, Bertha McCullagh and Mark Whelan.

8 number Artists' Apartments in John's Square

Drawings are being prepared for the refurbishment work to be carried out on No 1 & 2 John's Square. The work will be carried out over the next 12 months.

Richard Harris Statue

The unveiling took place in Limerick on Friday 7th September of the statue of Richard Harris

Funding from The Arts Council to Limerick City Organisations

Daghdha Dance Company	€425,000
Fresh Film Festival	€65,000
Belltable Arts Centre	€305,000
Irish Chamber Orchestra	€1,130,000
Island Theatre Company	€190,000
ev+a	€235,000
Limerick Print Makers	€48,000
Limerick City Gallery	€135,000
Total	€2,533,000



Limerick City Gallery Art classes

LIMERICK CITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Watch House Cross Library

The most important event in 2007 for Limerick City Library Service was the opening of a new state of the art library at Watch House Cross. To make the library service more attractive to members of the public, Limerick City Council took the decision to abolish membership charges for the library. The objectives of this library are to make lifestyle changes, reduce the number of early school leavers, provide Lifelong Learning, reduce illiteracy, achieve early intervention, reduce unemployment and poverty, provide community information and services and finally reduce criminal activity. Providing access to knowledge is one of the greatest contributions that libraries can make to social inclusion.

InfoLink

This project aims to provide a pathway to information services for residents of the north side of Limerick City. Based in a dedicated space within the new Watch House Cross Library, which involves the provision of space, telephone and I.T. facilities, it aims to:

- Refer clients to appropriate community based information providers who will assist with accessing community and statutory service provision;

- Provide accurate, good quality information on community based service provision;
- Provide space and resources for the delivery of specific information seminars and events; This initiative was implemented by a working group made up of representatives of Limerick City Library, Moyross Action Centre, St. Munchin's Action Centre, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Paul Partnership, Citizens Information Board and RAPID.

'First Citizens of the Treaty City'

The second book written by Mathew Potter on behalf of Limerick City Council was launched by Minister John Gormley T.D. The book entitled 'First Citizens of the Treaty City: The Mayors & Mayoralty of Limerick 1197-2007' provides the reader with a history of the Mayoralty from its establishment in the middle ages until the present day and an account of each incumbent since 1842.

Library Ireland Week

Events during Library Ireland Week ranged from storytelling, readings, and talks on Fairtrade Fortnight to computer classes.



Cuisle International Poetry Festival
(L to r :) Tom O'Grady, Desmond O'Grady, Mrs. Betty Glynn



Cuisle International Poetry Festival
Limerick City Library

Lectures & Launches

- Vincent Prendergast – Rudolf Bing and the Edinburgh Festival
- Win Harrington - Two Extraordinary Women of Limerick – Kathleen Clarke & Frances Condell
- Dr. Eamon O'Flaherty (UCD) – The urban growth and development of Limerick, c. 1700-1850
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- Thomas Toomey – Some incidents from the War of Independence in Limerick
- Mike Maguire - The Local Studies Collection and Web Site at Limerick City Library

Launches & Other Lectures

- Sharon Clancy – The Abbey Fishermen
- Latin-American Week – Lecture and drama
- Home composting workshop
- Christmas Soirée Night

Library Usage 2007

Issues:	204,196
Registrations:	10,397
PC & Internet Sessions:	20,883
Visitors:	114,149

JIM KEMMY MUNICIPAL MUSEUM

There were 211 additions to the museum collection during the year. Notable among them were: a Victorian officer's sword by Delany, Limerick, a collection of memorabilia associated with the Harrison Lee Foundry, a bronze medal awarded by the Department of Science and Art to Benjamin Brew, Limerick, a collection of War of Independence and later political memorabilia associated with Michael Conway, commander of Patrickswell IRA during the War of Independence and late C19th tokens of McDonnell, Limerick,

- A grant of €50,000 was received from the Heritage Council for a report and plan on Limerick's walls.
- A grant of €4,000 was received from the Dept. of Arts towards the mounting of an exhibition of photographs of St. Mary's Park c.1945 from a collection of glass negatives in the museum collection. This was opened by the Mayor on 22 November.
- There were 877,268 hits on the museum catalogue on the internet during the year, totalling nearly three million since the launch in June 2004,
- More than 2000 enquiries were dealt with in total, from personal callers, by phone, letter and email.
- Visitor numbers were 14,146.



Cuisle International Poetry Festival at the Belltable
(L to r:) Hugh Mc Fadden, Patricia-Ann Moore and Billy Mundow, contributors to The Stony Thursday Book, reading their work



Local artist Brian MacMahon at Limerick Docks

Na hEalaíona agus Cultúr.

IMEACHTAÍ SHEIRBHÍS NA NEALAÍON 2007

Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien

Ba é "Being Irish: What 'ish my nation?" an téama in 2007. I measc na gcainteoirí bhí Thomas Moore, Anne Maguire, Melissa Murray, Terry Lynch agus Terry Corcoran.

Féile Scannán Fresh

Féile bhliantúil de léirithe scannán agus ceardlanna i gcomhar leis an gComórtas Físeán do Scoileanna na hÉireann. Dhírigh na ceardlanna ar oiliúint a chur ar rannpháirtithe le go mbeidís in ann scéalta agus íomhánna a dhéanamh dá smaointe. Ghlac rogha na ndaoine óga ó gach aon chearn den tír a bhfuil sárchumas léirithe físeán agus scannán acu páirt sa Chomórtas Físeán do Scoileanna na hÉireann.

Open e v+ a 2007 A Sense of Place

Ghlac 32 ealaíontóir páirt san e v + a. Bhí naonúr déag díobh ag obair in Éirinn agus bhí cónaí orthu in Éirinn. Ba as an Ríocht Aontaithe, as an Eoraip agus as na Stáit Aontaithe an triúr déag eile.

Comórtas Filíochta Idirnáisiúnta Chuisle

I measc na bhfilí a ghlac páirt bhí Michael Longley, Theo Dorgan, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Sean Lysaght, Ger Kilean, Barbara Korun, Mícheál Ó Siadhail, Roman Simic and Hugh Dunkerley chomh maith le cuid mhór filí áitiúla, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta.

Comórtas Fhile Óg na Bliana Chuisle

Reáchtáladh comórtas filíochta do dhaoine óga idir 8 agus 18 mbliana déag d'aois mar chuid d'Fhéile Filíochta Chuisle. Ceapadh Paddy Bushe, Bertha McCullagh agus Mark Whelan chun breithiúnas a thabhairt air.

.8 nÁrasán Ealaíontóirí i gCearnóg Eoin

Tá líníochtaí á n-ullmhú le haghaidh obair athchóirithe ar uimhir 1 agus 2, Cearnóg Eoin. Déanfar an obair seo sa bhliain amach romhainn.

