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Investing in **Limerick's Future**

Message from **the Mayor**

2008 was a year of continued progress, growth and consolidation for Limerick as Ireland's third largest city

The council is aware that the prosperity of the Mid West Region depends on Limerick being a strong city. Limerick must compete effectively for investment in education, infrastructure, job creation, tourism and leisure. Perhaps the most visible demonstration of Limerick's capacity to compete was the contribution of Limerick players to Munster Rugby's second victory in the European Heineken Cup in May. The Council once again took the lead in providing the Big Screen on O'Connell Street where 30,000 supporters turned up, had a wonderful day in balmy weather and witnessed Munster lift the cup for the second time in three years. I was very proud as a Limerick man to see the images of the event on O'Connell Street beamed across Europe and provide unrivalled television coverage for the city. The following day some 40,000 people turned out for the welcome home celebration and civic reception for the team.

Building on this theme on the contribution of sport to the life of this city, I had the immense pleasure of welcoming the touring All Blacks to Limerick for a reprise of their 1978 visit in November. The match between the All Blacks and Munster coincided with the official opening of the redeveloped Thomond Park. This is a truly magnificent facility for the city and region and its iconic appearance on the north city landscape is an exemple of what urban regeneration can really achieve. It was a great game and a close run thing for the mighty All Blacks. I am particularly pleased to note the use of the stadium for concerts, other sports and events and that this will bring a growth in visitors to Limerick. On a special note I had the great good fortune of turning on the fantastic Christmas Lights with the All Black legend Jonah Lomu.

The regeneration agency published its Master plan in 2008 and it was endorsed by the Council at it's September meeting. Good progress was made in various estates during 2008 but we have really only started and a continuing high level of investment is needed to deliver on meaningful regeneration. The Council appointed a special team of its own staff to help deliver on this process.

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 City Centre Strategy was approved by the Council at it's January meeting. The continued improvement in the public realm and the city streets has leveraged further private development particularly in Bedford Row and Thomas Street. In addition further good work was delivered with excellent improvements to Clancy and O'Callaghan Strands. 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 want in particular to refer to the beautiful floating Christmas tree, a first for Ireland, which provided welcome Christmas cheer.

Being elected Mayor was the greatest moment of my political life having being a member of the Council for 17 years and being the first independent Mayor since 1963. 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 John Gilligan,
Mayor Of Limerick.

Teachtaireacht ón **Méara**

Is eol don chomhairle go mbraitheann rath Cheantar an Lár-larthair ar Luimneach bheith ina tréanchathair. Ní mór go mbíonn Luimneach san iomaíocht i ndáil le cúrsaí infheistíochta san oideachas, sa bhonneagar, i gcruthú post, i dturasóireacht agus i bhfóillíocht. Is dócha gurbh é an léiriú ba léire de chumas Luimnigh bheith iomaíoch deonú imreoirí Luimnigh don dara bua ag Rugbaí na Mumhan i gCraobh Heineken na hEorpa i mí na Bealtaine. Bhí an Chomhairle i dtús cadhnaíochta in athuair agus an Mórscáileán ar Shráid Uí Chonaill curtha i bhfearas acu, mar a raibh 30,000 de lucht tacaíochta ina slua. Bhí ardlá acu san aimsir theolaí agus bhí siad ag faire fad a d'ardaigh Cúige Mumhan an corn aníos don dara huair i dtrí bliana. B'ábhar mór bróid dom é mar fhear Luimnigh, go raibh na híomhánna a bhí le feiceáil den imeacht ar Shráid Uí Chonaill craolta ar fud na hEorpa a thug léiriú teilifíse den chathair nach raibh a shárú ann. Tháinig thart ar 40,000 duine ina slua an lá dár gcionn le fáilte a chur roimh an bhfoireann abhaile agus don fháilte chathartha.

Ba mhór an sásamh a thug sé dom cur leis an téama seo cothú an spóirt i mbeatha na cathrach agus fáilte á cur agam roimh an bhfoireann rugbaí All Blacks a bhí ar thuras go Luimneach i mí na Samhna d'fhonn athghabháil ar ionsaí a dhéanamh ar an turas a rinne siad i 1978. Thit an cluiche idir na All Blacks agus Cúige Mumhan amach an tráth céanna inar osclaíodh Páirc Thuamhan arna hathfhorbairt. Is áis thar a bheith iontach í seo don chathair agus don cheantar agus tá a dreach íocónach i measc thírdhreach thuaisceart na cathrach ina eiseamláir i ndáil lenar féidir le hathghiniúint uirbeach a bhaint amach. B'iontach an cluiche é agus ba bheag go raibh a lá ag Cúige Mumhan in aghaidh na All Blacks tréana. Cuireann sé rí-áthas orm a chur in iúl go mbaintear leas as an staidiam do cheolchoirmeacha, d'imeachtaí spóirt agus d'imeachtaí eile agus go gcuirfidh sé seo fás ar líon na gcuairteoirí go Luimneach. Bhí an t-ádh orm, ach go háirithe, na Soilse Nollag iontacha a lasadh i dteannta an laoich de chuid na All Blacks, Jonah Lomu.

D'fhoilsigh an ghníomhaireacht athfhoráis a Máistirphlean in 2008 agus cheadaigh an Chomhairle é ag an gcruinniú dá gcuid i mí Mheán Fómhair. Rinneadh dul chun cinn maith in eastáit éagsúla i rith 2008 ach nílimid ach ag cur ár gcéad chéime dínn agus tá ardleibhéal leanúnach infheistíochta de dhíth le hathfhorás suntasach a dhéanamh. Cheap an Chomhairle sainfhoireann dá bhfoireann féin leis an bpróiseas seo a éascú.

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 san áireamh. Cheadaigh an Chomhairle Straitéis Lár na Cathrach ag an gcruinniú dá gcuid i mí Eanáir. 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. Sa mhullach air seo, rinneadh níos mó obair fhiúntach agus tháinig feabhas iontach ar Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha agus ar Thrá Uí Cheallacháin. Ní aithneofaí na ceantair uirbeacha seo ón gcuma a bhíodh orthu dhá nó trí bliana ó shin agus b'álainn ar fad iad um Nollaig mar thoradh ar an soilsiú féiltiúil nua. Ba mhian liom tagairt ar leith a dhéanamh don chrann álainn Nollag a bhí ar snámh, nach bhfacthas a leithéid riamh roimhe seo, a chruthaigh atmaisféar deas Nollag.

Ba é mo thoghadh mar Mhéara buaicphointe na tréimhse a chaith mé mar pholaiteoir agus mé i mo ball den Chomhairle ar feadh 17 mbliana agus mé ar an gcéad Mhéara neamhspleách ó 1963. Is mór an dúshlán é bheith i gceannas ar an gCathair seo, lena mbaineann stair fhairsing, i dtreo nuathodhchaí. Táim bródúil as cúnamh a thabhairt ar bhealach ar bith ar féidir liom chun an athbheochan agus an fhorbairt seo a phleanáil.

City Managers Foreword

'I wish to commend the unwavering commitment of all staff in improving services while containing costs'

This is the last annual report of the present Council, as we will have the Local Elections in June 2009. During the five years of this Council, there has been transformational change in our city, with Limerick now being one of the most dynamic cities in Ireland. The city has strengthened its culture and arts offering. The sporting prowess of Limerick is known and respected not just throughout Ireland, but increasingly at international level. Limerick is delivering on its gateway status under the National Spatial Strategy and the City Council is providing strong leadership in driving change.

The city centre is benefiting from significant public and private sector investment which makes it a very attractive place in which to invest, live, visit or shop. The compact nature of Limerick means that the attractive countryside is never far away.

The Council's primary aim is to continually improve the quality of life for visitors and residents and to accelerate investment and development in the city, without undue cost increases. In determining the Budget for 2008, the Council once again agreed to reduce the business rate. This was the third year in succession and is without parallel in the history of local government in Ireland. This historical achievement was only possible 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 unwavering commitment of all staff in improving services while containing costs.

There are significant competitive challenges facing us, most particularly from the under bounding of the city. While some progress was made on the boundary issue with a limited extension in March 2008, the Council has rightly identified that without further change, the very future of the city will be undermined.

I am glad to say that we recorded good progress on public realm improvements and pedestrianisation of the city centre, which has given a much needed fillip to retailers and shoppers alike. The 'Riverside City' status was enhanced by various improvements to both Clancy and O'Callaghan Strands. The Limerick Regeneration process has begun to deliver meaningful change directly to residents of housing estates, as well as benefiting the wider city community.

There is a new era of economic uncertainty that will challenge all sectors of our society and city. The investments of the past few years have positioned Limerick to weather these changes well.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those individuals and outside agencies who engaged with the Council at all levels over the past four years. Your participation has undoubtedly strengthened local government in the city and helped us deliver more effectively on our remit. I look forward to your continuing contribution as we enter an exciting phase in the progress of the city.

Tom Mackey
City Manager

Réamhrá an Bhainisteora Cathrach

Is í seo an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil deiridh den Chomhairle reatha, de bharr go mbeidh na Toghcháin Áitiúla ar siúl i mí an Mheithimh 2009. Is mór an claochlú atá le sonrú inár gcathair le linn cúig bliana d'fheidhmíocht na Comhairle seo agus tá Luimneach anois ar cheann de na cathracha is mó is dinimiciúla in Éirinn. Tá an chathair tar éis na healaíona agus an cultúr atá ar fáil inti a neartú. Tá idir cháil agus mheas ar ghaiscíocht spóirt Luimnigh ní hamháin ar fud na hÉireann, ach níos mó anois go hidirnáisiúnta. Tá Luimneach ag tabhairt faoina stádas cathrach táirsí faoin Straitéis Spásúil Náisiúnta nua agus tá tréanfheidhm cheannais á himirt ag an gComhairle Cathrach athrú a chothú.

Tá infheistíocht shuntasach san earnáil phoiblí agus phríobháideach ag dul chun sochair lár na cathrach agus is áit mhealltach í Luimneach do dhaoine ar mian leo infheistiú a dhéanamh, cónaí ann, cuairt a thabhairt uirthi nó siopadóireacht a dhéanamh inti dá bharr. De bharr a dhlúithe atá Luimneach mar áit, ní fada uait an tuath mhealltach pé áit a bhfuil tú.

Is í príomhaidhm na Comhairle an caighdeán saoil a fheabhsú an t-am ar fad do chuairteoirí agus do chónaitheoirí agus chun infheistíocht sa chathair agus forbairt na cathrach a chur chun cinn gan ardú míchuí sa chostas. Agus iad ag teacht ar shocruithe maidir le Buiséad 2008, chinn an Chomhairle ar an ráta gnó a laghdú in athuair. Ba í seo an tríú bliain as a chéile a rinneadh amhlaidh agus níl a shárú ann i stair na Rialtas Áitiúil in Éirinn. Ní fhéadfaí an t-éacht seo a bhaint amach murach an dul chun cinn leanúnach a rinneadh inár n-airgeadas sna blianta roimhe seo. Táim go mór faoi chomaoin ag an Méara agus ag baill na Comhairle as a gceannasaíocht agus táim fíorbhuíoch den fhoireann uile as a gcuid oibre maidir le feabhsú seirbhísí agus d'éirigh leo na costais a choimeád íseal.

Is iomaí mórdhúshlán atá romhainn, go háirithe de bharr róbhorradh na cathrach. Cé go ndearnadh beagán dul chun cinn i ndáil leis an gceist lena mbaineann an teorainn agus síneadh teoranta i mí an Mhárta 2008, shainaithin an Chomhairle go mbainfear an bonn ó thodhchaí na Cathrach gan athrú ar bith níos mó bheith ar an gCathair.

Is deas liom a rá gur éirigh go maith linn i ndáil le feabhsúcháin ar réimse an phobail agus ar áirithiú do choisithe i lár na cathrach, agus ba bheart é seo a chuaigh chun sochair an lucht miondíola agus na siopadóirí araon. Cuireadh stádas "Cathair Cois Abhann" chun feabhais trí fheabhsúcháin éagsúla ar Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha agus ar Thrá Uí Cheallacháin araon. Tá athrú suntasach ar bun de bharr phróiseas athfhoráis Luimnigh agus téann sé seo díreach chun sochair chónaitheoirí na n-eastát tithíochta agus an phobail mhóir sa chathair.

Tá ré nua inár dteannta ina bhfuil geilleagar corraitheach a bheidh ina dhúshlán roimh uile earnáil ár sochaí agus ár gcathrach. Beidh Luimneach go maith in ann ag na hathruithe seo de bharr infheistíochtaí a rinneadh le cúpla bliain anuas.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhian liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis na daoine agus leis na gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha uile sin a chabhraigh leis an gComhairle ar an uile bhealach le ceithre bliana anuas. Níl puinn amhrais ann ach gur chuir bhur rannpháirtíocht an Rialtais Áitiúil sa Chathair ó neart go neart agus gur chabhraigh sibh linn ár sainchúram a chomhlíonadh níos éifeachtachaí. Ba mhór agam tuilleadh rannpháirtíochta uaibh san am spleodrach seo i ndul chun cinn na Cathrach.

Civic & Mayoral Receptions

Visit of President of Latvia

During a working visit to Ireland in November The President of Latvia, His Excellency Mr Valdis Zatlers and First Lady, Mrs Lilita Zatlere, visited Mayor John Gilligan at City Hall. During the visit he unveiled the exhibition 'Singing Revolution', met with Presentation Secondary School, Sexton Street to greet their Latvian students and also toured the Cook Ireland facility, National Technology Park.

Mayoral Reception in Honour of Justice Murray

Mayor of Limerick Ger Fahy and the members of Limerick City Council honoured Mr Justice Murray at City Hall on January 21st. The reception was attended by family, friends and city council staff.

Special Olympics

Limerick City Council hosted an event to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Special Olympics in Ireland - in recognition and celebration of the phenomenal growth that has occurred in Special Olympics since 1978. Present on the night were the athletes' families, volunteers, coaches and representatives of Special Olympics Ireland.

Antarctic Voyage of Discovery

15-year old Shane Wharton of St Nessan's Community College was honoured at a mayoral reception before his departure to Antartica. Pat Falvey, the world famous PolarExplorer, selected students from seven schools across Ireland to carry out cutting edge scientific research with a team of professional scientists.

Dean Ryan Cup

The Mayor, Cllr. John Gilligan hosted a special Mayoral Reception for the Ard Scoil Rís team who won the under 16's Munster Title in hurling.

Jonah Lomu
Lights up Limerick

Hundreds of people packed the riverside quarter to see All Blacks legend Jonah Lomu light up the country's tallest Christmas tree, floating on the River Shannon. The 21m (69ft) high tree was made from recycled steel from Thomond Park and was the centrepiece of this year's Christmas lighting display. The switching on of the lights was part of the city's build-up to the official opening of Thomond Park.

Tour of Ireland Cycle Race

Stage four of Ireland's premiere racing event began in Limerick. The event attracted some of the best professional teams from Europe, USA, Australia and South Africa including Team Columbia and Garmin-Chipotle.

Limerick City Community Safety Partnership

The partnership comprises three statutory agencies (Limerick City Council, An Garda Siochana & HSE Western Area), who work in partnership to achieve a common goal. Members of the partnership have pledged their support, and that of their agencies, to reduce crime and disorder, and improve community safety to make Limerick City a safer place to live, work and visit. Also to increase public reassurance, reduce the fear of crime and the social and economic costs of crime. *Back row L to R standing*: Catherine Andrews and Yvonne McMahon. *Front row L to R*: Deirdre Quinn, Jean Ryan, Sinead Nicholas, Jenny Stone and Margaret O'Connor.

Another Bit of History

After more than 700 years of service to the local community, the Franciscan Order celebrated its final mass in Limerick. Mayor Ger Fahy and his wife Laura led the procession of civic dignitaries at the farewell mass.

Services to Rugby/Sport

Thomond rugby club coaches, Adrian McInerney and Jason Lyons presented with recognition awards for services to rugby by Mayor John Gilligan.

Our Munster Heroes of '78

Limerick City Council Honours Munster Rugby Team 1978

Donal Ganniffe led his team as they were introduced to the Mayor - each was presented with a crystal ball in recognition of their momentous achievement three decades ago.

Above: Brid Duggan & Olivia Campbell

The 1978 game remains the only time an All Blacks team lost to an Irish side, and it now forms part of Munster rugby mythology

Attending this special occasion were the team of '78 including Tony Ward, Moss Keane, Gerry McLoughlin, Pat Whelan & Larry Maloney, to name a few.

Also present were Andy Leslie, President of the New Zealand RFU and former All Black, and a strong media presence from Ireland and New Zealand.

Above: Mayor Gilligan & Andy Leslie
Right: George Hook in Istabraq Hall, City Hall

Top left: Tony Ward accepts presentation from Mayor John Gilligan

Top right: JP McManus with Mayor Gilligan
Left: Nicholas Comyn, Mayor John Gilligan, Andy Leslie

Lower left: Gerry McLoughlin

Opening of Thomond Park

'A Stunning Facility' - Andy Leslie, President New Zealand RFU
Official opening of the re-developed Thomond Park Stadium, Nov 18th 2008 attended by 26,000.

'This is a truly fantastic stadium that the IRFU can be proud of'
Limerickman JP McManus

'It had been hard to get people on board for a five week tour, seeing as over 100,000 of them travelled to the World Cup. But once they heard the Munster game was happening at Thomond Park they were swayed. It lived up to expectations, what a game!'
John Graham, All Blacks

Mumbly
On Tour

TOYOTA

MUNSTER
NEW ZEALAND

Festivals 2008

Showcasing & Celebrating All That's Great About Limerick
The city's festival calender in 2008 was an exciting and varied one - events included performance art festivals, Kate O'Brien Literary Weekend, Fresh Film Festival, e v +a, Springfest, International Band Competition, Riverfest, Bealtaine, MBNA Music Festival, Culture Night and Cuisle Poetry Festival.

Cuisle

Springfest

Culture Night

Limerick City at Sea: A K Ilen Wooden Boat Building School, Roxboro, facilitated the Mayor of Limerick City's maritime claims.

Mayor John Gilligan reaffirmed Limerick's vital maritime interests and her suzerainty over the whole of the Shannon Estuary, from Limerick City to the sea.