Dealbh Richard Harris

Nochtadh dealbh Richard Harris don phobal den chéad uair i Luimneach Dé hAoine, an 7 Meán Fómhair

Maoiniú ón gComhairle Ealaíon d'Eagraíochtaí i gCathair Luimnigh

Comhaltas Damhsa Daghdha	€425,000
Féile Scannán Fresh	€65,000
Ionad Ealaíon Belltable	€305,000
Ceolfhoireann Seomra na hÉireann	€1,130,000
Compántas Téatair Island	€190,000
ev+a	€235,000
Déantóirí Priontaí Luimnigh	€48,000
Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh	€135,000

Iomlán €2,533,000



Prize giving by Mayor Ger Fahy at the Childrens Book Festival at Watch House Cross Library



Members of St. Munchins Family Resource Center participating in activity at Watch House Cross Library

LEABHARLANN CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH AGUS SEIRBHÍS FAISNÉISE

BUAICPHOINTÍ NA BLIANA

Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraíre

Ba é oscailt leabharlainne nua úrscothaí ag Crois Theach na Foraíre an imeacht ba thábhachtaí in 2007 do Sheirbhís Leabharlainne Chathair Luimnigh. Le go mbeadh an leabharlann níos tarraingtí don phobal, chinn Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar dheireadh a chur le táillí ballraíochta na leabharlainne. Is iad cuspóirí na leabharlainne seo nósanna imeachta a athrú, líon na ndaoine a fhágann an scoil go luath ina saol a laghdú, Foghlaim ar feadh an tSaoil a chur ar fáil, neamhlitearthacht a laghdú, idirghabháil luath a bhaint amach, dífhostaíocht agus bochtaineacht a laghdú, faisnéis agus seirbhísí pobail a chur ar fáil agus gníomhaíochtaí coiriúla a laghdú faoi dheireadh. Tá soláthar faisnéise ar cheann de na seirbhísí is tábhachtaí is féidir le leabharlanna a chur ar fáil ar son cuimsiú sóisialta.

InfoLink

Is é cuspóir an tionscadail seo seirbhísí faisnéise a chur ar fáil do chónaitheoirí i dtuaisceart Chathair Luimnigh. Tá spás ar leith curtha ar leataobh i Leabharlann nua Chrois Theach na Foraíre a chuireann spás, áiseanna gutháin agus teicneolaíocht faisnéise ar fáil ar mhaithe le:

- Cliant a tharchur chuig soláthraithe faisnéise cuí atá bunaithe sa phobal a thabharfaidh cúnamh maidir leis an teacht ar sheirbhís pobail agus seirbhís reachtúil;
- Faisnéis chruinn atá ar ardchaighdeán a chur ar fáil maidir le soláthar seirbhíse atá bunaithe sa phobal;
- Spás agus acmhainní a chur ar fáil maidir le seimineáir agus imeachtaí faisnéise ar leith; Chuir meitheal d'ionadaithe ó Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh, Ionad Gníomhaíochta Mhaigh Rois, Ionad Gníomhaíochta Naomh Mainchín, an Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh, Comhpháirtíocht Phóil, an Bord um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh agus RAPID an tionscnamh seo i bhfeidhm.

“First Citizens of the Treaty City”

Sheol an tAire John Gormley, T.D., an dara leabhar ar son Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh le Matthew Potter. Is é teideal an leabhair “First Citizens of the Treaty City: The Mayors & Mayoralty of Limerick 1197-2007” agus le fáil ann tá cuntas de stair na Méarachta ó bunaíodh í sna Meánaoiseanna go dtí an lá atá inniu ann agus tá cuntas ann ar gach sealbhóir oifige ó 1842 ar aghaidh.

Seachtain Leabharlann na hÉireann

I measc na n-imeachtaí a reáchtáladh i rith Sheachtain Leabharlann na hÉireann bhí scéalaíocht, léitheoireacht, agus cainteanna ar ábhair cosúil le Coicís Chóirthrídála agus ranganna ríomhaireachta.

Léachtaí agus Seoltai



Street Entertainment

- Vincent Prendergast – Rudolf Bing and the Edinburgh Festival
- Win Harrington – Two Extraordinary Women of Limerick – Kathleen Clarke & Frances Condell
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- Sharon Clancy – The Abbey Fishermen
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- Ceardlann múirínithe tí
- Oíche Soirée na Nollag

Úsáid na Leabharlainne 2007

Leabhair a tugadh ar iasacht:	204,196
Clarúcháin:	10,397
Seisiúin ar Ríomhaire	
Pearsanta & Seisiúin Idirlín:	20,883
Cuairteoirí:	114,149



Cuise International Poetry Festival at the Belltable

(L to r:) Gabriel Fitzmaurice whose book ‘Twenty One Sonnets’ was launched by Mary Kennelly at the Belltable during Cuise

MÚSAEM CATHARTHA JIM KEMMY

Cuireadh 211 mír le bailiúchán an mhúsaeim i rith na bliana. Ina measc seo bhí: claíomh oifigigh Victeoirigh le Delany, Luimneach, bailiúchán cuimhneachán a bhaineann le Harrison Lee Foundry, bonn cré-umha a bhronn an Roinn Eolaíochta agus Ealaíon ar Benjamin Brew, Luimneach, bailiúchán cuimhneachán de Chogadh na Saoirse agus cuimhneacháin pholaitiúla ó thréimhse níos déanaí a bhaineann le Michael Conway, ceannasaí IRA Thobar Phádraig le linn Chogadh na Saoirse agus suaitheantais ó dheireadh an naoú haois déag de McDonnell, Luimneach,

- Fuarthas deontas €50,000 ón gComhairle Oidhreacht le haghaidh tuarascála agus plean maidir le ballaí Luimnigh.
- Fuarthas deontas €4,000 ó Roinn Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireacht le haghaidh gléasadh taispeántais grianghraf de Pháirc Mhuire c. 1945 ó bhailiúchán claonchlónna gloine i mbailiúchán an mhúsaeim. D’oscail an Méara é seo an 22 Samhain.
- Breathnaíodh 877,268 uair ar chatalóg an mhúsaeim ar an idirlíon i rith na bliana, sin beagnach trí mhilliún ar fad ó seoladh é i mí an Mheithimh 2004,
- Déileáladh le níos mó ná 2,000 fiosrúchán san iomlán, ó dhaoine a thug cuairt orainn, ó glaonna gutháin, ó litreacha agus ó ríomhphoist.
- Is é 14,146 líon na gcuairteoirí.

Community & Enterprise.

LIMERICK CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Following the agreement reached on Towards 2016 a new comprehensive and integrated strategic framework of social inclusion was put in place, as part of this policy framework a National Implementation Group was established, part of the work of this group has been the establishment of Local Children's Services Committees. Four pilot areas were identified and Limerick City was one of the areas selected.

Limerick City Development Board has now established the Local Children's Services Committee (CSC) which has become a working group of the Board. This is currently being chaired by the HSE who have been identified as the lead partner. The Group is currently working on drafting an inter-agency strategy for children and young people, when completed this will form part of the regeneration strategy.

Limerick City Development Board is currently working with the Regeneration Agency, through the CDB Working groups to feed into the draft plans for the regeneration areas. The City of Learning Working Group is currently working on a draft strategy on learning which will feed into the final regeneration plan. This work is on going and will be completed in 2008.

As part of the City Development Board's responsibility in endorsing the work plans of community and local development agencies, the Social Inclusion Measures Group initiated a process involving three phases in 2006. Each agency submitted a written reply to a questionnaire based on six progress indicators such as employment, service delivery, transparency, coordination, facilities/infrastructure, and participation. Contact teams met with the ten local development agencies involved to detail actions implemented during the previous twelve months. Feedback from the joint measures was collated by the SIM Group and recommendations in turn presented to the City Development Board for endorsement in 2007.

The annual Comhairle na nÓg event was organised by the City Development Board in November and held in City Hall. Over fifteen schools and youth organisations participated, the discussion topics focused on four key areas:

1. the medias influence on body image
2. road safety in schools
3. internet safety on the social networking sites
4. Employee rights for under eighteens.

Six delegates were selected to represent Limerick City nationally at Dáil na nÓg in Dublin on 15th February 2008. Vacancies which had arisen in the Limerick City Youth Forum were filled on the day.



Youth Exchange Programme - centering on the Rugby World Cup 2007

Limerick City Development Board and Limerick City Council were involved in a first ever Youth Exchange Programme, centering on the Rugby World Cup 2007. 14 Limerick City delegates were chosen following entry into an essay competition on "What rugby means to me". In turn Limerick City hosted a French delegation of 16 young people who participated in a programme of Irish culture and sport.

The highlight of the visit for the Irish delegation of young people was the attendance at the opening ceremonies and the first game of the Rugby World Cup, France versus Argentina.

In association with the Limerick City Community Forum, planning stages for a 'Volunteer Fair' event to promote the achievements of volunteerism in Limerick were advanced during the year. The Fair was held in November in City Hall and was an opportunity for voluntary groups to raise their profile and showcase their activities. As part of the 'Where Credit is Due' volunteering initiative the grants scheme was initiated for the first time in 2006 was continued and awards were approved for over fifty applications.

The Community Forum continued its work aided by the fulltime Development Worker, they are currently working on a draft Constitution.

In 2006, The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) ran a pilot scheme, involving a number of local authorities, for the installation of smoke alarms by

volunteers through the Community and Enterprise Section. The pilot scheme was part of a campaign to have a working smoke alarm in every household. Funding to provide alarms for 250 households was received in 2007 with another 250 in 2008. The City Council's focus has been on the elderly and people with disabilities who are living in owner-occupied housing (or in privately rented accommodation on long-term leases etc.).

The scheme was delivered by Community & Enterprise with the assistance of Fire Prevention Section of Limerick City Council Fire & Rescue Service, Limerick Civic Trust and the Limerick City Community Safety Partnership. The 2007 phase is now complete.

LIMERICK CITY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

In 2007, LCCC researched and developed a new childcare strategy for Limerick City for the period from 2007-2010.

Thematic areas of the new LCCC Strategy:

- Develop the Strategic Role of the LCCC in Co-ordinating Sustainable Childcare Provision in Limerick City
- Develop effective communication lines for Providers, Childminders, Workers and Parents.
- Promote the Provision of Relevant and Accessible Training
- Promote Quality Development
- Develop Publicity & Information Strategy



Comhairle na nÓg 2007

Na hEalaíona agus Cultúr.

BORD FORBARTHA CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Tar éis an chomhaontaithe maidir le l dTreo 2016, cuireadh creatlach straitéise chuimsitheach chomhtháite i dtaca le cuimsiú sóisialta i bhfeidhm. Mar chuid den chreatlach beartais seo bunaíodh Grúpa Náisiúnta Feidhmiúcháin. Ar na freagrachtaí atá ar an ngrúpa seo, tá bunú Coistí Áitiúla um Sheirbhísí Leanaí. Sainaitníodh ceithre cheantar phíolótacha agus roghnaíodh Cathair Luimnigh mar cheann de na ceantair sin.

Tá an Coiste Áitiúil do Sheirbhísí Leanaí (CSC) bunaithe anois ag Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh. Tá an CSC ina mheitheal de chuid an Bhoird anois. Tá Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte (HSE) ag déanamh cathaoirleachta air seo agus sainaitnítear iad mar an bpríomhpháirtí. Tá an grúpa i mbun oibre chun straitéis idirghníomhaireachta do leanaí agus daoine óga a dhréachtú. Nuair a chuirfear é seo i gcrích, beidh sé mar chuid den straitéis athchóirithe.

Tá Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh ag oibriú leis an nGníomhaireacht Athfhoráis faoi láthair, trí na grúpaí oibre de chuid an Bhoird le cuidiú leis an bpróiseas a bhaineann leis na dréachtpleananna do na ceantair athfhoráis. Tá Grúpa Oibre na Cathrach Foghlama i mbun oibre ar dhréachtstraitéis foghlama faoi láthair a bheidh ina chuid den phlean deireanach athfhoráis. Tá an obair seo ar bun faoi láthair agus cuirfear i gcrích é in 2008.

Mar chuid den fhreagracht atá ar Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach as tacú le pleananna oibre na ngníomhaireachtaí forbartha pobail agus áitiúla, chuir an Grúpa um Bearta Cuimsithe Shóisialta tús le próiseas ina raibh trí chéim in 2006. D'fhreagair gach gníomhaireacht ceistneoir a bhí bunaithe ar sé tháscaire dul chun cinn cosúil le fostaíocht, soláthar seirbhíse, trédhearcacht, comhordú, áiseanna/bonneagar, agus rannpháirtíocht. Bhuail foirne teagmhála leis an deich ngníomhaireacht forbartha áitiúla atá páirteach chun gníomhaíochtaí a cuireadh i bhfeidhm le linn an dá mhí dhéag roimhe a shonrú. Chomhordaigh an grúpa SIM aiseolas ó na comhbhearta agus cuireadh moltaí faoi bhráid Bhord Forbartha na Cathrach le haghaidh formhuinithne in 2007.

Reáchtáil Bord Forbartha na Cathrach Comhairle na nÓg bhliantúil i mí na Samhna agus cuireadh ar siúl é i Halla na Cathrach. Ghlac de bhreis ar chúig scoil déag agus ógeagraíochtaí páirt ann. Dhírigh ábhar na gcainteanna ar cheithre phríomhréimse:

1. tionchar na meán cumarsáide ar íomhá choirp
2. sábháilteacht bóithre i scoileanna
3. sábháilteacht idirlín ar na láithreáin líonraithe shóisialta
4. Cearta fostaithe atá níos óige ná ocht mbliana déag d'aois.

Roghnaíodh sé thoscaire chun ionadaíocht náisiúnta a dhéanamh do Chathair Luimnigh ag Dáil na nÓg i mBaile Átha Cliath an 15 Feabhra 2008. Líonadh na folúntais in Ógfhóram Chathair Luimnigh ar an lá.



Southill Community Day

(Left to r:) Reece Honan, Rachael Hayes and Jordan Crawford, Ryah Hehir, Keira Crawford, Sarah Crawford and Noel Crawford

Ghlac Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh páirt i gClár Malartaithe Ógra den chéad uair agus díródh ar Chorn Rugbaí an Domhain 2007. Roghnaíodh 14 thoscaire ó Chathair Luimnigh tar éis comórtas aiste dar teideal "What rugby means to me". Ina dhiaidh seo, d'óstáil Cathair Luimnigh toscaireacht na Fraince ina raibh 16 duine óg a ghlac páirt i gclár de chultúr agus de spórt na hÉireann.