Springfest

Riverfest

Springfest

Munster Rugby
Heineken Cup Victors

Munster became kings of Europe for a second time as a ferociously committed display saw them edge past Toulouse in the Heineken Cup final in Cardiff.
More than 40,000 fans gathered on the rain soaked streets of Limerick City to welcome home their champions.

The victorious team travelled through the city in an open top bus before being greeted by the Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Ger Fahy, at a civic reception.

'This is not just about me or the players. It's about who we are and where we come from, the people you meet on the streets - the whole community.'
Peter Stringer, Munster Player

Boundary extension granted after 58 years

On the 1st of March 2008, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley TD signed the first long awaited boundary extension for Limerick City. During the Mayoralty of Councillor Michael Hourigan in 2004/5, a fresh boundary application was made. The last boundary alteration had occurred in 1950 under the then Minister for Local Government, Michael Keyes TD, a member of the Labour Party from Limerick.

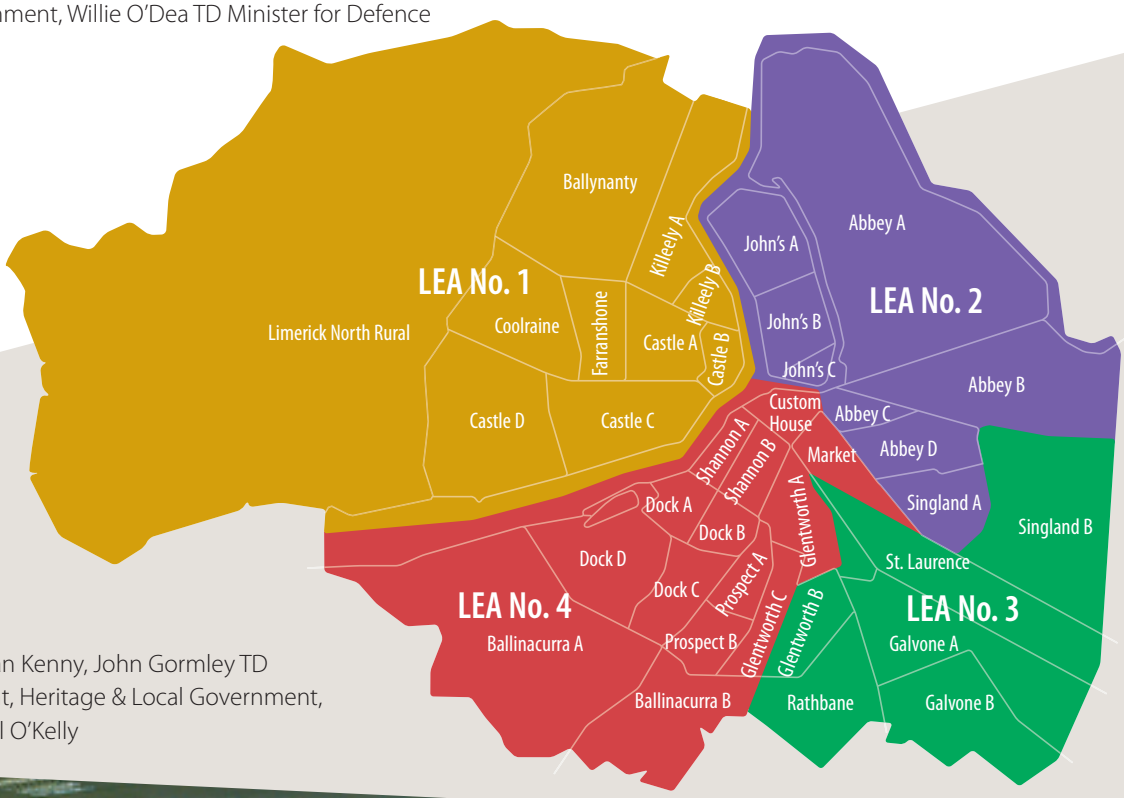
A petition to extend the boundary had first been made in 1974 but had not been determined in the intervening 34 years. The Fitzgerald Report (April 2007) recommended a limited extension from an area of County Limerick to the north of the city up to the County Clare boundary, including Caherdavin, Coonagh, Clonmacken and Moyross. The total persons added were 7,500 to bring the overall population of the city to 60,000 and the area of the city grew by almost 50%.

These new citizens of the city have the right to vote in the local elections in 2009 for the City Council.

Back L to R: Cllr Joe Leddin, Eoin Corrigan, Ned Gleeson, Kieran Lehane, Donal Connolly. *Front L to R:* Willie O'Dea TD Minister for Defence, Kevin Sheehan, John Gormley TD Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mayor Ger Fahy

L to R: Joe Crowley, John Gormley TD Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Willie O'Dea TD Minister for Defence

L to R: Ger Reidy, Caroline Curley, John Field



L to R: Paul Foley, Brendan Kenny, John Gormley TD Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Mayor Ger Fahy, Michael O'Kelly

L to R: Mayor Ger Fahy, Kevin Sheehan, John Gormley TD Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government

Members of Limerick City
Baill de Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

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

Focusing on improving the quality of life for all our city's people & communities

Corporate Services

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2008

- Successful operation of meetings of City Council, 14 meetings and 23 tender openings
- Organisation of civic and mayoral receptions, 38 mayoral receptions and 4 civic receptions
- Publication of Draft Register of Electors, Register of Electors and Edited Version of Register of Electors
- Implementation of Irish Language Scheme, 25 number of forms have been translated into Irish and are available. Eight staff received basic irish language training. Nine staff received pre-intermediate irish language training. Seven staff received intermediate irish language training
- Worked in partnership with Junior Achievement, 12 volunteers from Limerick City Council led Junior Achievement initiatives in schools across Limerick City
- Assessing, processing and payment of higher education grants. 448 applications including renewals
- Maintained City Council website and intranet

The City Council actively participation in the promotion of the city, including:

- Munster Rugby Homecoming Event
- St. Patrick's Weekend Festival
- Riverfest
- Commemoration of Official Opening of Thomond Park, the 30th Anniversary of the 1978 Munster v New Zealand game and welcoming the 2008 Munster and New Zealand Teams
- Rugby Exhibition in City Hall
- Limerick On Ice
- Christmas Tree on the River
- Latvian Exhibition

HUMAN RESOURCES

Industrial and Employee Relations

The Human Resource Department continued its work of fostering good industrial relations and working closely with the group of unions under the auspices of the Partnership Steering Committee in 2008.

Training and Development

The Council's T&D unit delivered a range of specialist and developmental courses, resulting in staff attending 130 courses and conferences. Support was also provided for staff undertaking further education study programmes, resulting in many receiving qualifications in 2008.

Recruitment

The staff complement for Limerick City Council at 31st December 2008 was 612 and categorised as follows:

Managerial/Administrative	201
Professional/Technical	54
Craft, general and related grades	317
Other staff	40

612 equates to 553.9 on a full time basis.

Work Experience/Work Placements

Continued emphasis was placed on strengthening our relationship and supporting the various placement schemes for second and third level schools throughout the city and county and also with many other organisations, including FAS and the VEC.

(Back row l to r) Eleanor Buckley, Nora Hourigan, Liz Moloney
(Front row l to r) Liz Creamer, Siobhan Carroll

(Back row l to r) Aileen McMahon, Sinéad Burke, Gerry Ryan
(Front row l to r) Shane O'Doherty, Niamh Sheehan

Community Employment Schemes/Jobs Initiative Scheme

In conjunction with FAS the council continued to support the employment of 10 staff members under the Job Initiative Scheme and the assignment of 12 from the Community Umbrella Project to Council facilities.

Family Friendly Policies

The number of staff who have availed of leave under the various schemes in 2008.

Parental Leave	19
Term Time	15
Worksharing	38
Flexitime	151
Career Breaks/Secondments	19

Staff Counselling/Support Service

The counselling and support service is available to all staff and provides an opportunity to access professional counselling on a confidential basis.

ICT SERVICES

Telecommunications & Network Services

Focussing on consolidation and efficiencies, the ICT department continued to support, recommend and provide the computer infrastructure, applications and systems required for all sections of Limerick City Council.

- A LAN/WAN connection was enabled providing secure network communications between various government agencies
- Virtualisation technologies replaced older server systems
- A new service desk system was deployed, providing comprehensive support to the end user
- Upgrades to the servers and databases system increased capacity, speed, reliability and productivity
- Set up a state of the art PC suite, language laboratory and public internet access PC's in the new library at Watch House Cross

Data, Web Services & Business Applications

During the year the Council increased the services and information available to the public on www.limerick.ie

- In Phase 1 of the Limerick City Archives Digitisation Project over 35% of the City Archives have been scanned and published online
- Scanning and online publishing of planning applications documents received
- ePlan was deployed: a new improved interface that allows the public to search and view the status of planning applications
- Events and announcements are now available online in RSS format. This allows users to subscribe over the web to timely updates about art events, road works or public notices released by the council

Positive outcome of website improvements:
The number of visits to limerickcity.ie has increased by over 50% from 186,000 in 2007 to 280,000 in 2008.

A commendation for Excellence in Local Government Awards 2008 was received from Chambers Ireland for the SARR management system.

(l to r) Susan O'Connell, Kathleen Sheehy, Norah O'Connor

(Back row l to r) Melissa Dillon, Ann Cusack, Majella O'Brien
(Front row l to r) Kathy O'Grady, Georgina Fox

Geographic Information Systems

A further development of the generic digitising tool was commissioned and deployed in 2008. This tool has greatly improved the use of spatial information and the awareness of the GIS technologies by staff members since its original introduction.

To increase the availability of online mapping on the corporate website the development of a new tool, MapPin, commenced in late 2008. Using MapPin Internet users can select maps (including tourist attractions, car parks, cultural, sports and community facilities, special protection areas), search and view related data and even export maps in PDF format.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The most significant achievements in health and safety in 2008 included the following:

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments and Safety Statements reviewed and updated for housing maintenance, cemeteries, machinery garage and the three city libraries
- Safety templates developed included the following;
  - MMH risk assessments
  - Inspection of Approved School Warden Crossings
  - Safety File for Construction Works
  - Management Safety Advisory Committee
- New Safe Work Practice Standards developed and updated for Cemeteries and Water Services. Others reviewed and updated
- Audio-visual alarm systems installed in City Hall
- Safety Representative's Committee Programme organised and managed
- Council's AED programme managed
- Safety policies developed in a number of areas including child protection
- Comprehensive investigation and analysis of all occupational accidents/incidents
- Statutory safety training and safety workshops for employees particularly in signing, lighting and guarding at roadworks
- A variety of safety materials, services and information provided to staff
- H&S queries from members of the public solved
- Articles provided for Grapevine and LGMSB publication Safety Matters
- Participation in a number of safety seminars, workshops and the Local Authority Safety Advisors activities

PARTNERSHIP

Management, trade unions and employees engaged positively and effectively in dealing with and implementing specific, and occasionally complicated, modernisation and change measures set out in the current social partnership agreement Towards 2016, for example

- Implications of Boundary Extension
- Acting-up Policy
- Attendance Management Policy
- Communications Policy
- Outsourcing Gully Cleaning Operations
- On-Call System (Water Services)
- Alteration to street cleaning routes
- Identification of new location for Roads Depot
- Promotion of Library Service

David Murphy and his wife Jennifer receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree (Horticulture)

Partnership played an important role in the verification of the flexibility and co-operation with ongoing change and the performance targets, associated with the pay increases specified in Towards 2016. In April, partnership representatives participated with other City Council personnel in a site visit by the Performance Verification Group (PVG) regarding the confirmation of progress and tangible achievements, e.g. Watch House Cross Library Services, IT Initiatives, service provision in new extended area.

The following projects and training was delivered through the partnership forum:

- Staff Information Sessions
- Return to Learning – FETAC Level 3
- Numerical Skills Classes
- Adult Educational Grant Scheme
- Grapevine Magazine Publication
- Dietary & Nutritional Advice for Fire Control Staff (shift workers)
- Irish Classes
- Computer Skills Training
- Team Leader / Middle Management Training
- Greening Project (Waste Management / Energy Conservation)
- Stress Management Training

CITY ARCHIVES

Digital Archive

In 2008 Limerick City Archives became the first local authority in Ireland to digitise its most valuable archives and make them freely available online. These records are preserved in the city archives and digitisation allows these unique and rare documents, including original handwritten 18thC records of the City Council, to be easily accessed.

One of the digitised records with widespread appeal is the House of Industry Register from September 1774 to May 1783, located on the site of the Strand Barracks on Clancy's Strand. This is one of the oldest documents preserved in the City Archives and is a fascinating record of the poor of Limerick and provides a rare picture of employment in the city in the late 18thC.

Approximately 23% of the total listed collections have been digitised, including:

- City Council records for the Freedom of the City
- City Council Minutes on Meetings from 1843 to 1972
- Chamber of Commerce collection
- Maurice Lenihan Collection
- Bedford Row Lying in Hospital Collection
- A collection of family papers from the Lloyds of Limerick City and County

The City Archives also launched an online catalogue of its collections, funded under the Shannon Broadband Digital Skies project, aimed at enhancing the quality of digital content using open software and international archive descriptive standards.

Return to Learning Programme 2007/2008
(Back row l to r) Clement Reynolds, Michael Wilson, Bernard Meehan, Christy McNamara, Joe Barry, Joe Sheehy, Paddy Meenaghan, Flan Haskett, Joe Delaney. *(Front row l to r)* Thomas Goodwin, Liam Goodwin, Jean Deevey (Tutor), Timmy Sheehan, Patrick Moloney

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

ÉACHTAÍ A RINNEADH SA BHLIAIN

- Reachtáladh cruinnithe na Comhairle Cathrach, 14 Chruinniú agus 23 Oscailt Tairisceana.
- Eagraíodh Fáiltithe Cathartha agus Méarachta, 38 Fáiltiú Méarachta agus 4 Fháiltiú Chathartha
- Foilsíodh Dréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, Clár na dToghthóirí agus Eagrán Atheagraithe de Chlár na dToghthóirí.
- Cur i bhfeidhm Scéim na Gaeilge, aistríodh 25 foirm go Gaeilge agus tá siad ar fáil don té atá sa tóir orthu. Cuireadh Bunoiliúint Ghaeilge ar ochtar ball foirne Cuireadh Oiliúint Réamh-Idirmheánach Ghaeilge ar naonúr ball foirne. Cuireadh oiliúint Idirmheánach Ghaeilge ar sheachtar ball foirne.
- D'oibrigh siad i gcomhpháirtíocht le 'Junior Achievement', Bhí 12 oibrí dheonacha ó Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i mbun tionscnamh Junior Achievement i scoileanna ar fud Chathair Luimnigh.
- Measúnaíodh, próiseáladh agus íocadh Deontais Ardoideachais. 448 iarratas lena n-áirítear athnuachan.
- Láithreán gréasáin agus inlíon cothabháilte na Comhairle Cathrach.

Glacann an Chomhairle Cathrach páirt ghníomhach i gcothú na cathrach, lena n-áirítear:

- Imeacht um Fhilleadh Abhaile Fhoireann Rugbaí na Mumhan
- Féile Deireadh Seachtaine Naomh Pádraig
- Riverfest
- Comóradh ar Oscailt Oifigiúil Pháirc Thuamhan agus Comóradh 30 bliain ar an gCluiche idir Cúige Mumhan agus an Nua-Shéalainn chomh maith le fáilte a chur roimh fhoirne Chúige Mumhan agus na Nua-Shéalainne 2008.
- Taispeántas Rugbaí i Halla na Cathrach
- Luimneach ar Oighear (Limerick on Ice)
- Crann Nollag san Abhainn
- Taispeántas Laitviach

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Caidreamh Tionsclaíochta agus Fostaithe

Lean an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna lena gcuid oibre agus dea-chaidreamh tionsclaíochta á chothú acu mar aon le dlúthoibriú leis an ngrúpa Ceardchumann faoi choimirce an Choiste Stiúrtha Comhpháirtíochta.

Oiliúint agus Forbairt

Chuir Aonad Oiliúna agus Forbartha na Comhairle (T&D)réimse sainchúrsaí agus cúrsaí forbartha ar siúlagus d'fhreastail 130 ball foirne ar chúrsaí agus ar chomhdhálacha mar thoradh air seo. Cuireadh tacaíocht ar fáil do bhaill foirne a bhí ag glacadh páirte i gcláir staidéir bhreisoideachais agus bronnadh cáilíochtaí ar chuid mhór acu in 2008 dá thoradh seo.

Supervisory & Management Skills Training
(Back row l to r) Tom Mackey, City Manager, Margaret Daly, Peter O'Toole, Shane O'Doherty, John Denning, Deirdre O'Byrne, Jennifer Withero, Joe Delaney. *(Front row l to r)* Mairéad Corrigan, Joan O'Brien, Margaret Griffin

Earcaíocht

612 duine a bhí fostaithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008, arna chatagóiriú mar seo a leanas:

Foireann Bainistíochta/Riaracháin	201
Foireann Ghairmiúil/Theicniúil	54
Foireann ar ghráid cheardaíochta, ghinearálta agus ghaolmhara	317
Foireann eile	40

Is ionann 612 agus 553.9 duine ar bhonn lánaimseartha.

Taithí Oibre/Lonnúcháin Oibre

Béim níos mó curtha ar threisiú ár gcaidrimh agus ar thacú le scéimeanna éagsúla lonnúcháin um scoileanna dara leibhéal agus tríú leibhéal ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach agus le go leor eagraíochtaí eile freisin, lena n-áirítear FÁS agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais.

Scéimeanna Fostaíochta Pobail/Scéim Tionscnaimh Post

Choimeád Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh orthu ag tacú le fostaíocht 10 mball foirne i gcomhpháirtíocht le FÁS faoin Scéim Tionscnaimh Post chomh maith le sannú 12 bhall foirne ón mBrat-Tionscadal Pobail go dtí an Chomhairle.

Beartais Fhabhracha do Theaghlaigh

An líon foirne a thóg saoire faoi na scéimeanna éagsúla in 2008.