Ba é buaicphointe an turais do thoscaireacht na hÉireann an freastal a rinne siad ar na searmanais oscailte agus ar an gcéad chluiche de Chorn Rugbaí an Domhain, an Fhrainc i gcoinne na hAirgintíne.

I gcomhar le Fóram Pobail Chathair Luimnigh, cuireadh pleananna ar aghaidh i rith na bliana le haghaidh 'Aonach Saorálaithe' chun éachtaí saorálaíochais a chur chun cinn. Bhí an tAonach ar siúl i mí na Samhna i Halla na Cathrach agus ba dheis í do ghrúpaí saorálaithe cur lena híomhá agus chun a gcuid imeachtaí a thaispeáint. Mar chuid den tionscnamh saorálaíochais 'Where Credit is Due', leanadh ar aghaidh leis an scéim deontais a cuireadh i bhfeidhm den chéad uair in 2006 agus ceadáíodh gradaim do níos mó ná 50 iarratas.

Lean an Fóram Pobail ar aghaidh lena chuid oibre le cúnamh á fháil ón Oibrí Forbartha. Tá siad i mbun oibre ar dhréacht-Bhunreacht faoi láthair.

In 2006, chuir an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil (DoEHLG) scéim thrialach ar siúl, lena raibh baint ag roinnt údarás áitiúil maidir le haláram deataigh a shuiteáil saorálaithe tríd an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontair. Bhí an scéim thrialach mar chuid d'fheachtas le go mbeadh

aláram deataigh atá ag obair i gceart i ngach teach. Fuarthas maoiniú chun aláram a chur ar fáil do 250 teach in 2007 agus in 2008. Tá an Chomhairle Cathrach ag tabhairt tús áite do dhaoine aosta agus do dhaoine atá faoi mhíchumas a bhfuil cónaí orthu i dtithíocht úinéir-áitithe (nó i gcóiríocht atá ar cíos go príobháideach ar léasanna fadtéarma etc.). Chuir an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontair an scéim ar fáil le cúnamh á fháil ón Rannóg Coisc Dóiteáin de chuid Sheirbhís Dóiteáin agus Tarrthála Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ó Iontaobhas Cathartha Luimnigh agus ó Chomhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Chathair Luimnigh. Tá céim 2007 curtha i gcrích anois.

COISTE CÚRAIM LEANAÍ CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

In 2007, rinne Coiste Cúraim Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh taighde ar straitéis cúram leanaí do Chathair Luimnigh don tréimhse 2007-2010. D'fhorbair siad an straitéis leis.

Is iad seo e lenas cuspóirí na Straitéise sin de chuid Choiste Cúraim Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh:

- Feidhm Straitéiseach Choiste Cúraim Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh maidir le Comhordú Soláthair Inbhuanaithe Cúraim Leanaí a fhorbairt i gCathair Luimnigh
- Línte éifeachtacha Cumarsáide a Fhorbairt do Sholáthraithe, d'Fheighlithe Leanaí, d'Oibrithe agus do Thuismitheoirí.
- Soláthar Oiliúna Ábhartha agus Inrochtana a Fhorbairt
- Forbairt Ardchaighdeán a Fhorbairt
- Straitéis Faisnéise agus Poiblíochta a fhorbairt

Parks, Sport & Recreation.

Key Achievements Included:

- Tree pruning was completed on the Northern Ring Road; Strandville Gardens, Clonmorris Avenue, Castletroy View and Shelbourne Park.
- Tree planting was completed on the Roxboro Roundabout, Parkway and Glasgow Park.
- Grass cutting in parks and open spaces
- Herbicide Application and Control of Hog Weed
- Production of spring and summer bedding plants, hanging baskets, floral containers and floral towers produced and placed on bridges, riverside railings and streets
- Park railings and seats painted.
- Railings around Arthur's Quay Park removed and the trough plinth were planted with bedding and spring flowering bulbs.

Continuing Maintenance: Grass cutting, edging and bulb planting on all major approach roads to the city.

Limerick Looking Good:

The fourth "Limerick Looking Good" Environment Competition was held. The main categories are Best Residential Area, Best Urban Village, Best City Street and Best Kept Residential Front Garden.

CEMETERIES

- Mount St. Lawrence, Mount St. Lawrence extension and Mount St. Oliver cemeteries were maintained to their usual high standard during the year.
- All exterior pathways in Mount St. Lawrence Extension were renewed.
- 200 additional spaces were made available.
- New boundary fence was erected.
- All decayed trees cut down and removed from St Lawrence Old.
- Block 27 and 28 of St Oliver developed making 280 grave spaces available.
- Pathways and driveways were developed around block 27/28
- All Cemeteries sprayed for weed control.

Internments

St Lawrence - 190
St Oliver - 210



(Back left to r) John Flanagan, Michael Walsh, Tony Halvey
(Front) Turlough McNamara



New entrance to The Peoples Park

Páirceanna, Spórt & Áineas.

Ar na Mórreachtaí bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Cuireadh obair maidir le bearradh crann igcrích ar an gCuarbhóthar Thuaidh, Gairdíní Bhailtín na Trá, Ascaill Chlann Mhuiris, Radharc Chaladh an Treoigh agus Páirc Shíol Bhroin.
- Cuireadh deireadh leis an obair maidir le cur crann ar Thimpeallán Bhaile an Róistigh, in Parkway agus i bPáirc Mhic Giolla Losgaidh.
- Baint féir i bpáirceanna agus i spásanna oscailte
- Úsáid Luibhicíde agus Smachtú Feabhráin
- Soláthar plandaí ceapaí earraigh agus samhraidh, ciseán crochta, gabhdán bláthach agus túir bhláthacha agus iad curtha ar dhroichid, ar ráillí cois abhann agus ar shráideanna.
- Péinteáladh ráillí agus suíocháin na bpáirceanna.
- Baineadh na ráillí a bhí timpeall Pháirc Ché Artúir agus cuireadh plionta an trach le plandaí ceapaí agus le bleibeanna bláthanna earraigh.

Cothabháil Leanúnach: Baint féir, ciumhaisiú agus cuireadh bleibeanna ar na bóithre is mó uile isteach go dtí an chathair.

Limerick Looking Good: Reáchtáladh an ceathrú Comórtas Comhshaoil "Limerick Looking Good". Is iad na príomhchatagóirí atá ann an Limistéar Cónaithe is Fearr, an Sráidbhaile Uirbeach is Fearr, an tSráid Cathrach is Fearr agus an Gairdín is Deise os comhair Tí.

REILIGÍ

- Cuireadh an bhail cheart mar is gnáth ar reilig, Mount Naomh Labhrás, ar shíneadh Mount Naomh Labhrás agus ar reilig Mount Naomh Oilibhéar le linn na bliana.
- Rinneadh athnuachan ar na cosáin sheachtracha uile i síneadh Mount Naomh Labhrás.
- Cuireadh 200 spás sa bhreis ar fáil.
- Tógadh cláir críche nua.
- Leagadh na crainn lofa uile agus tógadh iad ó seanreilig Naomh Labhrás.
- Rinneadh forbairt ar bhloc 27 agus 28 de reilig Naomh Oilibhéar, rud a chuir 280 spás uaigne sa bhreis ar fáil.
- Rinneadh forbairt ar chosáin agus ar chabhsáin timpeall bhloc 27/28
- Spraeáladh na reiligi uile le haghaidh smachtú fiailí.

Adhlachtaí

Naomh Labhrás - 190

Naomh Oilibhéar - 210

Strategic Policy Committees.

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- The Control of Dogs.
- The Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme, 2007.
- Litter & Waste Enforcement Statistics.
- Longpavement Landfill Restoration.
- Improvement of O'Brien Park, under Local Authorities Playground Grants Scheme, 2006.
- Litter Management Plan, 2006-2008.
- Draft Waste Management (Tyres & Waste Tyres) Regulations 2007.
- Gum Litter Campaign.
- Agreement with Banking Sector on ATM Receipts.
- White Paper on Energy.
- Environmental Awareness Initiatives.
- Environmental Improvement Initiatives, 2007.
- Waste Awareness Days & Compost Workshop.
- Limerick Looking Good Competition, 2007.
- Annual Progress Report on Regional Waste Management Plan.
- Ireland National Climate Change Strategy 2007 – 2012.
- Shelbourne Park Rejuvenation Project.
- City Centre Riverside Strategy.

The Following recommendations were made to the City Council for their approval:

- O'Brien Park, Clare Street chosen as the location in respect of the Local Government Playground Grants Scheme, 2006.
- Litter Management Plan, 2006 – 2008 replace the existing Litter Management Plan.
- The Environment Improvement Initiative Grants Scheme 2007.
- Upgrade the riverside walk at Cleeve's Bank.

CULTURAL & SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- The Irish Walled Towns Network by Brian Hodkinson.
- The Arts Strategy by Sheila Deegan
- 'Sporting Limerick' by John Treacy, C.E.O., Irish Sports Council.
- Update by Brendan Kenny on the Northside/ Southside Regeneration.
- First Tee Programme by Mack Trading.



Rhebogue affordable housing contract signing

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

- To request the Mayor to call a protocol meeting to honour four local sport teams.
- To request that Limerick join the Walled Towns Friendship Circle as an individual town at a cost of €480 per annum.
- Approval of grants for 2007 under the Arts Act in the sum of €15,000.

SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The Director of Service provided reports, and discussions took place on the following issues;

- Report on Capital Programme 2007
- Policy on Turnkey Developments
- Social & Community Grant Scheme 2007
- Review of Performance 2007
- Study visit to Boston Housing Authority
- John Fitzgerald report on Addressing Issues of Social Exclusion and Disadvantage in Moyross and other areas of Limerick City
- Differential Rent Scheme 2008

Presentations took place on the following;

- Provision of Services by RESPOND
- RAPID
- Limerick Regeneration Agencies
- Homeless Services
- HSE Presentation on Rent Supplement Scheme

The Strategic Policy Committee forwarded the following Notice of Motion to the City Council;

"That Limerick City Council instructs the Director of Housing and Social Policy:

Not to enter into any agreement to purchase individual houses without prior and full consultation with the elected members for the Ward in which such houses are located".

THE ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:-

National Development Plan 2007-2013
Atlantic Gateways
National Inventory of Architectural Heritage
Gateway Innovation Fund
City Centre Strategy.



Shanabooley Road contract signing

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Infrastructural projects.
- Rhebogue Area Action Plan.
- Presentation on Riverside Strategy / City Centre Pedestrianisation.
- Road Works Programme 2007.
- Quality of Drinking Water in Ireland, 2005.
- Tow away of vehicles to deal with unlawfully parked vehicles.
- Green Routes.
- Extinguishments of rights of way.
- New Waste Water Licensing.
- Taking in Charge.

The following recommendations were made to City Council for approval:

- Reports on various Notices of Motion.
- Road Works Programme for 2007.
- Recommendation of extinguishments.
- Removal of railings at Arthur's Quay Park.
- Rhebogue Area Action Plan.
- To proceed with the provisions relating to utilising the (Road Traffic Removal, Storage & Disposal of vehicles) to deal with unlawfully parked vehicles for a trial period of one year.
- A ward meeting to be arranged to discuss traffic issues due to developments at Punches Cross and also at the Redemptorists Church.

Páirceanna, Áineas & Spórt.

COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH UM CHOMHSHAOIL

Fuarthas cuir i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear:

- Rialú Madraí.
- An Scéim Deontais um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil, 2007.
- Staitisticí maidir le Cur i bhFeidhm Bruscair agus Dramhaíola.
- Athchóiriú Líonta Talún an Chosáin Fhada.
- Feabhsú Pháirc Uí Bhriain, faoin Scéim Deontais um Chlóis Súgartha na nÚdarás Áitiúil, 2006.
- Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair, 2006-2008.
- Dréachtrialacháin Bainistíochta Bruscair (Boinn agus Boinn Dramhaíola), 2007.
- Feachtas i gcoinne Bruscair Guma.
- Comhaontú leis an Earnáil Bhaincúireachta maidir le Fáltais Uathmheaisín Bainc (ATM).
- Páipéar Bán ar Fhuinneamh.
- Tionscnaimh Feasachta Comhshaoil.
- Tionscnaimh Feabhsaithe Comhshaoil, 2007.
- Laethanta um Fheasacht ar Dhramhaíl agus Ceardlann Múirín.
- Comórtas Limerick Looking Good, 2007.
- Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ar Dhul Chun Cinn an Phlean Réigiúnaigh um Bainistíocht Dramhaíola.
- Straitéis Náisiúnta na hÉireann ar Athrú Aeráide 2007 – 2012.
- Tionscadal Athnuachana Pháirc Shíol Bhroin.
- Straitéis Cois Abhann Lár na Cathrach.

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

- Páirc Uí Bhriain, Sráid an Chláir roghnaithe mar an suíomh maidir le Scéim Deontais um Chlóis Súgartha na nÚdarás Áitiúil, 2006.
- An Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair, 2006 – 2008 in ionad an Phlean Bainistíochta Bruscair atá ann faoi láthair.
- Scéim Deontais an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil, 2007.
- Uasghrádú an chosáin cois abhann ag Bruach Cleeve.

COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH UM CHULTÚR AGUS SPÓRT

Fuarthas cuir i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear:

- The Irish Walled Towns Network' le Brian Hodkinson.
- An Straitéis Ealaíon le Sheila Deegan
- 'Sporting Limerick' le John Treacy, Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin na Comhairle Náisiúnta Spóirt.
- Tuairisc chun dáta le Brendan Kenny maidir le hAthfhorás Thuaisceart/Dheisceart na Cathrach.
- First Tee Programme le Mack Trading.

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

- Iarraidh ar an Méara cruinniú prótacail a ghairm le ceithre fhoireann áitiúla spóirt a onórú.
- Iarratas a dhéanamh le go mbeidh Luimneach mar chuid den Walled Towns Friendship Circle mar bhaile aonair le costas €480 in aghaidh na bliana.
- Ceadú deontas in 2007 faoin Acht Ealaíon, deontais ar fiú €15,000 iad.

COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH um Beartas Sóisialta agus Tithíochta

Sholáthair Stiúrthóir na Seirbhíse tuarascálacha agus pléadh na nithe seo a leanas:

- Tuarascáil um Chlár Caipitil 2007
- Beartas um Fhorbairtí Lándéanta
- Scéim Deontas Sóisialta agus Pobail 2007
- Athbhreithniú ar Fheidhmíocht 2007
- Turas staidéir go hÚdarás Tithíochta Bhostúin
- Tuarascáil John Fitzgerald ar Thabhairt Faoi Shaincheisteanna a bhaineann le hEisiamh Sóisialta agus Míbhuntáiste i Maigh Rois agus i gceantair eile de Chathair Luimnigh
- Scéim Cíosa Dhifreálaigh 2008

Rinneadh cuir i láthair faoi na hábhair seo a leanas:

- Soláthar Seirbhísí le RESPOND
- RAPID
- Gníomhaireachtaí Athfhoráis Luimnigh
- Seirbhísí do Dhaoine gan Dídean
- Cur i láthair HSE faoin Scéim Forlíonta Cíosa

Thug an Coiste Beartais Straitéisigh an Fógra Foriarratais seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach:

“Tugann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh treoir do Stiúrthóir an Bheartais Shóisialta agus Tithíochta:

Gan comhaontú a dhéanamh maidir le ceannach tithe aonair gan réamhchomhairliúchán ná gan lánchomhairliúchán le comhaltaí tofa an Bharda ina bhfuil na tithe”.

AN COISTE BEARTAIS STRAITÉISIGH UM FHORBAIRT AN BHEARTAIS EACNAMAÍOCHTA AGUS PLEANÁIL DON TODHCHAÍ.

Fuarthas cuir i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear:

An Plean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2007-2013
Tairsigh an Atlantaigh
Fardal Náisiúnta na hOidhreacht Ailtireachta
Ciste Nuálaíochta do Cheantair Thairsí
Straitéis Lár na Cathrach

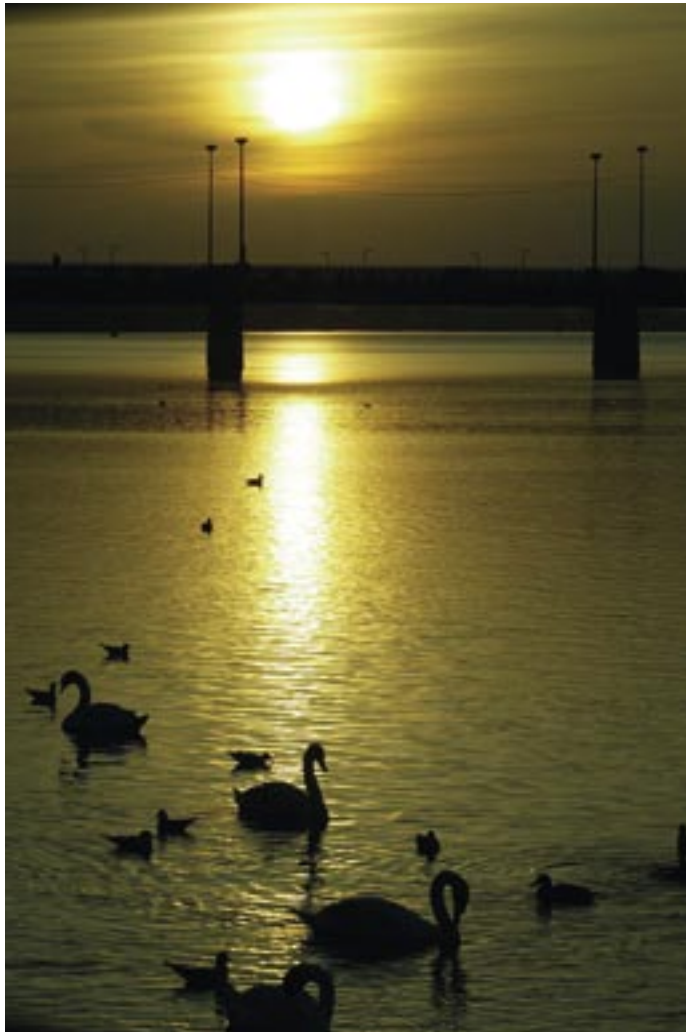
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Fuarthas cuir i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna lena n-áirítear:

- Tionscadail Bhonneagair.
- Plean Gníomhaíochta Cheantar Rhebogue.
- Cur i láthair faoin Straitéis Cois Abhann Teorannú do Choisithe i Lár na Cathrach.
- Clár Oibreacha Bóthair 2007.
- Caighdeán an Uisce Óil in Éirinn, 2005.
- Tarraingt feithiclí chun dul i ngleic le feithiclí atá páirceáilte go neamhdhleathach.
- Bealaí Glasa.
- Deireadh a chur le cearta slí.
- Ceadúnú Nua Fuíolluisce.
- TógáilCúraim.

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

- Tuarascálacha ar Fhógraí éagsúla Foriarratais.
- Clár Oibreacha Bóthair 2007.
- Moladh aon ní ar cuireadh deireadh leis.
- Baint ráillí ag Páirc Ché Artúir.
- Plean Gníomhaíochta Cheantar Rhebogue.
- Leanúint ar aghaidh leis na forálacha a bhaineann le húsáid an (Deireadh a chur le Trácht ar Bhóithre, Stóráil agus Diúscairt feithiclí) le déileáil le feithiclí atá páirceáilte go neamhdhleathach ar feadh tréimhse thrialach bliana.
- Cruinniú barda le gairm le plé a dhéanamh ar shaincheisteanna tráchta mar thoradh ar fhorbairtí ag Punces Cross agus ag Eaglais na Slánaitheorach leis.



Service Indicators.

A & C: Arts and Cultural Services

A & C.1 Arts Grants

- number of arts grants paid	37
- total value of arts grants paid	175000

CP: Community Participation and Cooperation – Your Local Authority

CP.1 Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme	92
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C: Corporate Issues

C.1 Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence	4.84
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C.2 Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	5.46
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E: Environmental Services

Water

E.2 Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to Public Schemes	96.90
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Waste Management

E.6 Percentage of households provided with segregated waste collection	100
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E.7 Household waste collected which is sent for recycling	
- tonnage	3777
- percentage of household waste collected	21.5

E.8 Household waste collected which is sent to landfill	
- tonnage	8274
- percentage of household waste collected	51.8

E.9 Recycling facilities

Glass

Number of Bring Sites	14
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	15
Total number of locations	15
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	817

Cans

Number of Bring Sites	18
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	19
Total number of locations	18
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	24.3

Textiles

Number of Bring Sites	6
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	7
Total number of locations	7
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	167.7

Batteries

Number of Bring Sites	2
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	3
Total number of locations	3
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	5.73

Oils

Number of Bring Sites	0
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	1
Total number of locations	1
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	4.6

Others

Number of Bring Sites	4
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1
Total Number of Facilities	5
Total number of locations	5
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	245.8

Litter Prevention And Environmental Enforcement

E.10 Litter – Number of Litter Wardens

Total number of full-time litter wardens	3
Total number of part-time litter wardens	2
Total number of litter wardens (both full and part-time)	5
Number of on-the spot fines	735
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	223
Number of prosecutions secured	43

Percentage of areas within the local authority that are

- unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	7
- slightly polluted with litter	49
- moderately polluted with litter	35
- significantly polluted with litter	8
- grossly polluted with litter	1