Saoire do thuismitheoirí	19
Achar Téarma	15
Postroinnt	38
Am Solúbtha	151
Sosanna Gairme/lasachtaí	19

Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta/Tacaíochta Foirne

Tá fáil ar an tseirbhís comhairleoireachta agus tacaíochta ag an uile bhall foirne agus cuireann sí deis ar fáil dóibh teacht ar chomhairleoireacht ghairmiúil ar bhonn rúnda.

SEIRBHÍSÍ TFC

Seirbhísí Teileachumarsáide agus Líonra

Agus béim á leagan ar chomhdhlúthú agus ar éifeachtacht, 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.

- Cuireadh nasc LAN/WAN i bhfeidhm a chruthaigh líonra slán cumarsáide idir gníomhaireachtaí éagsúla rialtais
- Tugadh isteach teicneolaíochtaí fíorúlaithe in ionad seanchórais freastalaí
- Baineadh úsáid as córas nua deisce freastail a thug tacaíocht chuimsitheach do na daoine a bhain úsáid as
- Tháinig méadú ar chumas, ar luas, ar iontaofacht agus ar tháirgiúlacht i ndiaidh nuashonrú a dhéanamh ar chóras na bhfreastalaithe agus na mbunachar sonraí
- Bunaíodh ríomhlann den chéad scoth, teanglann agus ríomhairí a bhfuil teacht ag an bpobal ar an idirlíon orthu sa Leabharlann nua i gCrois Theach na Foraire, Luimneach.

Sonraí, Seirbhísí Gréasáin agus Feidhmchláir Gnó

Chuir an Chomhairle, i rith na bliana, le líon na seirbhísí agus na faisnéise ar a raibh teacht ag an bpobal ag: www.limerick.ie

- Rinneadh breis is 35% de Chartlann na Cathrach a scanadh agus a fhoilsiú ar líne faoi Chéim 1 de Thionscadal Digitithe Chartlann Chathair Luimnigh
- Scanadh agus foilsiú cáipéisí feidhme pleanála ar líne a fuarthas
- baineadh leas as ríomhphlean: comhéadan nua feabhsaithe a ligean don phobal cuardach a dhéanamh d'iarratais pleanála agus a stádas a fheiceáil
- Tá fáil anois ar fhógraí agus ar imeachtaí ar líne i bhformáid RSS (Sindeacáitiú Fíor-shimplí). Ligean sé seo don úsáideoir suibscríobh a dhéanamh ar líne do nuacht faoi imeachtaí ealaíne, faoi oibreacha bóthair nó faoi fhógraí poiblí arna n-eisiúint ag an gcomhairle

Dea-thorthaí fheabhsúcháin an láithreáin ghréasáin:
Tháinig méadú de bhreis is 50% ar líon na gcuairteoirí chuig an láithreán gréasáin limerickcity.ie ó 186,000 in 2007 go 280,000 in 2008.

Fuarthas ardmholadh Feabhais ó Chambers Ireland i nGradaim Rialtais Áitiúil 2008 don chóras bainistíochta SARR.

Córais Faisnéise Tíreolaíochta

Rinneadh breis forbartha ar an uirlis Digitithe Chineálaigh a choimisiúnú agus a úsáid in 2008, agus tá an uirlis seo tar éis cur go mór le húsáid faisnéise spásúla agus le feasacht na mball foirne ar theicneolaíochtaí GIS ó tugadhisteach í.

Cuireadh tús le forbairt uirlise nua d'fhonn cur leis an bhfáil atá ar léarscáiliú ar líne ar an láithreán gréasáin choparáidigh, MapPin, go déanach in 2008. Agus leas á bhaint as MapPin, tig le húsáideoirí idirlín léarscáileanna a roghnú (lena n-áirítear ábhar is díol suime do thurasóirí, carrchlóis, áiseanna cultúrtha, spóirt agus pobail, ceantair chosanta speisialta), cuardach a dhéanamh ar ábhar lena mbaineann agus é a fheiceáil agus fiú léarscáileanna a easpórtáil i bhfoirm PDF.

SLÁINTE AGUS SÁBHÁILTEACHT

Ar na héachtaí ba shuntasaí a rinneadh i limistéar na sláinte agus na sábháilteachta in 2008 bhí:

- Measúnuithe Cuimsitheacha Riosca agus Athbhreithnithe ar Ráitis Sábháilteachta agus nuashonruithe le haghaidh cothabháil tithíochta, reiligí, garáiste Innealra agus trí leabharlann chathrach
- Ar na teimpléid sábháilteachta a forbraíodh bhí iad seo a leanas;
  - Measúnuithe Riosca MMH
  - Cigireacht ar Thrasbhealaí Ceadaithe Maor Scoile
  - Comhad Sábháilteachta d'Oibreacha Tógála
  - Coiste Comhairleach um Bainistíocht Sábháilteachta
- Rinneadh forbairt agus nuashonrú ar Threoirlínte nua um Chaighdeán Cleachtais Shábháilte Oibre i ndáil le Reiligí agus le Seirbhísí Uisce. Nithe eile a rinneadh a fhorbairt agus a nuashonrú
- Córais aláraim chlosamhairc arna suiteáil i Halla na Cathrach
- Clár Coistí an Ionadaí Sábháilteachta arna eagrú agus arna bhainistiú
- Bainistíocht á déanamh ar chlár AED na Comhairle
- Rinneadh beartais sábháilteachta a fhorbairt i roinnt limistéar lena n-áirítear cosaint leanaí
- Imscrúdú agus anailís chuimsitheach ar gach timpiste/tarlúint ghairme
- Oiliúint Reachtúil sábháilteachta agus ceardlanna sábháilteachta d'fhostaithe i réimse na comharthaíochta, an tsoilsithe agus na gardála ag Oibreacha Bóthair, ach go háirithe.
- Cur ar fáil éagsúlacht ábhar, seirbhísí agus faisnéis sábháilteachta do bhaill foirne
- Ceisteanna Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta ón bpobal freagartha
- Ailt arna gcur ar fáil do Grapevine agus an foilseachán 'Ceisteanna Sábháilteachta' de chuid an LGMSB
- Rannpháirtíocht i roinnt seimineáir shábháilteachta, i gceardlanna agus i ngíomhaíochtaí Chomhairleoirí Sábháilteachta an Údaráis Áitiúil

COMHPHÁIRTÍOCHT

Lean Comhpháirtíocht an Ionaid Oibre orthu ag cur go mór le cúrsaí i rith na bliana. D'oibrigh an lucht bainistíochta, ceardchumainn agus fostaithe as lámh a chéile go dearfach agus go héifeachtach ag dul i ngleic le cur i bhfeidhm bearta nuachóirithe agus athraithe, ar féidir leo bheith casta uaireanta, faoi mar a leagtar amach iad sa chomhaontú sóisialta comhpháirtíochta 'I dTreo 2016', mar shampla:

- Impleachtaí Shíneadh na Teorann
- Beartas um Ghníomhú ag Leibhéal níos Airde
- Beartas um Bainistíocht Freastail
- Beartas Cumarsáide
- Oibríochtaí um Ghlanadh Lintéar a Fhoinsiú allamuigh
- Córas ar ghlao-dhualgas (Seirbhísí Uisce)
- Bealaí glanta sráideanna a athrú
- Sainaithint láithreáin nua do Stáisiún na mBóithre
- Cur chun Cinn na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne

B'fheidhm thábhachtach a bhí ag comhpháirtíocht i bhfíorú na solúbthachta agus an chomhoibrithe i ndáil le hathrú agus le spriocanna leanúnacha feidhmíochta, lena mbaineann an t-ardú pá a shonraítear sa chomhaontú 'I dTreo 2016'. Bhí ionadaithe na comhpháirtíochta rannpháirteach le pearsanra eile de chuid na Comhairle Cathrach, i mí Aibreáin, i ndáil le cuairt a thug an Grúpa um Fhíorú Feidhmíochta (PVG) ar láithreán i dtaca le dearbhú an dul chun cinn agus na n-éachtaí inláimhsithe, e.g. Seirbhísí Leabharlainne Chrois Theach na Foraire, Tionscnaimh T.F., agus soláthar seirbhíse sa cheantar nua sínithe.

Tugadh faoi na tionscadail agus cuireadh an oiliúint seo a leanas ar fáil tríd an bhfóram comhpháirtíochta;

- Seisiúin Faisnéise don Fhoireann
- Filleadh ar an bhFoghlaim – FETAC Leibhéal 3
- Ranganna Scileanna Uimhriúla
- Scéim Deontais Oideachais do Dhaoine Fásta
- Foilseachán Grapevine
- Comhairle Cothaithe agus Chothaitheach d'Fhoirne Rialaithe Dóiteáin (sealoibrithe)
- Ranganna Gaeilge
- Oiliúint Scileanna Ríomhaireachta
- Oiliúint do Cheannairí Foirne/Meánbhainisteoirí
- Tionscadal um Ghlasú (Bainistíocht Dramhaíola/Caomhnú Fuinnimh)
- Oiliúint um Bainistíocht Struis

CARTLANN NA CATHRACH

Cartlann Dhigiteach

Bhí Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar an gcéad rialtas áitiúil in Éirinn le digitiú a dhéanamh ar an gcartlann is luachmhara agus le hí a chur ar fáil do chách ar líne in 2008. Tá na cuntais seo á gcaomhnú i gcartlann na cathrach agus is bealach é digitiú chun teacht gan stró a bheith ar na cáipéisí annamha agus uathúla seo, lena n-áirítear cuntais bhunúla na Comhairle Cathrach a scríobhadh de láimh, san 18ú haois.

Ar cheann de na cuntais dhigitithe is mó a bhfuil tóir air tá Clár Theach na Tionsclaíochta (House of Industry Register) ó Mheán Fómhair 1774 go Bealtaine 1783, atá lonnaithe ar láthair Thrá na Beairice ar Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha. Tá sé seo ar cheann de na cáipéisí is sine atá caomhnaithe i gCartlann na Cathrach agus is iontach an cuntas é ar bhochtáin Luimnigh agus cruthaíonn sé íomhá aisteach d'fhostaíocht sa chathair faoi mar a bhí sí go déanach san 18ú haois.

Rinneadh thart ar 23% de na bailiúcháin uile liostaithe a dhigitiú, lena n-áirítear:

- Cuntais na Comhairle Cathrach um Shaoirse na Cathrach
- Miontuairiscí na Comhairle Cathrach ó Chruinnithe idir 1843 agus 1972
- Bailiúchán an Chumainn Tráchtála
- Bailiúchán Maurice Lenihan
- Bailiúchán Ospidéil Charthanachta Mháithreachais Rae Bedford
- Bailiúchán páipéar teaghlaigh ó mhuintir Lloyd de Chathair agus de Chontae Luimnigh

Ina theannta sin, seoladh catalóg ar líne ag Cartlann na Cathrach do na bailiúcháin atá á maoiniú faoin tionscadal Spéir Dhigiteach Leathanbhanda Shionainne (Shannon Broadband Digital Skies) ina bhféachtar le caighdeán ábhair dhigitigh a fheabhsú trí bhogearraí oscailte agus trí chaighdeáin idirnáisiúnta thuairisciúla chartlainne.

Social Policy & **Housing**

The main **Achievements** can be summarised under the following headings
Regeneration
Estate Management Grants
Housing Stock

Capital Investment
- Continued progress on construction/acquisition of housing units. Total expenditure on purchases and Construction over €22.3m.

Home Improvement Programmes
- Expenditure of €1m on grant assistance for Home Adaptation Grants, Housing Adaptation Grants & Housing Aid for the Elderly.

Central Heating Scheme
- Completion of 1,200 houses under the central heating scheme, overall expenditure for the scheme amounted to €8.9m.

Housing Maintenance
- Expenditure of €3.47m on continued maintenance of our housing stock to achieve high quality, well maintained units.

Affordable Housing Scheme
- 19 units were completed in 2008. 19 families were accommodated through the scheme.

Traveller Accommodation & Services
- Works completed on halting sites and in particular provision of improved units at Long Pavement and Clonlong halting sites. Overall expenditure of €7.5m.

Homelessness Services
- Expenditure of €2.4m on provision of emergency accommodation, staff of the homeless person centre and long term support of housing solutions.

REGENERATION PROJECT

The City Council's Regeneration Project Team was set up in July 2008 as part of the Limerick City Regeneration Programme. The Team is located in City Hall but spend a significant amount of their time out and about in the Regeneration Areas, meeting with clients and community groups and attending meetings in relation to estate management issues generally and more particularly the Regeneration Process.

The work carried out by the Project Team include:

- Liaising with and advising Councillors in relation to developments as they occur
- Housing transfer applications
- Allocation of vacancies in regeneration areas only
- Housing repairs
- Securing vacant properties and their possible demolition
- Tenancy enforcement including liaison with Gardaí in relation to estate management issues

Southill Area Centre opened September 2008

- Payment of Estate Management and Social and Community Grants
- Liaison with Regeneration Agency, Community Groups, Rapid and Social Inclusion Unit and Environment Dept. of Limerick City Council.

During the year 117 houses were boarded up, 113 houses were demolished and 110 tenants/home owners were relocated.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Travellers

'Feasibility Study & Business Implementation Plan for the Development of a Traveller Horse Project in Limerick City and Environs'

The SIU commissioned a feasibility study on behalf of the Limerick City Interagency Traveller Group to develop a Business and Implementation Plan for the putting in place of a horse project for Travellers in Limerick City and its environs. The report, conducted by Clarity, Research & Training, provides an overview of the key elements and outcomes of the feasibility, business and implementation planning process and puts forward a model which affords all of the stakeholders an opportunity to actively engage with the issue of horses, to develop a specific, appropriate and relevant way of working with the travelling community.

'Limerick City Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013'

The SIU coordinated the production of the 2009-2013 Traveller Accommodation Programme, which sets out the Council's commitment in relation to the provision of accommodation services to travellers for the next five years. The plan sets out specific actions for the seven sites within the city boundary, as well as providing details on the numbers of families living on the sites.

Disability

'Submission to Council on Deafness / Hard of Hearing'

The SIU presented a submission to Council on best practice within the public sector when delivering services to deaf customers.

Disability Fair in Southcourt Hotel

The SIU, in cooperation with local statutory and voluntary organisations, organised a Disability Fair to showcase the services and supports provided by the statutory, voluntary and private sector to people with disabilities, their families and carers in Limerick City and County.

Citizens First / Access Limerick Website
www.accesslimerick.ie

In conjunction with the ICT Department the SIU submitted a funding proposal under the EU INTERREG IIB North West European Initiative to create a website which

Shanabooly Road

would assist people with disabilities, their families and carers to view the accessible services on offer in Limerick city shops, pubs, restaurants, hotels and other recreational facilities. Funding of €10,000 was secured.

Integration

'Study of the experiences of local ethnic minority communities and service providers in Limerick City and County'

The Integration Steering Group commissioned a study into the experiences of local ethnic minority communities and service providers in the City and County when accessing and delivering services to ethnic minority communities. The report is currently in draft form.

'Living in Limerick, Intercultural Festival - International Solidarity Day with Migrants'

In recognition of Dec 18th being International Solidarity Day with Migrants, the Limerick City and County Integration Group hosted an Intercultural Festival in City Hall affording the City an opportunity to experience the various cultures from around the world.

Awareness Raising

'Social Inclusion Calendar 2009'

The SIU developed a Social Inclusion Calendar as part of its awareness raising remit to promote social inclusion to local authority staff and councillors.

Beartas Sóisialta **agus Tithíocht**

Is féidir achoimre a dhéanamh ar **na príomhéachtaí** faoi na teidil seo a leanas:

Athfhorás
Deontais um Bainistíocht Eastáit
Stoc Tithíochta

Infheistíocht Chaipitil

- Dul chun cinn leanúnach maidir le tógáil/fáil aonad tithíochta. Caiteachas iomlán ar cheannach agus ar Thógáil de bhreis ar €22.3 milliún

Cláir um Fheabhsú Tí

- Caiteachas €1 milliún ar chabhair deontais do Dheontais um Oiriúniú Tí, ar Dheontais um Oiriúniú Tithíochta agus ar Chabhair Tithíochta d'Aostaigh.

Scéim Téimh Lárnaigh

- Tógadh 1,200 teach faoin Tionscadal, Scéim Téimh Lárnaigh, ba é €8.9 milliún an méid a caitheadh ar an scéim ar an iomlán

Cothabháil Tithíochta

- Caiteachas €3.47 milliún ar chothabháil leanúnach ár stoc tithíochta le haonaid ardchaighdeáin dea-chothabháilte a bhaint amach.

Accessibility and affordability of housing to benefit first time buyers, families & those in social housing

Tithíocht Inacmhainne

- Tógadh 19 n-aonad in 2008. Cuireadh lóistín ar fáil do 19 dteaghlach tríd an scéim tithíochta inacmhainne

Cóiríocht agus Seirbhísí don Lucht Siúil

- Oibreacha a cuireadh i gcrích ar láithreáin stad agus ar sholáthar aonad feabhsaithe ag láithreáin stad Long Pavement agus Chluain an Longaigh ach go háirithe. Caiteachas ar an iomlán: €7.5 milliún

Seirbhísí um Easpa Dídine

- Caiteachas €2.4 milliún ar sholáthar cóiríocht éigeandála, foirne d'Ionad na ndaoine gan dídean agus tacaíochta fadtéarmaí do réiteach tithíochta.

TIONSCADAL ATHFHORÁIS

Cuireadh Foireann an Tionscadail Athfhoráis de chuid na Comhairle Cathrach le chéile i mí Iúil 2008 mar chuid de Chlár Athfhoráis Chathair Luimnigh. Tá an Fhoireann lonnaithe i Halla na Cathrach ach caitheann siad go leor ama amuigh sna Ceantair Athfhoráis ag casadh le cliaint agus le grúpaí pobail chomh maith le freastal ar chruinnithe i ndáil le ceisteanna um bainistíocht eastáit go ginearálta agus leis an bPróiseas Athfhoráis ach go háirithe.

Ar an obair ar thug Foireann an Tionscadail fúithi tá:

- Idirchaidreamh le Comhairleoirí agus comhairle a chur ar chomhairleoirí i dtaca le forbairtí faoi mar a tharlaíonn siad
- Iarratais ar aistriú tithíochta
- Leithdháileadh folúntas i gCeantair Athfhoráis amháin
- Deisiúcháin Tithíochta
- Aimsiú maoine gan áitiú agus a scartáil fhéideartha
- Cur i bhfeidhm tionóntachta lena n-áirítear teagmháil a dhéanamh le Gardaí i ndáil le ceisteanna um bainistíocht eastáit
- Íocaíocht Deontas Bainistíochta Eastáit agus Deontas Sóisialta agus Pobail
- Idirchaidreamh le Gníomhaireacht Athfhoráis, Grúpaí Pobail, RAPID, Aonad Cuimsithe Shóisialta agus le Rannóg Comhshaoil Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Rinneadh cláir a chur ar 117 teach, scartáladh 113 teach agus athlonnaíodh 110 tionónta/úinéir tí i rith 2008.

CUIMSIÚ SÓISIALTA

An Lucht Siúil

"Staidéar Fiúntais agus Plean Forfheidhmithe Gnó d'Fhorbairt Tionscadail Chapall don Lucht Siúil i gCathair Luimnigh agus sa cheantar máguaird."

Choimisiúnaigh an SIU staidéar fiúntais ar son Ghrúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil, Cathair Luiminigh le Plean Gnó agus Forfheidhmithe maidir le cur i bhfeidhm tionscadail chapall don Lucht Siúil i gCathair Luimnigh agus sa cheantar máguaird. Tugann an tuarascáil, arna tabhairt faoi ag Clarity Research, léargas ar phríomhghnéithe agus ar phríomhthorthaí an fhiúntais, chomh maith le léargas ar an bpróiseas

gnó agus forfheidhmithe pleanála agus cruthaíonn an tuarascáil samhail a thugann deis don uile scarshealbhóir dul i ngleic le ceist na gcapall go gníomhach d'fhonn sainbhealach cuí agus oiriúnach a fhorbairt le comhoibriú leis an lucht siúil.

"Clár Cóiríochta don Lucht Siúil de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2009-2013"

Rinne an SIU comhordú ar tháirgeadh Chlár Cóiríochta don Lucht Siúil 2009-2013, a leagann tiomantas na Comhairle amach i ndáil le soláthar seirbhísí cóiríochta don lucht siúil do na cúig bliana amach romhainn. Leagann an plean sainghníomhartha amach do na seacht láithreán laistigh de theorainn na cathrach chomh maith le sonraí a chur ar fáil ar líon na dteaghlach a chónaíonn sna láithreáin.

Míchumas

"Aighneacht chuig an gComhairle maidir le Bodhaire/ Deacrachtaí Éisteachta"

Rinne an SIU aigneacht chuig an gComhairle maidir le dea-chleachtas laistigh den earnáil phoiblí agus seirbhísí á gcur ar fáil do chustaiméirí bodhra.

Aonach Míchumais in Óstán Southcourt

D'eagraigh an SIU, i gcomhoibríocht le heagraíochtaí áitiúla reachtúla agus deonacha, Aonach Míchumais leis na seirbhísí agus an tacaíocht a léiriú a chuireann an earnáil reachtúil, dheonach agus phríobháideach ar fáil do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, dá dteaghlach agus dá gcúramóirí i gCathair agus i gContae Luimnigh.

Láithreán Gréasáin Citizens First/Access Limerick
www.accesslimerick.ie

Chuir an SIU, i gcomhoibríocht leis an Rannóg TFC, togra cistithe faoi Thionscamh EU INTERREG IIB Iarthuaisceart na hEorpa le láithreán gréasáin a chruthú a thabharfadh cabhair do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, dá dteaghlach agus dá gcúramóirí na seirbísí a bhfuil fáil orthu i siopaí, i dtithe tábhairne, i mbialanna, in óstáin agus in áiseanna eile caitheamh aimsire i gCathair Luimnigh. Daingníodh maoiniú €10,000.

Imeascadh

"Staidéar ar thaithí na bpobal áitiúil mionlach eitneach agus ar sholáthróirí seirbhíse i gCathair agus i gContae Luimnigh"

Choimisiúnaigh an Grúpa Stiúrtha Imeasctha staidéar ar thaithí na bpobal áitiúil mionlach eitneach agus ar sholáthróirí seirbhíse i gCathair agus i gContae Luimnigh agus daoine ag teacht ar sheirbhísí agus ag soláthar seirbhísí. Tá an tuarascáil i bhfoirm dhréachta faoi láthair.

"Cónaí i Luimneaceh, Féile Idirchultúrtha - Lá Idirnáisiúnta Dlúthpháirtíochta le hImircigh"

Mar aitheantas ar Lá Idirnáisiúnta Dlúthpháirtíochta le hImircigh, an 18 Nollaig, bhí Grúpa Cuimsithe Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh ina n-óstaigh ar an bhFéile Idirchultúrtha i Halla na Cathrach a thug an deis don chathair blas de na cultúir éagsúla ó uile chearn den domhain a fháil.

Múscailt Feasachta

"Féilire Cuimsithe Shóisialta 2009"

D'fhorbair an SIU Féilire Cuimsithe Shóisialta mar chuid dá sainchúram múscailte feasachta le cuimsiú sóisialta a chothú i measc foirne agus comhairleoirí údaráis áitiúil.

Limerick School of Art and Design, Clare Street

Transportation & Infrastructure

WATER SERVICES

Waste Water - Limerick Main Drainage

All 19 major engineering contracts under the Limerick Main Drainage scheme are complete. The project has enabled the sustainable growth and development of Limerick City and its environs, whilst protecting the river environment and enhancing the amenity value of the Abbey and Shannon Rivers, for the benefit of Limerick residents and visitors.

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.

Limerick City Council has applied to the DEHLG for approval to appoint Consultants for Phase 2 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

New Mains

New water mains were laid at the following locations:

- Rosbrien to Dock Road trunk main – 0.2km of 600mm diameter pipe.

New Connections

Over 100 new properties were provided with water service connections during 2008.

Water Main Bursts

There were over 10 major water main bursts in the city during 2008. All water main bursts were repaired immediately, with effects generally confined to periods not exceeding 12 hours

Leak Detection

Over 200 leaks on the distribution system were located and fixed by our water conservation crews. These leaks varied in size from 0.1 l/sec to 20 l/sec. Unaccounted for water in the city distribution system was reduced by an average of 1000 m3/ day.

Advance works contract for Find & Fix are now complete and the contract is awaited.

Meters

The contract to install water meters in all commercial premises in Limerick City was completed in 2007 and the 12 month maintenance period expired in 2008.

Mayor Gilligan and Rory McDermott Traffic Management Department at the launch of the new pay-by-phone on street parking disk

O'Callaghan Strand riverside improvement development

ROADS

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 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 pedestrianisation of Thomas Street between O'Connell Street and Wickam Street and the upgrading of Catherine Street/Little Catherine Street were completed 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.

LIMERICK RIVERSIDE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

The River Shannon is one of the most important natural assets of Limerick City, as recognised by the substantial developments taking place along its banks and the desirability of the riverside as an investment location. To reinforce these initiatives the Riverside Improvement Strategy aims to create a vision for a Riverside City and to provide a high quality waterside environment for public use and enjoyment as well a unique setting as part of the ongoing revitalisation of city centre.

Clancy Strand

- Upgrade of footpaths in high quality paving
- Upgrade of the plaza area around the Treaty Stone
- Undergrounding of all overhead cables and removal of network poles
- Provision of new high quality street lighting
- Provision of high quality street furniture
- Improved pedestrian crossing points
- Planting of new trees
- Construction of a new riverside park
- Construction of two new river access ramps
- Maintenance of 75% of car parking spaces
- Improved signage
- Improved bus stops and coach parking
- Information and interpretation boards

Limerick City Council are grateful for the assistance of Failte Ireland and Shannon Development in this important scheme.

The Cresent, O'Connell Street

O'Callaghan Strand

- Construction of a new riverside promenade
- Upgrade of footpaths
- Undergrounding of all overhead cables and removal of network poles
- Provision of new high quality street lighting
- Provision of high quality street furniture
- Improved pedestrian crossing points
- Provision of new trees and treatment to existing trees
- Maintenance of up to 60% of car parking spaces
- Improved signage
- Information and interpretation boards

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS

Green Route Corridor Selection Study

Green Routes are regulated traffic management measures designed to provide priority for the efficient movement of commuters, shoppers and tourists by bus. Green Routes will greatly improve the frequency and reliability of bus services, provide for improved bus service expansion, introduce new and improved pedestrian crossings facilities and provide better facilities for cyclists.

Limerick City Council wishes to introduce Green Routes throughout the city over the coming years. It published the Draft Corridor Selection Report in February and sought observations and comments from the general public and interested parties. The report identified three major bus priority corridors that should be created to improve the efficency of the public transport network.

These are;

The Southern Corridor
Ballinacurra Road R526 (Inbound only)
O'Connell Avenue N20 (Inbound and Outbound)

The Western Corridor
Northern Ring Road - R445/ Cratloe Road (Inbound)
Northern Ring Road - Sexton Street (North) R445 (Inbound)
Ennis Road (Inbound) R857 (Inbound)

The Eastern Corridor
Childers Road R509 (Inbound and Outbound)
Kilmallock Road (Inbound)
Mulgrave Street R527 (Inbound)

Transport infrastructure, the affordability and quality of housing and the look and feel of public open spaces are crucial to improving the experience of living in our great city

Condell Road Bus Lane & Cycle Paths

During the year new city bound bus lane and cycle lanes were constructed on Condell Road from its Junction with Shelbourne Road to the old county boundary. This bus lane of almost 2km in length has improved journey times for provincial bus services and Shannon Airport bus services.

Road Maintenance & UTC Upgrades

Major schemes completed include;

- Condell Road Resurfacing and installation of bus & cycle facilities
- Shannon Bridge resurfacing
- Sarsfield Street & Bridge resurfacing
- O'Callaghans Strand upgrade
- North Circular Road resurfacing
- O'Dwyer Bridge and Sir Harrys Mall improvements
- Hyde Road resurfacing
- Upper Thomas/Catherine Street pedestrianisation & road surfacing
- Anne Street
- Watch House Cross traffic lights
- Pedestrian Crossing on Clare Street
- CCTV installed on six city centre junctions

Road maintenance grants received:

NRA	€1,430,000
Block Grant	€ 546,000
Special Block Grant	€ 689,000
Special Improvement Grant	€1,300,000
Regional Traffic Management Grant	€ 475,000

Road Resurfacing Works

- Condell Road
- New road Killeely
- Lower park road
- North Circular Road
- O'Callaghans Strand
- Rhebogue
- O'Donaghue Ave
- Greenfields
- Ballinacurra Gardens
- Woodview
- Sir Harry's Mall
- Little O'Curry's Street
- Belfield Lane
- Naughton's Lane
- Canal Bank
- Sarsfield Street
- Sarsfields Bridge extension
- Sarsfields Bridge Junction
- Lansdowne Bridge
- Bus Station
- Hyde Road
- Hyde Road Extension

Iompar agus Bonneagar

SEIRBHÍSÍ UISCE

Fuíolluisce - Príomhdhraenáil Luimnigh

Cuireadh an uile cheann de na 19 mórchonradh innealtóireachta faoi scéim Príomhdhraenála Luimnigh i gcrích. Éascóidh an tionscadal seo fás agus forbairt inbhuanaithe Chathair Luimnigh agus na ceantar máguaird amach anseo agus ag an am céanna cosnóidh sé timpeallacht na habhann agus cuirfidh sé le luach taitneamhachta Abhainn na Mainistreach agus Abhainn na Sionainne ar son leas phobal agus chuairteoirí Luimnigh.

Leanann an tIonad Cóireála Fuíolluisce, an tIonad Sloda agus na Stáisiúin nua Caidéalaithe orthu ag feidhmiú go sásúil. Níor tugadh faoi aon iniúchadh EPA ó Iniúchadh Fhómhair 2005 ina rabhthas sásta leis an uile ní.

Chuir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh iarratas isteach ar an DEHLG le haghaidh ceadú a fháil Comhairligh do Chéim 2 den Tionscadal a cheapadh, inar gá cuid mhaith obair athshlánaithe a dhéanamh ar an seanlíonra séaraigh, leathnú a dhéanamh ar an gcóras séarachais i gContae Luimnigh agus i gContae an Chláir le freastal a dhéanamh ar fhás sa daonra agus sa tionsclaíocht etc. amach anseo. Ina theannta sin, déanfar breithniú ar leathnú féideartha amach anseo ar an Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce.

Cóireáil Uisce

Príomhlíonra Nua

Osclaíodh príomhlíonra nua uisce ag na suíomhanna seo a leanas:

- príomhlíonra ó Ros Uí Bhriain go Bóthar na nDugaí
- 0.2km de phíopa de thrasthomhas 600mm

Naisc Nua

Cuireadh naisc um sheirbhísí uisce ar fáil do bhreis is 100 maoin nua i rith 2008.

Pléascanna Príomhlíonra Uisce

Tharla breis is 10 bpléascadh sa phríomhlíonra uisce sa chathair in 2008. Rinneadh an uile cheann díobh a dheisiú láithreach agus ní raibh tionchar aige seo ach ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná 12 uair an chloig, go ginearálta.

Brath Ligin Uisce

Aimsíodh de bhreis ar 200 ligean sa chóras dáilte agus dheisigh ár bhfoirne um chaomhnú uisce iad. Idir 0.1 l/soic. agus 20 l/soic. a bhí na ligin. Laghdaíodh an méid uisce nach raibh cuntas air i gcóras dáilte na cathrach faoi 1000 m3/lá ar an meán.

Tá an conradh réamhoibre d'Aimsigh agus Deisigh (Find & Fix) curtha i gcrích anois agus táthar ag feitheamh leis an gconradh.

Méadair

Cuireadh an conradh lenar bhain méadair uisce a shuiteáil i ngach áitreabh tráchtála i gCathair Luimnigh i gcrích in 2007 agus d'éag an tréimhse chothabhála 12 mhí in 2008.

BÓITHRE

Athmhúnlú shráideanna Lár Chathair Luimnigh agus spásanna oscailte poiblí

Is tionscnamh uaillmhianach é tionscadal teorannaithe do choisithe i Lár Chathair Luimnigh a bhfuil de chuspóir aige timpeallacht atá níos tarraingtí a chruthú do dhaoine cuairt a thabhairt ar an Lár, chun siopadóireacht agus chun gnó a dhéanamh ann agus leis an lá a chaitheamh ann. Táimid i mbun comhairliúchán leanúnach le páirtithe leasmhara ríthábhachtacha agus leis an bpobal áitiúil maidir le forbairt na straitéise seo. Tá a gcuid tuairimí an-tábhachtach do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Cuireadh áirithiú Shráid Thomáis idir Sráid Uí Chonaill agus Sráid Wickam agus an t-athchóiriú ar Shráid Chaitríona/ Shráid Chaitríona Bheag i gcrích i rith na bliana. Ar an obair seo bhí fothalmhú seirbhísí, suiteáil pábháil ardchaighdeáin aolchloiche agus soláthar saintroscáin sráide agus soilsiú poiblí.

Riverside improvement scheme

STRAITÉIS UM FHEABHSÚ COIS ABHANN LUIMNIGH

Tá Abhainn na Sionainne ar cheann de na gnéithe nádúrtha is tábhachtaí i gCathair Luimnigh, mar is léir ó na mórfhorbairtí atá ar bun feadh bhruacha na habhann agus ó inmhianaitheacht suíomhanna cois abhann mar áit infheistíochta. Tá sé de chuspóir ag an Straitéis um Fheabhsú Cois Abhann fís Chathrach Cois Abhann a chruthú agus le timpeallacht ardchaighdeáin cois abhann a chur ar fáil don phobal agus d'fhonn sult a bhaint as chomh maith mar láthair uathúil a bheadh ina chuid d'athbheochan lár na cathrach leis na tionscnaimh seo a neartú.

Trá Mhic Fhlanncha

- Feabhsú a dhéanamh ar na cosáin trí phábháil ardchaighdeáin a úsáid
- Ceantair an phláis thart ar Chloch an Chonartha a chur chun feabhais
- Fothalmhú a dhéanamh ar an uile chábla lasnairde agus baint cuaillí líonra
- Soilsiú nua poiblí ardchaighdeáin a chur ar fáil
- Troscán ardchaighdeáin sráide a chur ar fáil
- Pointí feabhsaithe trasnaithe do choisithe
- Cur crann nua
- Tógáil páirce nua cois abhann
- Tógáil dhá rampa nua rochtana ar an abhainn
- Cothabháil 75% de Spásanna Páirceála Carr
- Comharthaíocht fheabhsaithe
- Stadanna Feabhsaithe Bus agus Páirceáil Fheabhsaithe Cóistí
- Boird Faisnéise agus Ateangaireachta

Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh buíoch den chabhair a thug Fáilte Éireann agus Forbairt Shionainne sa chuid seo den scéim.

Trá Uí Cheallacháin

- Tógáil promanáide nua cois abhann
- Feabhsú na gcosán
- Fothalmhú a dhéanamh ar an uile chábla lasnairde agus baint cuaillí líonra
- Soilsiú nua poiblí ardchaighdeáin a chur ar fáil
- Troscán ardchaighdeáin sráide a chur ar fáil
- Pointí feabhsaithe trasnaithe do choisithe
- Soláthar crann nua agus na crainn atá ann faoi láthair a choireáil
- Cothabháil suas le 60% de Spásanna Páirceála Carr
- Comharthaíocht fheabhsaithe
- Boird Faisnéise agus Ateangaireachta

TIONSCADAIL IOMPAIR PHOIBLÍ

Staidéar um Roghnú Conair Bhealaigh Ghlais

Bearta rialaithe bainistíochta tráchta is ea na Bealaí Glasa a fhéachann le tosaíocht a dhéanamh de ghluaiseacht éifeachtach na gcomaitéirí, an lucht siopadóireachta agus thuarasóirí trí sheirbhísí bus. Cuirfidh Bealaí Glasa minicíocht agus iontaofacht na seirbhísí bus chun feabhais go mór; cuirfidh siad leathnú níos fearr ar sheirbhísí bus ar bun; tabharfaidh siad áiseanna nua feabhsaithe trasbhealaí do choisithe isteach agus cuirfidh siad áiseanna níos fearr ar fáil do rothaithe.