E.11 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

- total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	3415
- number of complaints investigated	3266
- number of enforcement procedures taken	226

E.12 Percentage of Schools participating in environmental campaigns

- primary schools	83
- secondary schools	78

Fire Service

E.3 Average time, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in

- full time stations 1.43

E.4 Percentage of attendances at scenes where

- first attendance is at scene within 10 minutes 90.47

- first attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes 8.55

- first attendance is at scene after 20 minutes 0.98

E.5 Fire prevention – Total number of fire safety certificate applications

- received 106

- processed 91

H: Housing

H.1 Housing Vacancies

Total number of dwellings in local authority stock 2884

Overall % of dwellings that are let 99

Overall % of dwellings that are empty 1

% of empty dwellings subject to major refurbishment schemes 0

% of empty dwellings unavailable for letting 27

% of empty dwellings available for letting 73

H.2 Average time taken to relet dwellings available for letting (in weeks) 2

H.3 Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received 96

H.4 Average time taken to inform applicants of local authority's decision on applications for:

- the shared ownership housing scheme (in days) 35

- housing loans schemes (in days) 31

- local authority housing (in days) 30

H.5 Traveller Accommodation

Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme 100

L: Library Services

L.1 Public opening hours

- average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries 38.8

L.2 Number of registered library members 13287

L.3 Number of items issued (county/city wide) for

(a) Books 187564.23

(b) Other items 30998.01

L.4 Percentage of libraries that offer Internet access to the public 100

L.5 Total Number of Internet sessions provided 21064.53

M: Motor Taxation

M.1

Number of motor tax transactions which

- are dealt with over the counter 44954

- are dealt with by post 5167

- are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)

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Percentage of motor tax transactions which	
- are dealt with over the counter	89.69
- are dealt with by post	10.31
- are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	0

M.2

Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application

(a) On the same day	2893
(b) On the third day or less	2158
(c) On the fifth day or less	74
(d) Over 5 days	42

% of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application

(a) On the same day	56
(b) On the third day or less	41.8
(c) On the fifth day or less	1.4
(d) Over 5 days	0.8

M.3 public opening hours

- average number of opening hours per week	30
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P: Planning and Building Control

P.1 Planning Applications – Decision Making

Individual Houses

No. of applications decided	8
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	3
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	5
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	76
% of grants	62.5
% of refusals	37.5
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	50
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	50

New Housing Development

No. of applications decided	19
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	5
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	14
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	348
% of grants	57.89
% of refusals	42.11

% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	50
% of cases where the decision was reversed by an Bord Pleanála	50

Other: Not Requiring Eia

No. of applications decided	325
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	207
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	117
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	1
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	169
% of grants	83.69
% of refusals	16.31
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	72
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	28

Other: Requiring Eia

No. of applications decided	4
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	1
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	3
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	97
% of grants	100
% of refusals	0
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	0
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	100

P.2 Planning Enforcement

- total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	43
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	0
- total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	0
- number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	43
- number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	12
- number of prosecutions	3

P.3 Public opening hours

- average number of opening hours per week	35
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P.4 Consultations

Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	300
Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	10

P.5 Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority

Rec: Recreational Services

Rec.1 Number Of Children's Playgrounds

- directly provided by the local authority	9
- facilitated by the local authority	1

Rec.2 Number of visitors to local authority facilitated swimming facilities 86707

Rev: Revenue Collection

Rev.1 House Rent

(a) Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	87
(b) Percentage of arrears	
(i) 4-6 weeks old	15
(ii) 6-12 weeks old	8
(iii) more than 12 weeks old	77

Rev.2 Housing Loans

(a) Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	100
(b) Percentage of arrears	
(i) 1 month old	18
(ii) 2-3 months old	8
(iii) more than 3 months old	77

Rev.3 Commercial Rates

Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due 86.4

Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due 78



Financial Statement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 31st December, 2007

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Revenue Expenditure Review

Revenue expenditure for the year amounted to €79,464,692 before transfers. Transfer to reserves amounted to €3,616,839 giving a total expenditure figure for 2007 of €83,081,531. This total expenditure figure exceeded the budgeted expenditure by €3,546,140.

Payroll continues to be the most significant cost with a total payroll cost in 2007 of €38,629,770. This represented an increase of 10.2% on the payroll cost in 2006 (€35,057,221) (the increase excluding the VEC Pensions in 2007 is 12%). National Wage Agreements increased pay costs by 2% on 1st June 2007. In 2006 payroll costs represented 45.27% of total expenditure. This increased to 46.5% in 2007. This highlights the need for City Council to continue its focus on realigning the pay/non pay balance.

Transfer to reserves includes the following:

	€
Insurance Fund	1,718,225
Disabled Persons Grant - Revenue Provision	250,000
Council Chamber Roof Repairs	118,456
Central Heating Scheme - Revenue Provision	100,000
Ringfencing Rental Accommodation Scheme Surplus	97,428
ICT Infrastructure – Ringfencing Revenue Funding	91,000
Promotion of City Centre - Revenue Contribution	61,121
Waste Management Strategy - Revenue Contribution	55,000

Income Review

Revenue income for the year amounted to €82,878,528. This represented an increase of 6.1% on the total income in 2006 (€78,100,391). The following table summarises the main income sources:

	2007 €	%	2006 €	%
Grants & Subsidies	17,602,449	21%	16,586,144	21%
Contributions from other local authorities	10,071,249	12%	9,168,926	12%
Goods & Services	16,448,332	20%	15,212,845	19%
	44,122,030	53%	40,967,915	52%
Local Government Fund	11,723,220	14%	11,025,361	14%
Rates	27,033,278	33%	26,107,115	33%
Total Income	82,878,529	100%	78,100,391	100%

A number of income areas performed ahead of budget in 2007 resulting in a surplus income over budget. In particular property entry levies, fire charges, parking fines and housing rents contributed to a favourable outturn versus budget. The benefit of other increases in income such as VEC Pensions, Accommodation of Homeless Persons, Higher Education Grants and Recycling Subsidies would be cancelled by similar increase in expenditure.

BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Balance Sheet Review

The Balance Sheet presented shows that Limerick City Council has Fixed Assets of €927,617,251 and Work In Progress of €69,390,941 as at 31 December 2007.

The City Council has had a slight reduction in its Net Current Assets with a balance of €11,976,357 as at 31 December 2007 compared to net current assets of €12,042,117 as at 31 December 2006.