Tá sé de mhian ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh Bealaí Glasa a thabhairt isteach ar fud na cathrach sna blianta amach romhainn agus d'fhoilsigh siad an Dréacht-tuarascáil um Roghnú Conair Ghlais i mí Feabhra ina bhfuil tuairimí ón bpobal mór agus ó dhaoine lenar bhain. Shainaithin an tuarscáil trí mhórchonair thosaíochta bus ar chóir a chruthú d'fhonn éifeachtúlacht líonra an lompair Phoiblí a chur chun feabhais.

Is iad seo;

An Chonair Theas

Bóthar Bhéal Átha na Cora R526 (Isteach amháin)
Ascaill Uí Chonaill N20 (Isteach agus Amach)

An Chonair Thiar

An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh - R445/Bóthar na Creatlaí (Isteach)
An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh - Sráid Uí Sheasnáin (Thuaidh)
R445 (Isteach)
Bóthar na hInse (Isteach) R857 (Isteach)

An Chonair Thoir

Bóthar Childers R509 (Isteach agus Amach)
Bóthar Chill Mocheallóg (Isteach)
Sráid Mulgrave R527 (Isteach)

Buslána agus Raonta Rothair Bhóthar Condell

Tógadh lánaí nua bus agus rothar ar Bhóthar Condell ag dul faoi dhéin na cathrach óna acomhal le Bóthar Shíol Bhroin go dtí seanteorainn an chontae. Laghdaigh an lána bus seo atá nach mór 2km ar fad amanna aistir do sheirbhísí áitiúla bus agus do sheirbhísí bus d'Aerfort Shionainne.

Cothabháil Bóithre agus Uasghrádú UTC

Ar na mórscéimeanna a cuireadh i gcrích tá;

- Athdhromchlú Bhóthar Condell agus suiteáil áiseanna bus agus rothar
- Athdhromchlú Dhroichead na Sionainne
- Athdhromchlú Shráid an tSairséalaigh agus Dhroichead an tSairséalaigh
- Uasghrádú Thrá Uí Cheallacháin
- Athdhromchlú an Chuarbhóthair Thuaidh
- Feabhsúcháin ar Dhroichead Uí Dhuibhir agus ar Mheal Sior Anraí
- Athdhromchlú Bhóthar de hÍde
- Áirithiú do choisithe agus athdhromchlú bóthair a Shráid Thomáis/Chaitríona Uachtarach
- Sráid Áine
- Soilse Tráchta Chrois Theach na Foraire
- Trasrian Coisithe ar Shráid an Chláir
- CCTV suiteáilte ar shé acomhal i lár na cathrach

Deontais um chothabháil bóithre arna bhfáil:

an tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta (NRA)	€1,430,000
Blocdheontas	€ 546,000
Blocdheontas Speisialta:	€ 689,000
Deontais Feabhsúcháin Speisialta	€1,300,000
Deontas um Bainistíocht Tráchta Réigiúnaí	€ 475,000

Oibreacha Athdhromchlaithe Bóithre

- Bóthar Condell
- Bóthar nua Chill Liaile
- Bóthar na Páirce Íochtarach
- An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh
- Trá Uí Cheallacháin
- An Réabóg
- Ascaill Uí Dhonnchú
- Na Páirceanna Glasa
- Gairdíní Bhéal Átha na Cora
- Radharc na Coille
- Meal Sior Anraí
- Sráid Uí Chomhraí Beag
- Lána Belfield
- Lana Uí Neachtain
- Bruach na Canálach
- Sráid an tSairséalaigh
- Síneadh Dhroichead an tSairséalaigh
- Acomhal Dhroichead an tSairséalaigh
- Droichead Lansdún
- Stáisiún Bus
- Bóthar de hÍde
- Síneadh Bhóthar de hÍde

Environmental Highlights

Significant Achievements of 2008 include:

- The Council ran a joint initiative with the Gardaí to tackle cigarette butt litter in the city centre
- An additional seven first time An Taisce Green flags were awarded to city schools for their work on litter and waste
- The city celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight and its 3rd birthday as a Fairtrade City
- Participated in the national gum litter campaign
- 10 Sustainable Energy School Workshops for primary schools were facilitated along with 15 additional environmental workshops for primary schools
- Limerick City and County hosted two joint Real Nappy promotions
- The first prevention events focusing on waste water and energy were held
- Worked in partnership with the Chambers of Commerce sub group FLAG for gum litter removal
- 18 audits on waste collectors, 7 on waste facilities
- 25 inspections on WEEE retailers
- 1 inspection on packaging producers
- 1 roadside waste enforcement checkpoints carried out with Gardaí
- 2 ELV/ATF site suitability inspections
- 282 household waste questionnaires
- 150 litter pollution surveys
- 50 litter quantification surveys
- 2208 complaints investigated
- In excess of 105 retailer inspections carried out under the ban on the bituminous coal regulations
- 677 litter fines issued and 60 successful prosecutions secured
- 49 Sec. 9 Notices under Litter Pollution Act issued to businesses/pubs/restaurants in city centre regarding presentation of waste and keeping their area litter-free
- 249 Sec. 18 Notices issued requesting information regarding household waste disposal arrangements & vehicles transporting waste
- 54 Sec. 55 Notices issued to householders regarding the storage of waste and requiring the removal and proper disposal of this waste
- 11 Sec. 71 Notices issued to registered owners of abandoned vehicles requiring the removal of these vehicles from a public roadway
- Tonnage recycled glass 914.85t, cans recycled 30.14t, steel cans 16.84t, plastic 79.31t, textiles 154.6t at bring banks alone
- 477.85t of WEEE collected at City Council sites
- 38 horses impounded under control of horses legislation
- Substantial work was undertaken to control reed growth at Westfields
- Major clean-up undertaken of the Park Canal
- 12 street litter bins upgraded in the Caherdavin area
- Comprehensive rotational street sweeping programme introduced to the north west environs
- Fifteen new street litter bins installed across the city
- 26 'No Vehicles Permitted on Green Areas' signs erected on the north side of the city near to sports grounds
- SEA-PT oil pollution exercise attended in Galway Docks

Anti gum litter message - Mayor John Gillian in the Parkway SC with Luach Deloughry, Meabh Deloughry, Roger Beck, Manager, Parkway and Blake Bryson

Mayor Ger Fahy promotes the car litter bin, designed to tackle the problem of motorists discarding rubbish from their cars

Left
Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh were awarded with their first Green Flag for the theme of 'Litter and Waste' at An Taisce Green Schools Awards. *L to R*: Sean Hartigan (Green Schools Development Officer), Aisling Ní Gháibhín (Teacher) Kate Mc Brearty, Claire Taylor (students), Angela de Búrca (Teacher) and Majella O Brien (Limerick City Council).

Below
Mayor Ger Fahy helping to launch with Green Flag award at the Ballynanty Girls School

Buaicphointí Comhshaoil

Ar na móréachtaí a rinneadh in 2008 bhí:

- Reáchtáil an Chomhairle comhthionscnamh leis na Gardaí le dul i ngleic le bruscar bun toitíní i lár na cathrach
- Bronnadh seacht mBrat Ghlasa eile de chuid an Taisce ar scoileanna sa chathair as ucht na hoibre a rinne siad i leith bruscair agus dramhaíola
- Cheiliúir an chathair Coicís Chóirthrádála chomh maith lena tríú breithlá mar Chathair Chóirthrádála
- Rannpháirteach san fheachtas náisiúnta um bruscar guma
- Reáchtáladh 10 gCeardlann um Fhuinneamh Inbhuanaithe do bhunscoileanna mar aon le 15 cheardlann comhshaoil do bhunscoileanna.
- D'óstáil Cathair agus Contae Luimnigh dhá chomh-imeacht um chur chun cinn 'Real Nappy'
- Reáchtáladh na céad imeachtaí coisc a dhírigh ar fhuíolluisce sagus ar fhuinneamh.
- D'oibrigh an Chomhairle i gcomhar leis an bhfoghrúpa FLAG de chuid na gCumann Tráchtála le bruscar guma a bhaint
- Rinneadh 18 n-iniúchadh ar bhailitheoirí dramhaíola agus 7 n-iniúchadh ar áiseanna dramhaíola Rinneadh 25 cigireacht ar mhiondíoltóirí WEEE (dramhthrealamh leictreach agus leictreonach)
- Rinneadh iniúchadh amháin ar tháirgeoirí pacáistithe
- Rinneadh Seicphointe amháin ar Thaobh an Bhóthair um Fhorfheidhmiú Bruscair leis na Gardaí
- 2 chigireacht maidir le hoiriúnacht suímh ELV/ATF
- 282 ceistneoir i dtaca le dramhaíl tí
- 150 suirbhé i dtaca le truailliú bruscair
- 50 suirbhé i dtaca le cainníochtú bruscair
- Rinneadh imscrúdú ar 2,208 gearán
- Rinneadh de bhreis ar 105 cigireacht miondíoltóra faoi réir na Rialachán um Thoirmeasc ar Ghual Biotúmanach
- Eisíodh 677 fíneáil bhruscair agus rinneadh 60 ionchúiseamh
- Eisíodh 49 Fógra faoi Alt 9 faoin Acht um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar do ghnólachtaí/do thithe tábhairne/do bhialanna i lár na cathrach i ndáil leis an mbealach a n-eagraítear bruscar le haghaidh bailiú agus leis an gceantar thart orthu a choimeád saor ó bhruscar
- Eisíodh 249 Fógra faoi Alt 18 ag iarraidh faisnéise i ndáil le socruithe um dhiúscairt dramhaíl tí agus le feithiclí a iompraíonn dramhaíl
- Eisíodh 54 Fógra faoi Alt 55 do theaghlaigh i ndáil le stóráil dramhaíola inar iarradh orthu an dramhaíl seo a bhaint agus a dhiúscairt go cuí
- Eisíodh 11 Fógra faoi Alt 71 d'úinéirí cláraithe feithiclí tréigthe inar iarradh orthu na feithiclí seo a bhaint ó bhóthar poiblí
- Tonnáiste gloine arna athchúrsáil 914.85t, cannaí arna n-athchúrsáil 30.14t, cannaí stáin 16.84t, earraí plaisteacha 79.31t, teicstílí 154.6t ag ionaid beir leat amháin
- 477.85t de WEEE arna bhailiú ag láithreáin na Comhairle Cathrach
- Gaibhníodh 38 capall faoi reachtaíocht um Rialú Capall.
- Tugadh faoi mhórobair d'fhonn smacht a chur ar fhás giolcach sna Goirt Thiar.
- Tugadh faoi mhórghlanadh Chanáil na Páirce
- Rinneadh uasghrádú ar 12 Bhosca Bruscair i gceantar Chathair Dháibhín.
- Tugadh isteach clár um scuabadh cuimsitheach rothlach sráide i gceantar iarthuaisceart na cathrach
- Suiteáladh 15 bhosca bruscair sráide nua ar fud na cathrach
- Cuireadh suas 26 comhartha 'Ní Cheadaítear Feithiclí ar na Ceantair Ghlasa' i dtuaisceart na cathrach i ngar do na Tailte Spóirt
- Beart um thruailliú ola SEA-PT ar siúl i nDugaí na Gaillimhe

Mayor of Limerick Cllr John Gilligan launching competition on Climate Change with students from the Limerick Project School, O Connell Street

Ciara Ramsbottom with Rocky the Pomerianan joined Deputy Mayor, John Cronin and Faye Hogan with her dog Ned to launch the new poopod at Limerick City Hall

Left
St. Michael's Infant School

Above
Real Nappy Vouchers - the latest waste prevention initiative. *L to R:* Joanna Gammell, Environmental Awareness Officer, Limerick County Council; Eoin Murphy, The Baby Orchard, Macroom, Co. Cork; Sinead McDonnell, Environmental Awareness Officer, Limerick City council and Lisa Kiely Fitzpatrick with her son Rian age 4 months from Annacotty, Co. Limerick

Left
Corpus Christi School

Policy Development & Future Planning

PLANNING

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:

- Commencement of review process for City Development Plan
- Completion of Atlantic Gateways Corridor Report
- Commenced evaluation of NIAH study for Limerick City
- Borough boundary extension completed
- Scanning of 2008 planning applications to be published on line in early 2009

Significant planning permissions issued:

- Development of greyhound racing stadium
- Mixed use development at former Greenpark Racecourse
- 26 Residential units at Alandale Sq, Courtbrack Rd
- Retail development at Opera Centre
- Renovation of the Milk Market
- Retail/residential development at 38-41 Catherine St

Development levies in the amount of €3.08 million were collected.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Key highlights for 2008 include:

City Centre Strategy:

The City Centre Strategy will form the basis for the identification of key redevelopment opportunities in the City over the coming years.

- Presented to Council January 2008
- Formally approved by the Council February 2008
- Variation to Development Plan 2004-2010 to incorporate some of the proposed changes set down in the City Centre approved June 2008.

Mid-West Retail Strategy:

Limerick City Council, as lead local authority, tendered for the appointment of consultants to undertake the review of the Mid West Retail Strategy for the Mid West Regional Authority and the administrative areas of Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council and Clare County Council.

Property Management:

Areas of responsibility:

- Land/Property Purchase
- Sale of Land/Property
- Compulsory Purchase Orders for Capital Schemes
- Maintenance of Register of Lands/Property

The Property Management Department has responsibility for acquiring and disposing of land that will facilitate the economic development of the City and is not required for

Presentation of Junior Certificate Achievement Certificates to Limerick City Council Volunteers from left Linda Slattery, Kieran Lehane, Director of Services, Chantelle Slattery and Darren O'Farrell.

Presentation of Junior Certificate Achievement Certificates to Limerick City Council Volunteers from left, Margaret O'Connor, Catherine Andrews, Deirdre Quinn and Jennifer Fitzgerald.

any of the Council's statutory functions such as housing, roads, water and sewerage schemes, burial grounds, fire services and libraries.

The Department has responsibility for other property interests such as leases/licences, dealing with the freehold interests held on leased property, wayleaves/ rights of way and the acquisition of houses/land under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Derelict Sites:

Priority was given to derelict sites in the city centre:

- Wickham Street
- Lower Gerald Griffin Street
- Upper Gerald Griffin Street
- Parnell Street
- Catherine Street

In addition complaints regarding specific derelict sites reported by members of the public and elected representatives were investigated and followed up.

Activity for 2008 can be summarised as follows:

- New Sites Inspected - 97
- New Sites Actioned - 47
- Total No. of Notices Served - 71

Other significant areas that were advanced during 2008 are as follows:

- Building Renewal/Uses Register undertaken in respect of Georgian Limerick
- Successful application for funding under Disability Fund for public realm enhancement works at John Square Limerick.
- Demolition of derelict flats at Clare Street
- Public realm improvement works adjacent to Summerville Rovers significantly advanced
- Footfall surveys undertaken in respect of pedestrianised streets
- Application for funding made in respect of Bord Fáilte grants

Limerick City Community Safety Partnership - home safety chain initiative

Claire Shortt, Noelle Deedigan, Kieran Lehane, Director of Services and Dermot Winston presentation of Junior Certificate Achievement Certificates to Limerick City Council Volunteers

LIMERICK CITY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (LCCSP)

The Limerick City Community Safety Partnership 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. It is a partnership project between Limerick City Council, An Garda Síochána and the HSE, with eight members on the board of directors. LCCSPs main purpose is to restore a sense of community in various estates in the city. The LCCSP is currently in its third year having secured funding for 2009-2010. The team comprises eight staff members headed by a Project Manager.

Increasing Community Safety

In order to help residents feel secure in their neighbourhoods LCCSP works to increase community safety by:

1. Acting as a visible presence, wearing identifiable uniforms and using branded vehicles.
2. Providing home visits, attend resident association meetings, maintain close working relationships with Community Gardaí and run regular safety initiatives such as Safety Chain Schemes and Crime Prevention Talks.

Promoting Community Spirit

In order to insure residents feel proud of their neighbourhood and that they recognise what valuable resources are available within their community LCCSP continually aim to promote and enhance community spirit. LCCSP organise community based activities such as walking clubs, book clubs and after school clubs. Working with residents and community groups LCCSP also organise one-off events to boost community spirit, including community fun days and seasonal events. LCCSP always aim to highlight and encourage positive community action through media exposure.

Improving the Environment

Improving the environment is one of the key aims of LCCSP and though it may seem like a simple task it can comprise of many elements. Creating lasting change requires residents participation and LCCSP provide education on why a cleaner greener environment benefits all.

LCCSP also promotes practical solutions to the problems of illegal dumping, litter and graffiti. Solutions include community clean-ups, reporting and monitoring illegal dumping black spots and participating in graffiti removal programmes. Simultaneously we encourage greater responsibility in communities for their own environment.

Creating Awareness of Aims Through Education

It is vital for residents, community groups and statutory agencies to know what LCCSP do and why they do it. Awareness talks, school visits, Junior Achievement and after school clubs are some of the activities which LCCSP use to promote the aims listed above.

Creating awareness of LCCSPs activities and the aims of the scheme helps to ensure successful outcomes and create positive change in communities.

Forbairt Beartas agus Pleanáil don Todhchaí

PLEANÁIL

Áirítear le príomhsheirbhísí na rannóige seo:

- Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach
- Forbairt a Rialú
- Cláir an Rialtais d'fhorbairtí díolúine cánach a chur i bhfeidhm
- An timpeallacht Nádúrtha agus Thógtha a Chaomhnú
- Comhairle agus treoir a chur ar fáil

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

- Tosú próisis athbhreithnithe do Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach
- Dréachtú Thuarascáil Chonair Thairseach an Atlantaigh
- Measúnú ar staidéar NIAH tosaithe do Chathair Luimnigh
- Síneadh Chríoch na Cathrach curtha i gcrích
- Scanadh iarratais pleanála 2008 le bheith foilsithe ar líne go luath in 2009

Áirítear leis na ceadanna pleanála móra a eisíodh:

- Forbairt staidiam rásaíochta cúnna
- Forbairt úsáide measctha ag sean-Ráschúrsa Pháirc Ghlas
- 26 aonad cónaithe ag Cearnóg Alandale, Bóthar na Cúirte Brice
- Forbairt miondíola ag Ionad Ceoldrámaíochta
- Athchóiriú Mhargadh an Bhainne
- Forbairt miondíola/chónaithe ag 38-41 Sráid Chaitríona

Bailíodh táillí forbartha €3.08 milliún.

FORBAIRT GHEILLEAGRACH

Ar bhuaicphointí 2008 bhí:

Straitéis Lár na Cathrach:

Beidh Straitéis seo Lár na Cathrach ina bonn do shainaithint deiseanna tábhachtacha athfhorbartha sa chathair sna blianta atá amach romhainn.

- Arna chur faoi bhráid na Comhairle in 2008
- Arna cheadú ag an gComhairle i mí Feabhra 2008
- Athruithe a cuireadh i bhfeidhm ar an bPlean Forbartha 2004-2010 le cuid de na hathruithe a beartaíodh a chuimsiú faoi mar atá leagtha amach i Lár na Cathrach, arna cheadú i mí an Mheithimh 2008.

Straitéis Miondíola an Lár-Iarthair:

Thug Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh fúthu féin, mar an údarás áitiúil ceannais, sainchomhairleoirí a cheapadh le tabhairt faoi athbhreithniú ar Straitéis Miondíola an Lár-Iarthair d'Údarás Réigiúnach an Mheán-Iarthair agus do cheantair riaracháin Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, Chomhairle Contae Luimnigh agus Chomhairle Contae an Chláir.

Bainistíocht Maoine:

Réimsífreagrachta:

- Ceannach Talún/Maoine
- Díol Talún/Maoine
- Orduithe Éigeantacha Ceannaigh do Scéimeanna Caipitil
- Cothabháil Chlár na dTailte/na Maoine

Tá an Lucht Bainistíochta Maoine freagrach as fáil agus as diúscairt talún a éascóidh forbairt gheilleagrach na cathrach agus ní theastaíonn siad le haon fheidhm reachtúil de chuid na Comhairle a chomhlíonadh, mar

Engaging with and building on the exciting projects and partnerships that are already ongoing in Limerick

shampla: tithíocht, bóithre, scéimeanna uisce agus séarachais, reiligí, seirbhísí dóiteáin agus leabharlanna.

Tá an Rannóg freagrach as nithe eile lena mbaineann maoin, mar shampla: léasanna/ceadúnais, déileáil leis an leas ruílse atá ar mhaoin léasaithe, ceadanna/cearta slí agus fáil tithe/talún faoi Chuid V den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000.

Láithreáin Thréigthe:

Tugadh tosaíocht do láithreáin thréigthe i lár na cathrach:

- Sráid Wickham
- Sráid Ghearailt Uí Ghríofa Íochtarach
- Sráid Ghearailt Uí Ghríofa Uachtarach
- Sráid Parnell
- Sráid Chaitríona

Sa mhullach air seo, rinneadh imscrúdú ar ghearáin lenar bhain sainláithreáin thréigthe arna dtuairisciú ag an bpobal agus ag ionadaithe tofa

Is féidir achoimre a dhéanamh ar ghníomhaíochtaí don bhliain 2008 amhail seo a leanas:

- Láithreáin Nua arna nImscrúdú - 97
- Láithreáin Nua arna nGníomhú - 47
- Líon iomlán na bhFógraí a Eisíodh - 71

Ar na mór-réimsí eile a cuireadh chun cinn i rith 2008 bhí:

- Athnuachan Tógála/Clár na nÚsáidí ar tugadh fúthu i ndáil le gnéithe Seoirseacha Luimnigh
- Iarratas rathúil ar chistiú faoin gCiste do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas d'obair feabhsaithe poiblí i gCearnóg Eoin, Luimneach.
- Scartáil arasán tréigthe ar Shráid an Chláir
- Dul chun cinn maith le sonrú leis na feabhsúcháin phoiblí in aice le Summerville Rovers
- Rinneadh suirbhéanna ar an líon daoine a théann isteach i siopaí ar shráideanna coisithe
- Cuireadh iarratas isteach ar chistiú i ndáil le deontais Bhord Fáilte

Cargo ship discharging at Limerick Docks

Fire & Rescue Service

Seirbhísí Dóiteáin agus Tarrthála

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Achievements in 2008:

- Attended 1,726 incidents with 1,058 of these incidents being fires and 329 of these incidents being special service incidents such as road traffic accidents, water pumping / flooding etc.
- Recruited and trained seven new fire fighters.
- Promoted two fire fighters to the rank of sub officer
- Undertook cardiac first response and emergency first response training.
- Participated in fire service council road traffic accident instructor and hazardous materials courses
- Reviewed our safety statement
- Commenced development of standard operating guidelines
- Constructed a new in-house lecture room with multimedia facilities
- Replacement of rear overhead appliance doors with a safe modern system
- Average mobilising time was 1 min 26 sec

Major Emergency Management

- Undertook a variety of training courses as part of the Major Emergency Development Programme
- Completed and published Major Emergency Plan
- Participated in a variety of Major Emergency Management Exercises

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Éachtaí a rinneadh sa bhliain 2008:

- Freastal ar 1,726 tarlúint agus ba dhóiteáin 1,058 de na tarlúintí seo agus ba tharlúintí seirbhíse speisialta 329 díobh seo, mar shampla, timpistí tráchta ar bhóithre, caidéalú uisce/tuile etc.
- Earcaíodh agus cuireadh oiliúint ar sheachtar comhraiceoirí dóiteáin
- Tugadh ardú céime do bheirt chomhraiceoirí dóiteáin go rangú an Fho-Oifigigh
- Tugadh faoi oiliúint um Chéadfhreagairt Chairdiach agus Éigeandála
- Bhí páirt acu i dTeagascóir um Thimpistí Bóithre na Seirbhíse Dóiteáin de chuid na Comhairle agus i gCúrsaí um Ábhair Ghuaiseacha
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar ár Ráiteas Sábháilteachta
- Cuireadh tús le Forbairt Treoirlínte Caighdeánacha Oibriúcháin
- Tógadh seomra nua léachta intí ina bhfuil áiseanna ilmheán
- Cuireadh córas nua-aimseartha sábháilte in ionad doirse fearais lasnairde
- Ba é 1 nóiméad agus 26 soicind an meánam ullmhúcháin

Bainistíocht Móréigeandála

- Tugadh faoi chúrsaí éagsúla oiliúna mar chuid de Chlár Forbartha um Bainistíocht Móréigeandála
- Cuireadh Plean Móréigeandála i gcrích agus foilsíodh é.
- Bhí páirt acu i roinnt Bearta éagsúla um Bainistíocht Móréigeandála

Above: New Fire Fighters simulating a rescue from a Road Traffic Accident.

Left: New Recruits: *L to R*: Kevin Buckley, Timothy O'Sullivan, Kevin Curtin, Eli Brace, Stephen Cusack, PJ McNamara & John Staunton.

Below pictured at the passing out parade for new recruits in 2008:
L to R: FF John Staunton, FF Kevin Curtin, FF PJ McNamara, FF Kevin Buckley, FF Timothy O'Sullivan, FF Stephen Cusack, FF Eli Brace

The work of the Department may be broken down into the following activity areas:

Activity Area	Outputs 2008
1 **Building Control (Fire Safety)**	
- Fire Safety Certificate Applications Assessed & determined	120
- Commencement Notices Received & Validated	149
2 **Use & Fire Safety Management of Buildings**	
- During Performance Inspections	10
- Planning Referrals	67 Rec'd/Reports 67
Part M of the Building Regulations	67 Rec'd/Reports 44
Part B of the Buildings Regulations	
Other Activities Include:	
- Inspections of existing buildings	
- Giving Advice on Fire Safety Matters	59
- Investigating complaints	
- Pre-Fire Safety Cert meetings	13
- Fire Safety Notices served	1
3 **Licensing of Public Assembly Buildings**	74 premises – 223 inspects.
4 **Premises Storing Dangerous Substances**	
- Inspections & Witnessing Tests	6
5 **Premises under the Seveso Directive & Various Other Legislation**	
Explosive Act 1875	2 no. Seveso Sites in City.* 2 no. premises
6 **Miscellaneous Activities**	
- Event Planning	
- Sporting Events	4
- Fire Works Displays	1
- Outdoor Events	9
- Pre Fire Planning -	0
- Community Fire Safety	
- Talks to Schools & other groups	5
- National Fire Safety Week Events	5
- National Community Smoke Alarm Scheme	Various activities as per DoE Guidelines. 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	70
8 **Dangerous Structures & Places LG (Sanitary Services) Act 1964**	
- No of structures	21
- No. of Inspections	31
- No. of Notices served	21
9 **Performance Indicators**	
- Buildings Inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (12.5% to 15%) of Commencement Notices required.	47%
10 **Operational Projects**	
- Organising Block Training for Operational Staff	
- Organising the Clothing Contract for Operational Staff	
- Preparing Tender Documentation for New Fire Appliance	
11 **Statistical Returns**	Returns made
Statistical Returns for - Building Control & - Fire Prevention are made to DoE on a half yearly basis.	

* Seveso Sites: Two lower tier sites.

(i) Joint Fuel Terminal, Courtbrack Avenue, S.C.R. (Topaz)
(ii) Gouldings Fertilizers, Dock Road.

Limerick's georgian quarter - No. 1 Pery Square Hotel

Arts & Culture

ARTS SERVICE

Local Policy Development of the Arts

- Research and publication of the current arts strategy
- Establishment and ongoing liaison with local organisations/institutions including community, educational and cultural groups

National Policy Development for the Arts

- Preparation of documentation for the Gateway Innovation Fund application
- Preparation of application to Chambers of Ireland for 'Excellence in Local Government Awards'

Management of Resources

- Budget planning and control, assessing of grant applications
- Recruitment, delegation and development of staff
- Grant applications to national agencies in relation to funding for Limerick

Management of Artistic Programme

- Project management of key artistic events in the City, such as ev+a, Cuisle Poetry Festival, Excursions Performance Festival, Kate O'Brien Weekend
- Marketing and promotion of the city's arts activities, including a representational/advocacy role

Management of infrastructure projects for the arts which benefit public access and participation in the arts

- Successful completion of application to the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism for Capital Funding. Project management of the development of eight artists apartments in Johns Square
- Project management of works to be carried out to Limerick Artists' Studios in James Street
- Successful application under the National Disability Fund for Belltable Arts Centre for capital works to be carried out. Continued work with the Board of the Belltable to secure funding for the future of the building

Culture Night

Limerick participated in the national Culture Night, for the first time in September. On the night museums, galleries, theatres, King John's Castle and other venues throughout the city hosted free cultural events for members of the public. Feedback from venues and the public was very positive.

Highlights included;

Play Bingo for Art…
Limerick City Gallery of Art - a game of bingo hosted by Mike Finn and Myles Breen. The event complemented the *I Only Come Here 'Cos it's Free!* exhibition by Michael McLoughlin and an exhibition by Turner Prize winning artist Simon Starling.

Ag damhsa le Céilí sa Chistin...
Conradh na Gaeilge, Halla Ide - people enjoyed traditional Irish Music, Irish dancing and children were entertained with fun activities.

Poets Bernadette Cremin, Mark Whelan and Sudeep Sen, India at Cuisle, Limerick City International Poetry Festival.

The launch of 'The Stony Thursday' poetry book attended by Ciaran O'Driscoll, John Davies, Bertha McCullagh, Sheila Deegan.

Discover the hidden Walls of Limerick…
A group of over 100 strong departed from King John's Castle Visitor Centre for a walking tour of the **Walls of Limerick** led by Brian Hodkinson, Assistant Curator of Limerick City Museum.

Get your game on at the Limerick City Library…
Both the **Granary Library** and **Watch House Cross Library** provided a lively, colourful and entertaining programme including giant games circus acts - juggling, mime, a puppet show and face painting together with music acts. Members of the University of Limerick Orchestra also enthralled the public in the Granary with a mixture of classical, Irish and popular music.

LIMERICK CITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE

Fás eCollege
A sum of $10,000 was received from Dell for a project entitled 'elearning in the community' aimed at people who are low skilled, low paid and unemployed. This project was piloted in Watch House Cross Library.

Financial Regulator
The Financial Regulator, with An Chomhairle Leabharleanna, launched the free website itsyourmoney.ie to the library service. This site helps consumers make informed personal financial decisions on financial products of insurance and banking products.

Reference & Local Studies
Local studies' resources on the website has expanded to include householder indexes for the 1901 and 1911 Census for both Limerick City and County; Register of Electors from 1923 – 1950; Landowners in Limerick, 1876 and a full scanned version of the Cromwellian settlement in Limerick. Work is ongoing on projects, such as database of death notices from local newspapers, trades' directories database and local studies files.

E-Books
Digital audio books similar to MP3 players with earphones were purchased and have proved very popular.

Bealtaine 2008
Bealtaine explores the many ways there are to encourage participation and involvement by older people
- Special book & information displays were organised
- A lunchtime performance of a one act play by Eugene O'Neill took place in the Granary
- Computer classes were provided for adult beginners

Driver Theory Test
Copies of the Driver Test on CD have been made available for loan and use in the library.

Statistics for the Library Service:

	2007	2008
Total Issues	220,056	290,244
Total number of borrowers	13,561	13,378
Number of visitors	114,149	227,083
Number of hours spent on Internet	21,099	25,583

Environmental awareness event for children at Limerick City Library

Dolores Doyle, Limerick City Librarian, receives a copy of A Pocket History of Kerry from author Gerald O'Carroll at the Limerick launch of the book

JIM KEMMY MUNICIPAL MUSEUM

There were 71 additions to the museum collection in the course of the year. Prominent among these are, a Limerick Silver spoon by John Hackett, the first piece in the collection by this maker, a Limerick Silver cowrie-shell snuff box by Jonathan Buck, a silver medal awarded to Ballybricken Creamery, a bronze axe from Ballyhoodane and a memorial to Michael O'Callaghan, the Mayor of Limerick assassinated in 1921.

September saw the launch of the Limerick City Walls Conservation and Management Plan in the museum. A grant of €100,000 was received from the Irish Walled Towns Network towards the conservation of the city walls near the Milk Market.

In December a small area was opened up as additional exhibition space and the first exhibit was a collection of photographs by Jennifer Walsh.

Visitor numbers remained steady for the year at just over 14,000. The museum's online catalogue continued to attract a large number of visitors, with 2.75 million hits recorded during the year, approximately treble the 2007 figure.

Na hEalaíona agus Cultúr

SEIRBHÍS EALAÍON

Forbairt Beartas Áitiúil na nEalaíon

- Taighde ar an straitéis reatha ealaíon agus a foilsiú
- Bunú agus idirchaidreamh leanúnach le heagraíochtaí agus le hinstitiúidí lena n-áirítear grúpaí pobail, oideachasúla agus cultúrtha

Forbairt Beartas Náisiúnta do na hEalaíona

- Ullmhú cáipéisíochta le haghaidh iarratais ar an gCiste Nuálaíochta Tairsí
- Ullmhú iarratais do Chumann Tráchtála na hÉireann 'Feabhas i nGradaim Rialtais Áitiúil'

Bainistíocht Acmhainní

- Pleanáil agus rialú an bhuiséid, measúnú iarratais ar dheontais
- Earcaíocht, tarmligean agus forbairt na mball foirne
- Iarratais ar dheontais chuig gníomhaireachtaí náisiúnta i ndáil le maoiniú do Luimneach

Bainistíocht ar Chlár Ealaíon

- Bainistíocht tionscadail ar phríomhimeachtaí sa Chathair, ar nós 'ev+a', Féile Filíochta Cuisle, Féile Taibhithe 'Turais' (Excursions), Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien
- Cothú agus margaíocht ghníomhaíochtaí ealaíon na cathrach, lena n-áirítear feidhm ionadaíoch/thacaíochta

e v+ a Open/Invited outdoor art installation by John Reardon titled 'Fire'

e v+ a Open/Invited at Limerick City Gallery of Art by Ailbhe Greaney

Bainistíocht ar thionscadail bhonneagair ar mhaithe leis na healaíona atá ina thairbhe do rochtain phoiblí agus do rannpháirtíocht sna healaíona

- Cur i gcrích rathúil iarratais chuig an Roinn Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta ar Mhaoiniú Caipitil. Bainistíocht tionscadail ar fhorbairt ocht n-árasán ealaíontóirí i gCearnóg Eoin
- Bainistíocht tionscadail ar oibreacha atá le déanamh ar Stiúideonna Ealaíontóirí Luimnigh ar Shráid Shéamais
- Iarratas rathúil faoin Maoiniú Míchumais Náisiúnta ag Ionad Ealaíon Belltable le tabhairt faoi oibreacha caipitil. Obair leanúnach le Bord Ionad Ealaíon Belltable leis an maoiniú a chinntiú don fhoirgneamh amach anseo

Oíche Chultúrtha

Ghlac Luimneach páirt san Oíche Chultúrtha náisiúnta, den chéad uair i mí Mheán Fómhair. Bhí imeachtaí saor in aisce cultúrtha ar siúl don phobal in iarsmalanna, i ndánlanna, in amharclanna, i gCaisleán Rí Eoin agus i láithreacha eile ar fud na cathrach. Ba dhearfach an t-aiseolas a fuarthas ó na láithreacha agus ón bpobal.

Ar na buaicphointí bhí;

Imir Biongó don Ealaíon…

Áiléir Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh - cluiche biongó a raibh Mike Finn agus Myles Breen ina n-óstaigh air. Bhí an t-imeacht mar chomhlánú ar *an taispeántas 'I Only Come Here 'Cos it's Free!'* le Michael McLoughlin agus ar thaispeántas leis an ealaíontóir Simon Starling a bhain Duais Turner amach.

Ag damhsa le Céilí sa Chistin...

Conradh na Gaeilge, Halla Íde - bhain daoine sásamh as Ceol Traidisiúnta Gaelach agus as Damhsa Gaelach agus cuireadh gníomhaíochtaí spraoi ar siúl do pháistí.

Aimsigh Ballaí Follaithe Luimnigh…

D'fhág grúpa de bhreis is 100 duine ó Ionad Cuairteoirí Chaisleán Rí Eoin le haghaidh turas siúil de **Bhallaí Luimnigh** agus Brian Hodkinson, Coimeádaí Cúnta Mhúsaem Chathair Luimnigh ina threoraí don ghrúpa.