Bank Overdraft amounts to €14,416,247 as at 31 December 2007 compared to cash on hand of €501,491 as at 31 December 2006. The major factor contributing to this situation was the level of capital debtors at the end of 2007 which stood at €18,870,742.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

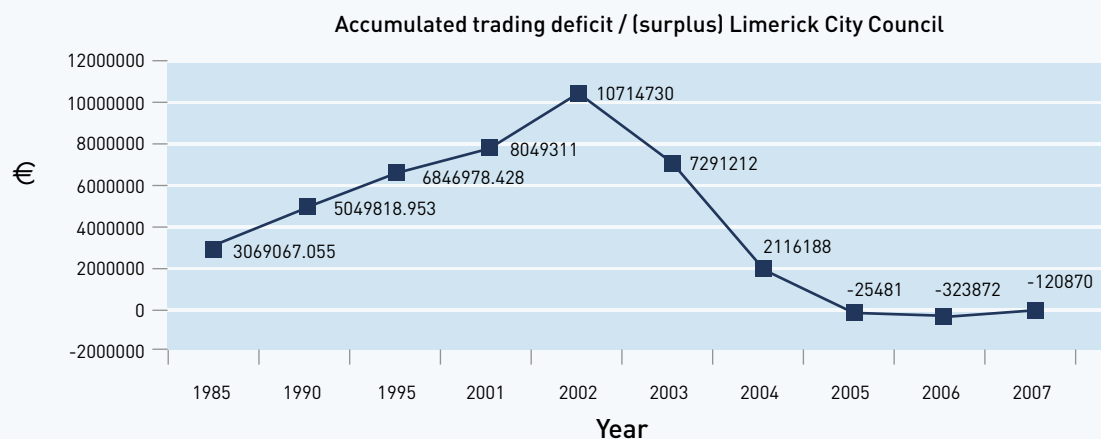
Capital Expenditure and Income for 2007 and 2006 can be summarised as follows.

	2007	2006	Increase
	€	€	%
Capital Expenditure (including transfers)	109,119,698	83,554,713	30.6%
Capital Income (including transfers)	103,359,161	89,055,289	16.1%

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REVIEW 2007

The revenue deficit for 2007 is €203,002. As a result the accumulated revenue surplus at the end of 2007 is reduced to €120,870, compared to €323,872 at the end of 2006. The retention of a cumulative surplus for a third year is a very positive reflection of the efforts of the elected members to address the historic financial situation of Limerick City Council.

The following graph sets out the historical debit balance, and highlights that Limerick City Council is still in cumulative surplus at the end of 2007. It is also worth noting that whereas Limerick City Council were the highest rate charge in the country in 2006, there are now five Local Authorities with a higher rate charge than Limerick City Council for 2008.



INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT for year ending 31st December 2007

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Expenditure by Programme Group	Gross Expenditure 2007 €	Income 2007 €	Net Expenditure 2007 €	Net Expenditure 2006 €
Housing & Building	12,504,606	10,317,927	2,186,679	2,172,370
Roads Transportation & Safety	11,533,606	7,914,562	3,619,044	3,030,369
Water & Sewerage	12,475,645	8,154,300	4,321,345	3,272,076
Development Incentives & Controls	2,852,031	1,378,332	1,473,699	1,119,920
Environmental Protection	18,138,770	7,407,195	10,731,575	9,238,712
Recreation & Amenity	5,480,866	694,963	4,785,903	4,077,531
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	6,794,061	6,340,978	453,082	611,853
Miscellaneous	9,685,108	1,913,773	7,771,335	7,294,409
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Total Expenditure/Income	79,464,692	44,122,030		
Net cost of programmes to be funded from Rates & Local Government Fund			35,342,662	30,817,238
Rates			27,033,278	26,107,115
Local Government Fund - General purpose			11,723,220	11,025,361
Surplus/(Deficit) for year before Transfers			3,413,837	6,315,238
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(3,616,839)	(6,016,848)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			(203,002)	298,390
General Reserve @ 1st January 2007			323,872	25,482
General Reserve @ 31st December 2007			120,870	323,872

BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2007

This account summarises Limerick City Council's financial position at the year end, indicated by the value of its assets less its liabilities and the level of balances and reserves at its disposal.

Fixed Assets	2007 €	2006 €
Operational	277,924,351	253,002,010
Infrastructural	641,677,144	643,835,044
Community	5,791,620	5,776,468
Non-Operational	2,224,136	2,177,930
	927,617,251	904,791,452
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	69,390,941	78,224,719
Long Term Debtors	16,465,799	16,921,620
Current Assets		
Stocks	256,291	240,070
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	31,099,369	14,651,365
Bank Investments	4,711,726	6,715,821
Cash at Bank	0	501,491
Cash on Hand	0	0
Urban Account	0	0
	36,067,386	22,108,748
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	14,416,247	0
Creditors & Accruals	9,674,782	10,066,631
Urban Account	0	0
Finance Leases	0	0
	24,091,029	10,066,631
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	11,976,357	12,042,117
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	25,057,473	30,012,445
Finance Leases	0	0
Refundable deposits	444,562	362,356
Other	0	0
	25,502,034	30,374,802
Net Assets	999,948,314	981,605,107
Financed by		
Capitalisation Account	927,617,251	904,791,453
Income Work-in-progress (WIP)	63,416,424	76,048,657
Specific Revenue Reserve	0	0
General Revenue Reserve	120,870	323,872
Other Balances	8,793,769	441,126
Total Reserves	999,948,314	981,605,107

Personnel Retirements.

Carmel O'Connor, Clerical Officer,
Brid Hayes, Administrative Officer,
Alan Wallace, Senior Executive Officer,
Jack O'Hurley, Executive Technician,
Des Murphy, Executive Parks Superintendent,
James P. Cooke, Senior Executive Architect,
Patrick McNamara, Civil Defence Officer,
Patrick O'Byrne, Revenue Collector,
Frances McGettigan, Legal Assistant,
John Hegarty, Tunnel Inspector,
John Duggan, General Operative,
Desmond Judge, Foreman,
Patrick Gleeson, Superintendent,
Donough Hayes, Superintendent,
Gerard Reid, Plantman,
Patrick Madden, Plantman,
James Bourke, Driver,
Paul Ryan, General Operative,
Patrick Kennedy, General Operative,
Christopher Hayes, General Operative,
Parick Roche, Station Officer,
Patrick Creagh, Sub-Station Officer.

Please remember the following staff who died in service:

John Murnane, Executive Technician,
Anthony Hartigan, Supervisor,
Danny Daly, General Operative.



John Murnane (1972 -2007)

We were deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague and friend John Murnane who passed away on 27th September 2007. John commenced employment with Limerick City Council in 1991 as a Temporary Technician in the Architects Department. John worked there for a period of eleven years where he progressed to Executive Technician grade. In 2003, John was seconded onto Limerick Main Drainage where he worked for three months. As Executive Technician with Property Management from January 2004, John made a significant contribution to the development of Limerick City. His expertise and knowledge in his field will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends.

John made many friends throughout his time working here including his wife Geraldine. He will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.



Tony Hartigan (1952 – 2007)

We were saddened by the loss of our colleague Tony Hartigan who passed away on 21st September 2007. Tony joined Limerick City Council as a youngster in 1965 and worked in the Roads and Cleansing Departments. In Cleansing, in particular, Tony was instrumental in the restructuring and improvement of the city street cleaning systems and the city recycling network. Tony is sadly missed by all his friends and colleagues particularly those he worked with in the Park Road Depot.



Danny Daly (1944 – 2007)

Danny Daly resided at 14, Ballyclough Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston. He attended Leamy's Primary School, Hartstonge Street, Limerick until the age of 16 when he left to become a docker following in the footsteps of his father. After the rationalisation of Limerick Docks in 1987 Danny was self employed as a taxi driver for several years. He joined Limerick City Council in 1994 as a General Operative on the Job Initiative Scheme where he worked until his untimely death. Danny is sadly missed by his brothers and sisters and those with whom he worked in the Cleansing Department.



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