Bí linn ag Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh…

Bhí clár ilghnéitheach siamsúil curtha ar fáil ag **Leabharlann Granary** agus **ag Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraire** lenar áiríodh cluichí móra sorcais - cleasaíocht láimhe, drámaí balbha, taispeántas puipéad agus péintéireacht éadan mar aon le seinm ceoil. Chuir Baill de Cheolfhoireann Ollscoil Luimnigh an pobal faoi gheasa sa Granary le meascán de cheol claisiceach, Gaelach agus pobail.

Visual Poetry Day at Limerick City Gallery of Art

Culture Day at Limerick City Hall

SEIRBHÍS LEABHARLAINNE AGUS FAISNÉISE CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

FÁS - Ríomhcholáiste

Fuarthas suim $10,000 ó Dell do thionscadal dar teideal "ríomhfhoghlaim sa phobal" atá dírithe ar dhaoine nach bhfuil ardscileanna acu, atá dífhostaithe nó nach dtuilleann mórán airgid. Triaileadh an tionscadal seo i Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraire.

Rialtóir Airgeadais

Sheol an Rialtóir Airgeadais, i gcomhar leis an gComhairle Leabharlanna, an láithreán gréasáin saor in aisce 'itsyourmoney.ie' mar chuid den tseirbhís leabharlainne. Cabhraíonn an láithreán gréasáin seo le custaiméirí cinntí feasacha pearsanta a dhéanamh ar tháirgí airgeadais d'earraí árachais agus baincéireachta.

Staidéar Áitiúil agus Tagartha

Tá broghadh tagtha ar acmhainní um staidéar áitiúil ar an láithreán gréasáin agus áirítear anois innéacsanna sealbhóirí tí do Dhaonáireamh 1901 agus do Dhaonáireamh 1911 do Chathair agus do Chontae Luimnigh araon; Clár na dToghthóirí idir 1923 agus 1950; Sealbhóirí Talún i Luimneach, 1876 agus leagan iomlán scanta den lonnaíocht Chromalach i Luimneach. Tá obair ar bun ar thionscadail, ar nós bhunachar sonraí na bhfógraí báis ó nuachtáin áitiúla agus an bhunachair shonraí um eolairí na gceirdeanna agus comhad um staidéar áitiúil.

Ríomhleabhair

Ceannaíodh closleabhair dhigiteacha ar nós Seinnteoirí MP3anna le cluasáin agus is léir go bhfuil an-tóir orthu.

Féile na Bealtaine 2008

Déanann Féile na Bealtaine trácht ar na bealaí iomadúla ar féidir rannpháirtíocht agus páirtíocht a spreagadh i measc aostach

- Eagraíodh saintaispeántais leabhar agus faisnéise
- Bhí léiriú dráma aon ghnímh ar siúl ag am lóin ag Eugene O'Neill sa Granary
- Cuireadh ranganna ríomhaireachta ar fáil do thosaitheoirí aosacha

Tástáil Teoirice Tiomána

Rinneadh cóipeanna de CD na Tástála Tiomána agus is féidir iad a thógáil ar iasacht nó iad a úsáid sa leabharlann.

Staitisticíum an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne:

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MÚSAEM CATHRACH JIM KEMMY

Cuireadh 71 mír le bailiúchán an mhúsaeim i rith na bliana. Ar na míreanna seo bhí spúnóg Airgead Luimnigh déanta ag John Hackett, an chéad ní sa bhailiúchán de bhunadh an déantóra seo, bosca snaoise de shliogán fínicín Airgead Luimnigh déanta ag Jonathan Buck, bonn airgid a bronnadh ar Uachtarlann Bhaile Uí Bhricín, tua chré-umhaí ó Bhaile Uí Thuadáin agus cuimhneachán ar Michael O'Callaghan, Méara Luimnigh a feallmharaíodh i 1921.

Seoladh Plean Bainistíochta agus Caomhnaithe Bhallaí Luimnigh sa mhúsaem i mí Mheán Fómhair. Fuarthas deontas €100,000 ó Líonra Bailte Múrtha na hÉireann (Irish Walled Towns Network) ar mhaithe le caomhnú bhallaí na cathrach gar do Mhargadh an Bhainne.

Osclaíodh ceantar beag i mí na Nollag mar spás breise taispeántais agus ba bhailiúchán grianghraf ag Jennifer Walsh a bhí ar an gcéad taispeántas.

Ba bheag athrú a bhí le sonrú ar líon na gcuairteoirí i rith na bliana agus breis is 14,000 cuairteoir tar éis cuairt a thabhairt ar an leabharlann. Ba léir go raibh catalóg ar líne an mhúsaeim ina hábhar síormheallta agus líon mór daoine ag baint leasa aisti agus cuntas ar 2.75 milliún cuairt a tugadh i rith na bliana, ar líon é seo atá thart ar thrí huaire níos mó ná figiúr na bliana 2007.

Above:
Adult computer classes at Limerick City Library

Centre:
The Young Poet of the Year Award ceremony at Daghdha, John Square

Right:
Aine Ni Ghlinn Cuisle workshop at the City Library

Community & Enterprise

COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

Achieving a co-ordinated and integrated approach to the economic, social and cultural development of Limerick City via Limerick City Development Board and related programmes, and supporting Limerick City Council which is charged with leading the process.

LIMERICK CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Review of City Development Board Priorities

LCDB commenced a review of its operation and priorities for the period mid 2009 to 2012. Following a number of facilitated meetings, the Board agreed to follow the national format as follows;

- Identify a limited number of key priorities and actions for the city with the core objective of addressing the need for greater public services coordination
- The new priorities to be identified given the changed social economic environment and to have regard for any key developments since the publication of the last set of priorities in 2005/6.
- Developing improved co-operation and liaison between the City and the neighbouring counties of Clare and Limerick.
- Establishment of an economic sub-committee (jointly between Limerick City and County)
- Structure of board to be reviewed to improve effectiveness.

Interagency Plan for Travellers Services

- The Interagency Traveller Group met on six occasions and progressed some of the actions as laid down under the Interagency Traveller Action Plan.
- The HSE, Gardaí and Limerick City Council convened onsite meetings in six sites during 2008 to facilitate communication between the residents and the local agencies.
- The Interagency Traveller Group received funding of €29,000 from Pobal to undertake a feasibility study on the possibility of developing a Traveller Horse Project.
- It is expected that the current Interagency Traveller Action Plan will be reviewed in 2009 and a new plan developed. This new plan will set out a timeframe to address the needs of travellers in Limerick City and is likely to operate for the same time period as the City Development Board Strategy.

Local Anti-Poverty Strategy (LAPS)

- The Development Board commissioned the University of Limerick to undertake an evaluation of the Local Anti-Poverty Strategy. It is expected that the final report be presented in January 2009.

Youth

LCDB in partnership with Limerick Youth Service, facilitates Limerick City Youth Forum. The key main achievements for 2008 are;

- Hosting a Youth Conference entitled 'Young People Creating Better Places to Live'
- 56 young people participated in Comhairle na NÓg, with representatives from thirteen secondary schools and youth clubs.
- Representatives from Comhairle na NÓg were also nominated to attend Dáil na NÓg.

Limerick Youth Conference

Jay Red break dancing at City Hall

Children's Services Committee

- During 2008 the Childrens Services Committee agreed a Children's Services Strategy which was submitted to the regeneration agencies and has now become part of the Masterplan for Regeneration in Limerick City.
- Plans are at advanced stage for the employment of a full time Children's Services Coordinator in 2009 which will be funded by partner organisations on the committee and the Office for the Minister for Youth and Children.

City of Learning

- A Strategic Framework for Learning was launched by Minister Willie O'Dea, T.D., in November. This framework was developed by the Limerick City of Learning Steering Group
- A key goal of the Board's Strategy for the City is that Limerick will become a City of Learning, a city full of opportunities.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

- The 2008 phase of the above scheme was completed in October. A total of 253 homes benefited from the scheme.

Cooperation Ireland Pride of Place Awards

- The Pride of Place Competition is run by co-operation Ireland in partnership with the All-Island Local Authority Steering Forum, which encourages strategic and sustainable approaches to cross-border co-operation by local authorities.
- St. Munchin's Community Enterprise Centre, Killeely which entered this competition for the first time in 2008 was awarded second place in the Cities, Communities Facilities Category.

Audit of Facilities

- At the request of the Department of Environment, an audit of community, sports and arts facilities was undertaken.

LIMERICK CITY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

In 2008 Limerick City Childcare Committee was funded through the National Childcare Investment Programme and through this programme co-ordinated a variety of actions under the following headings:

- Training
- Information
- Networking
- Quality
- Social Inclusion
- Capacity Building for Childcare Providers
- Capacity Building for Board and Staff
- Equality and Diversity
- Childminding

Limerick City Community Safety Partnership - Walking Club

Priority areas for 2008 included the following actions:

Inclusion of children with special needs in early years settings

In 2007 the 'What Difference?' resource pack was launched which includes a training manual and DVD. This resource pack focused on providing the early year's sector with tools for working with children with special needs on a day to day basis in their settings, and was developed in partnership between Limerick City Childcare Committee and Mary Immaculate College. During 2008 a series of eight workshops linked to this resource pack was devised. This ran in October/November over eight weeks and was delivered to 20 participants from the Limerick City area. This was a huge success with participants who have identified a gap in training available at this level on the area of working with children with special needs. Due to this success, Limerick City Childcare Committee and Mary Immaculate College plan to develop accredited training in this area in 2009, to be rolled out at the end of 2009. These workshops have also generated a demand in other areas of the country and there are plans for same to be delivered in Co Clare and Kerry in 2009.

Following from this, there was a need identified by providers and professionals in the early year's sector to develop a Framework for Action for the Inclusion of Children with Special Needs. Limerick City Childcare Committee, in partnership with Mary Immaculate College, applied for funding to the CECDE to employ a consultant to research and develop such a framework. This consultant was recruited in September 2008, and began research in five main geographical areas – Counties Kerry, Limerick, North Tipperary and Clare and Limerick City. This research has involved primary research such as focus group discussions with Childcare Committees, practitioners, Early Intervention Teams, distribution of questionnaires to practitioners, and secondary research through literary review of current policy and practice. This research will be ongoing until October 2009.

Mixed Model of Provision

In 2005 Limerick City Childcare Committee undertook an Audit of Childcare in the Limerick City area. Results from this audit showed that there was a large discrepancy between the demand for community and private childcare in the city, i.e. waiting lists for community based childcare and available places in private childcare services. This highlighted a number of issues for both parents and services:

- Sustainability issues for private services
- Are parents accessing community services due to affordability?

Limerick City Childcare Committee decided that based on these findings to pilot a mixed model of provision, which would provide affordable childcare to parents across a variety of settings, whether based in a designated disadvantaged area or not, and support sustainability for private services in the long term. A consultant was recruited a to research the probability and need of a mixed model of provision through a series of interviews, focus group discussions, and review of potential models available in other countries. Parents, community, private providers and the preschool inspectorate were consulted

At the Irish consulate in San Francisco with Emer Deane, Consul General of Ireland were Mayor Ger Fahy, City Manager, Tom Mackey and John Hartnett, Irish Technology Leadership Group

during this action. A steering group was established to oversee this work and a final report was made available to the steering group in December. It is planned to pilot this project in 2009 through recruiting a consultant to roll out the recommendations made in the final report. An evaluation will be undertaken based on this pilot.

School Age Childcare

Limerick City Childcare Committee has been heavily involved in the development of resources to support the School Age Childcare Sector over the past 4-5 years since Schools Out was originally published. Since then, A code of practice, Guide to Policies and Procedures, and Voice and Choice- a practice manual for providers have been developed. In 2008 Limerick City Childcare Committee were approached by Limerick College of Further Education to organise a conference for both childcare students and practitioners in Limerick City and the theme for the conference decided upon was 'Valuing the Older Child – School Age Childcare Conference'. This partnership also invited County Limerick Childcare Committee to become involved. The conference was attended by 85 practitioners, students and interested individuals, was launched by Jan O'Sullivan and chaired by Deirdre Frawley, Chair of City of Limerick VEC. The key note speakers included Heino Schonfeld, CECDE and Dr Ann Higgins, Mary Immaculate College. Five workshops were also held, including Building Positive Relationships, Outdoor Games and Activities, Voice and Choice, Drama and Music. Feedback was very positive, and Limerick College of Further Education have suggested working in partnership on a regular basis to promote capacity building and networking for the sector on a regular basis. This was also an opportunity to promote the wide variety of resources available to the school age childcare sector.

Limerick City Childcare Committee are also involved in SACCI – School Age Childcare Collaborative Initiative, and held a stand at their conference in October. This conference was held to launch the School Age Childcare FETAC Certificate, which has been piloted in a number of areas around the country and will be available nationwide in 2009.

Limerick City Childcare Committee and Mary Immaculate College jointly chaired QDOSS – Quality Development of Out of School Services, for six months from November 08 to April 09. This is a network of organisations working in the field of out of school services from school age childcare to youth work.

For further information on the work of Limerick City Childcare Committee please contact Dara/Helen/Martina at 061-407527/407525/407526

Norweigan Ambassador Mr. Øyvind Nordsletten visits the AK Ilen Wooden Boat Building School, LEDP Roxboro, also in photograph left to right Toby Graystone, Michael Tiernan and Liam McElligott, LEDP

Anthony Purcell on work experience at AK Ilen Wooden Boat Building School, LEDP Roxboro

Pobal agus Fiontar

POBAL AGUS FIONTAR

Cur chuige comhordaithe comhtháite a bhaint amach um fhorbairt gheilleagrach, shóisialta agus chultúrtha Chathair Luimnigh trí Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh agus trí chláir lena mbaineann, agus trí thacú le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh atá ar thús cadhnaíochta sa phróiseas ar fad.

BORD FORBARTHA CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Athbhreithniú ar Thosaíochtaí Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh (LCDB)

Chuir an LCDB tús le hathbhreithniú ar a gcuid oibríochtaí agus tosaíochtaí don tréimhse idir lár na bliana 2009 agus 2012. I ndiaidh roinnt cruinnithe éascaithe, chomhaontaigh an Bord ar leanúint na formáide náisiúnta, faoi mar a shonraítear thíos:

- Roinnt theoranta tosaíochtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí tábhachtacha a shainaithint don chathair agus é mar phríomhchuspóir aghaidh a thabhairt ar chomhordú níos fearr i dtaca le seirbhísí poiblí
- Sainaithint na dtosaíochtaí nua agus an timpeallacht shóisialta gheilleagrach athraithe san áireamh agus aird ar aon fhorbairtí tábhachtacha ó fhoilsiú na tosaíochtaí deireanacha in 2005/6.
- Comhoibriú agus idirchaidreamh níos fearr a chothú idir an chathair agus Contae an Chláir agus Contae Luimnigh atá thart uirthi.
- Bunú fochoiste gheilleagraigh (idir Cathair Luimnigh agus Contae Luimnigh)
- Athbhreithniú ar leagan amach an Bhoird chun éifeachtacht a dhéanamh níos fearr.

Plean Idirghníomhaireachta do Sheirbhísí an Lucht Siúil

- Tháinig Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil le chéile faoi shé agus rinne siad dul chun cinn i gcuid de na gníomhaíochtaí a leagtar amach sa Phlean Gníomhaíochta Idirghníomhaireachta don Lucht Siúil.
- Thionóil an HSE, na Gardaí agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh cruinnithe ar an láthair i sé láthair in 2008 chun cumarsáid idir na cónaitheoirí agus na gníomhaireachtaí áitiúla a éascú.
- Fuair Grúpa Idirghníomhaireachta an Lucht Siúil maoiniú €29,000 ó Phobal chun staidéar fiúntais a dhéanamh ar fhorbairt Tionscadail Chapall don Lucht Siúil agus ar indéantacht a leithéide.
- Táthar ag súil leis go ndéanfar athbhreithniú ar an bPlean Gníomhaíochta Idirghníomhaireachta reatha don lucht siúil in 2009 agus go bhforbrófar plean nua. Leagtar tréimhse ama amach sa Phlean nua seo chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar riachtanais an lucht siúil i gCathair Luimnigh agus is dócha go mbeidh feidhm leis ar feadh an ama chéanna a bhaineann le Straitéis Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh.

Straitéis Áitiúil in Aghaidh na Bochtaineachta (LAPS)

- Choimisiúnaigh an Bord Forbartha Ollscoil Luimnigh chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar an Straitéis Áitiúil in Aghaidh na Bochtaineachta. Táthar ag súil leis go gcuirfear an tuarascáil deiridh ar fáil i mí Eanáir 2009.

An Óige

Éascaíonn an LCDB, i gcomhar le Seirbhís Óige Luimnigh, Ógfhóram Chathair Luimnigh. Is iad seo a leanas na príomhéachtaí a baineadh amach in 2008:

- Óstáil Comhdhála don Óige dar teideal "Cruthú Áiteanna Cónaithe Níos Fearr ag Daoine Óga" ("Young People Creating Better Places to Live")
- Ghlac 56 duine óg páirt i gComhairle na nÓg; bhí ionadaithe ó 13 mheánscoil agus club óige inti.
- Chomh maith leis sin, ainmníodh ionadaithe ó Chomhairle na nÓg chun freastal a dhéanamh ar Dháil na nÓg.

An Coiste do Sheirbhísí Leanaí

- I rith 2008, chomhaontaigh an Coiste do Sheirbhísí Leanaí ar Straitéis do Sheirbhísí Leanaí a tugadh do na gníomhaireachtaí athfhoráis agus atá anois mar chuid den Mháistirphlean um Athfhorás Chathair Luimnigh.
- Táthar ag dul ar aghaidh go breá le pleananna chun Comhordaitheoir um Sheirbhísí do Leanaí a fhostú go lánaimseartha in 2009; beidh maoiniú ar fáil ina leith ó chomheagraíochtaí an choiste agus ó Oifig an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige.

Cathair Léinn

- Sheol an tAire Willie O'Dea, T.D., Creatlach Straitéiseach Foghlama i mí na Samhna. Chuir an Grúpa Stiúrtha Chathair Luimnigh an Léinn an chreatlach seo i dtoll a chéile
- Is cuspóir tábhachtach de chuid Straitéis an Bhoird don chathair í Cathair Léinn a bheadh lán de dheiseanna a dhéanamh de Chathair Luimnigh.

Scéim Pobail na nAláram Deataigh

- Cuireadh céim 2008 den scéim thuas i gcrích i mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Bhain 253 teaghlach ar fad tairbhe as an scéim.

Duaiseanna Mórtas Ceantair de chuid Co-operation Ireland

- Reáchtálann Co-operation Ireland an Comórtas Mórtas Ceantair i gcomhar leis an nGrúpa Stiúrtha Uile-oileáin um Údaráis Áitiúla a spreagann cur chuige straitéiseach inbhuanaithe i leith comhoibriú trasteorann i measc údaráis áitiúla.
- Chuir Ionad Pobail Fiontair Naomh Mainchín, Cill Liaile, isteach ar an gcomórtas seo den chéad uair in 2008 agus bhain siad an dara háit amach sa chatagóir, Cathracha: Áiseanna Pobail.

Iniúchadh ar Áiseanna

- Ar iarratas na Roinne Comhshaoil, tugadh faoi iniúchadh ar áiseanna pobail, spóirt agus ealaíon.

COISTE CÚRAM LEANAÍ CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Sa bhliain 2008, bhí Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh á maoiniú ag an gClár Náisiúnta Infheistíochta sa Chúram Leanaí. Mar gheall ar an gClár seo, chomhordaigh an Coiste réimse gníomhaíochtaí faoi na teidil seo a leanas:

- Oiliúint
- Faisnéis
- Líonrú
- Caighdeán
- Cuimsiú Sóisialta
- Forbairt Acmhainne na Soláthraithe Cúram Leanaí
- Forbairt Acmhainne an Bhoird agus na Foirne
- Comhionannas agus Éagsúlacht
- Feighlíocht Leanaí

Bhí na gníomhaíochtaí a leanas i measc thosaíochtaí 2008:

Cuimsiú leanaí faoi riachtanais speisialta sna luathbhlianta

Sa bhliain 2007, seoladh an pacáiste acmhainne "Cén Difríocht?" ("What Difference?")lenar áiríodh lámhleabhar oiliúna agus DVD. Dhírigh an pacáiste acmhainne seo ar sholáthar uirlisí d'earnáil na luathbhlianta a theastaíonn chun a bheith ag oibriú le leanaí faoi riachtanais speisialta gach lá. Forbraíodh an pacáiste a bhuíochas le comhpháirtíocht idir Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh agus Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál. I rith na bliana 2008, reáchtáladh 8 gceardlann a bhain leis an bpacáiste acmhainne seo. Bhí siad seo ar siúl i mí Dheireadh Fómhair/mí na Samhna ar feadh 8 seachtaine agus cuireadh ar fáil iad do 20 rannpháirtí ó cheantar Chathair Luimnigh. Bhain na rannpháirtithe an-tairbhe as na ceardlanna seo; shainaithin siad bearna san oiliúint atá ar fáil ag an leibhéal seo i dtaca le hoibriú le leanaí faoi riachtanais speisialta. Mar gheall ar an rath seo, tá sé ar intinn ag Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh agus ag Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál oiliúint chreidiúnaithe a chur le chéile sa réimse seo in 2009 agus í a thabhairt isteach ag deireadh na bliana 2009. Tá na ceardlanna seo ina n-ábhar spreagtha in áiteanna eile se tír agus siocar an éilimh atá orthu anois, tá sé beartaithe ceardlanna a reáchtáil i gContae an Chláir agus i gContae Chiarraí in 2009.

Chomh maith leis sin, shainaithin soláthraithe agus saineolaithe in earnáil na luathbhlianta go raibh gá le forbairt Creatlaí Gníomhaíochta um Chuimsiú Leanaí faoi Riachtanais Speisialta. Chuir Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh, i gcomhar le Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, isteach ar mhaoiniú chuig an CECDE (an Lárionad Oideachais agus Forbartha don Luath-Óige) d'fhonn sainchomhairleoir a fhostú chun taighde a dhéanamh ar chreatlach dá samhail agus chun í a fhorbairt. Earcaíodh an sainchomhairleoir seo i mí Mheán Fómhair 2008 agus cuireadh tús leis an taighde i 5 phríomhcheantar gheografacha – Contae Chiarraí, Contae Luimnigh, Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh, Contae an Chláir agus Cathair Luimnigh. Bhí príomhthaighde i gceist leis an taighde seo, fearacht cainteanna fócasghrúpaí le Coistí Cúram Leanaí, cleachtóirí, Foirne Luath-idirghabhála, dáileadh ceistneoirí ar chleachtóirí, agus taighde tánaisteach trí athbhreithniú liteartha ar bheartais agus ar chleachtais reatha. Leanfar ar aghaidh leis an taighde seo go dtí mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2009.

Samhail mheasctha soláthair

In 2005, thug Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh faoi Iniúchadh ar Chúram Leanaí i gCathair Luimnigh. Thug torthaí an iniúchta seo le fios go raibh neamhréireacht mhór idir an t-éileamh ar Chúram Leanaí Pobail agus ar Chúram Leanaí Príobháideach sa chathair, i.e. liostaí feithimh le haghaidh cúram leanaí pobail, agus na folúntais atá ar fáil i Seirbhísí Príobháideacha Cúram Leanaí. Leag sé seo béim ar roinnt saincheisteanna do thuismitheoirí agus do sheirbhísí araon:

- Saincheisteanna inbhuanaitheachta um sheirbhísí príobháideacha
- An bhfuil tuismitheoirí ag rochtain seirbhísí pobail de bharr inacmhainneachta?

Chinn Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh bun a chur le triailsamhail mheasctha soláthair, bunaithe ar na torthaí seo, a chuirfeadh cúram leanaí inacmhainne ar fáil do thuismitheoirí i mórán cásanna, bíodh siad i saincheantar faoi mhíbhuntáiste nó a mhalairt, agus tacú le hinbhuanaitheacht seirbhísí príobháideacha san fhadtéarma. In 2008, d'earcaigh Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh sainchomhairleoir chun taighde a dhéanamh ar dhóchúlacht agus ar an ngá a bheadh le samhail mheasctha soláthair trí shraith agallamh, cainteanna fócasghrúpaí, agus athbhreithniú ar shamhlacha féideartha i dtíortha eile. Chuathas i gcomhairle le tuismitheoirí, le soláthraithe pobail agus le soláthraithe príobháideacha, agus leis na Cigirí Réamhscoile le linn na gníomhaíochta seo. Bunaíodh grúpa stiúrtha chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar an obair seo agus cuireadh tuarascáil deiridh ar fáil don ghrúpa stiúrtha i mí na Nollag 2008. Beartaítear an tionscadal seo a thriail in 2009 trí shainchomhairleoir a eacrú d'fhonn na moltaí a shonraítear sa tuarascáil deiridh a thabhairt isteach. Tabharfar faoi mheasúnú bunaithe ar an triail seo.

Cúram Leanaí na hAoise Scoile

Bhí an-bhaint ag Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh le forbairt acmhainní chun tacú le hearnáil Chúram Leanaí na hAoise Scoile le ceithre nó cúig bliana anuas ó foilsíodh 'Tá an Scoil Thart' ('Schools Out') den chéad uair. Ó shin i leith, cuireadh cód cleachtais le chéile dar teideal, 'Treoir do Bheartais agus do Nósanna Imeachta', chomh maith le lámhleabhar cleachtais do sholáthraithe dar teideal, 'Rogha agus Togha' ('Voice and Choice'). In 2008, d'iarr Coláiste Breisoideachais Luimnigh (Coláiste Sinsearach Luimnigh roimhe seo) ar Choiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh comhdháil a reáchtáil do mhic léinn chúram leanaí agus do chleachtóirí araon i gCathair Luimnigh. Thángthas ar chomhréiteach ar théama na comhdhála, 'Tábhacht an Linbh Níos Sine – Comhdháil Chúram Leanaí na hAoise Scoile' ('Valuing the Older Child – School Age Childcare Conference'). D'iarr an chomhpháirtíocht ar Choiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh a bheith páirteach sa chomhdháil leis. Bhí an chomhdháil ar siúl an 8 Samhain. Rinne 85 cleachtóir, mac léinn agus daoine a raibh suim acu inti freastal ar an gcomhdháil. Sheol Jan O'Sullivan an chomhdháil agus ba í Deirdre Frawley, Cathaoirleach Choiste Gairmoideachais Chathair Luimnigh, cathaoirleach na comhdhála. Ar na príomhchainteoirí bhí Heino Schonfeld, CECDE agus an Dr Ann Higgins, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál. Sa mhullach air sin, reáchtáladh 5 cheardlann, lenar áiríodh Bunú Caidrimh Dhearfaigh, Cluichí agus Gníomhaíochtaí Amuigh, Rogha agus Togha, Drámaíocht agus Ceol. Ba dhearfach an t-aiseolas a fuarthas agus mhol Coláiste Breisoideachais Luimnigh oibriú i gcomhpháirtíocht go rialta chun forbairt acmhainne agus líonrú a chur chun cinn don earnáil ar bhonn rialta. Ina theannta sin, ba dheis í seo an líon mór acmhainní atá ar fáil don earnáil chúram leanaí na haoise scoile a chur chun cinn.

Tá baint ag Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh le SACCI (Comhthionscnamh Chúram Leanaí na hAoise Scoile) chomh maith, agus bhí seastán in airde acu ag a gcomhdháil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair na bliana seo caite. Reáchtáladh an chomhdháil seo chun Teastas FETAC i gCúram Leanaí na hAoise Scoile a sheoladh; triaileadh é i roinnt áiteanna sa tír agus beidh sé ar fáil go náisiúnta in 2009.

Is iad Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh agus Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál na comhchathaoirligh ar QDOSS (Forbairt Ardchaighdeáin na Seirbhísí Lasmuigh den Scoil) ar feadh 6 mhí idir mí na Samhna 2008 agus mí Aibreáin 2009. Is gréasán eagraíochtaí é seo a phléann le seirbhísí lasmuigh den scoil agus a chlúdaíonn idir Leanaí na hAoise Scoile agus obair óige.

Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi obair Choiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh, déan teagmháil le Dara/Helen/Martina ag 061-407527/407525/407526.

Parks, Sport & Recreation

Municipal Golf Course

- Work continued in 2008 towards the further improvement of the golf course.

Skateboard Park

- The skateboard park at Mount Kennett was officially opened in July.

St. Endas Sports Complex

- The development of this sports complex is consistent with the policies and objectives contained within the Limerick City Council Sports and Recreation Policy Framework Plan.
- Discussions continued on the provision of funding with the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism. Limerick City Council approved a contribution of €75,000 for this complex in 2008.

Support for Sporting Organisations

- A new grant-aid provision totalling €33,000 for sporting/recreational activities was included in the adopted annual budget for 2008. These grants were paid out to approximately 30 groups during the year.

Slí na Sláinte

Two new routes have been identified in 2008:

- The Three Bridges
- City Centre

Nursery

The parks section produced spring and summer bedding plants, floral containers and floral towers for the riverside railings and streets throughout the city as well as planting hanging baskets for 'Bridges in Bloom', Floral displays were prepared for civic ceremonies throughout the year.

Parks

The People's Park has been awarded the only green flag for a park in the Republic of Ireland. A shelter was renovated in the O'Brien Park. Two pitches were drained and seeded as part of the redevelopment of the Shelbourne Park.

Limerick Looking Good

The fifth 'Limerick Looking Good' environment competition was held. The main categories were Best Residential Area, Best Urban Village, Best City Street and Best Kept Residential Front Garden.

Annual Programme

As part of the annual tree maintenance programme work was carried out and completed on the Hyde Road, Childers Road, Corbally and in the Caherdavin area.

Tree planting was completed on the People's Park, Garryowen, Ted Russell Park, O'Brien Park, Corbally, Childers Road and the N18 .

Annual grass cutting in parks and open spaces completed.

Herbicide Application and Control of Hog Weed Programme completed.

The parks department continued to maintain approach roads through grass cutting, edging and bulb planting.

Boosting sports participation and activity to help support Limerick's youth, giving them greater choice and opportunities

Shelbourne Park

CEMETERIES

Mount Saint Laurence and Extension

Maintenance and enhancements works carried out throughout the year included removal of decayed trees, making good of grounds and reseeding, trimming of hedges, weed control and grass cutting. All new plots were top soiled and levelled. The pier to the gateway was lowered and capped.

Saint Laurence

Maintenance and enhancements works carried out throughout the year included the cleaning and sweeping of pathways, removal of refuse, weed control, rodent control, drainage and top soiling as required.

Saint Oliver

Maintenance and enhancements works carried out throughout the year included weed control, disposal of refuse, vermin control, hedge and tree trimming, drainage and grass cutting. All new graves were top soiled, levelled and seeded. New pathways were prepared.

Internments

Saint Laurence 201
Saint Oliver 208

Páirceanna, Spórt agus Caitheamh Aimsire

Galfchúrsa na Cathrach

- Leanadh ar aghaidh in 2008 le feabhsú an Ghalfchúrsa.

Clós do Chláir Scátála

- Osclaíodh an Clós do Chláir Scátála i Moin Cinit go hoifigiúil i mí Iúil 2008.

Ionad Spóirt Naomh Éanna

- Tá forbairt an Ionaid Spóirt seo i gcomhréir leis na beartais agus leis na cuspóirí a leagtar amach sa Chreatphlean um Beartas Spóirt agus Caitheamh Aimsire Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.
- Leanadh ar aghaidh in 2008 le cainteanna maidir le soláthar maoinithe leis an Roinn Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta. D'fhormheas Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ranníocaíocht €75,000 le haghaidh an Ionaid seo in 2008.

Tacaíocht d'Eagraíochtaí Spóirt

- Cuireadh cúnamh deontais €33,000 um ghníomhaíochtaí spóirt/caitheamh aimsire san áireamh i mBuiséad Bliantúil 2008 ar glacadh leis. Íocadh na deontais seo le thart ar 30 grúpa i rith na bliana.

Slí na Sláinte

Sainaithníodh dhá shlí nua in 2008:

- Na Trí Dhroichead
- Lár na Cathrach

Mike Meagher

Mayor of Limerick, Ger Fahy with members of the Limerick skate park action group, Andrew Jolly, Tom Shortt and Dave Hurley, at the signing of the contracts of for the new skate park

Plandaí

Sholáthair Rannóg na bPáirceanna plandaí ceapaí earraigh agus samhraidh, gabhdáin bhláthacha agus túir bhláthacha le haghaidh na ráillí cois abhann agus na sráideanna ar fud na cathrach. Chomh maith leis sin, chuir siad ciseáin chrochta i gcomhair 'Droichid faoi Bhláth'. Réitíodh taispeántais bhláthacha le haghaidh searmanais chathartha i rith na bliana leis.

Páirceanna

Bronnadh an t-aon Bhrat Glas i bPoblacht na hÉireann le haghaidh páirce ar Pháirc an Phobail. Athchóiríodh foscadh i bPáirc Uí Bhriain. Mar chuid d'athfhorbairt Pháirc Shíol Bhroin, draenáladh an dá pháirc agus síoladh iad.

Dea-Chuma ar Luimneach ('Limerick Looking Good')

Reáchtáladh an cúigiú Comórtas Comhshaoil 'Dea-Chuma ar Luimneach'. Ba iad na príomhchatagóirí a bhí ann an Limistéar Cónaithe is Fearr, an Sráidbhaile Uirbeach is Fearr, an tSráid Chathrach is Fearr agus an Gairdín is Deise os comhair Tí.

Clár Bliantúil

Mar chuid den chlár bliantúil um chothabháil crann, rinneadh oibreacha ar na háiteanna seo a leanas agus cuireadh i gcrích iad: Bóthar de hÍde, Bóthar Childers, an Corrbhaile agus Cathair Dháibhín.

Cuireadh cur crann i gcrích i bPáirc an Phobail, i nGarraí Eoin, i bPáirc Ted Russell, i bPáirc Uí Bhriain, sa Chorrbhaile, i mBóthar Childers agus san N18.

Cuireadh baint féir i bpáirceanna agus i spásanna oscailte bliantúla i gcrích.

Cuireadh an Clár um Úsáid Luibhicíde agus Smachtú Feabhráin i gcrích.

Lean Rannóg na bPáirceanna orthu le cothabháil na mbóithre isteach trí bhaint féir, ciumhaisiú agus cuireadh bleibeanna.

REILIGÍ

Cnoc Naomh Labhráis agus Síneadh.
Ar na hoibreacha cothabála agus feabhsúcháin ar tugadh fúthu le linn na bliana bhí baint crann meathlaithe, slánú tailte agus athshíoladh, bearradh fálta, smachtú fiailí agus baint féir.
Cuireadh barrithir ar gach láthair uaighe nua agus cothromaíodh iad. Íslíodh agus cuireadh barrchaipín ar an bpiara geata.

Naomh Labhrás

Ar na hoibreacha cothabála agus feabhsúcháin ar tugadh fúthu le linn na bliana bhí glanadh agus scuabadh cosán, tógáil bruscair, smachtú fiailí, smachtú creimirí, draenáil agus cur barrithreach de réir mar ba ghá.

Naomh Oilibhéar

Ar na hoibreacha cothabála agus feabhsúcháin ar tugadh fúthu le linn na bliana bhí smachtú fiailí, diúscairt bruscair, smachtú míolra, bearradh fálta agus crann, draenáil agus baint féir. Cuireadh barrithir ar gach láthair uaighe nua, cothromaíodh iad agus síolaíodh iad. Réitíodh cosáin nua.

Adhlachtaí

Naomh Labhrás: 201
Naomh Oilibhéar: 208

Strategic Policy Committees

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee met on five occasions in 2008. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including :

- Infrastructural projects
- Presentation on riverside strategy
- City centre strategy
- Road works programme 2008
- Drinking water incidence management
- Green routes
- Extinguishments of rights of way
- Taking in charge
- Orbital route
- Coonagh/Knockalisheen distributor road
- Water services strategic plan
- Draft public realm design
- Water loss through leakage/lead pipes

The following recommendations were made to City Council for approval:

- Reports on various notices of motion
- Road works programme for 2008
- Recommendation of extinguishments
- Recommendations on taking in charge of estates
- Recommendation for the replacement of lead piping
- Recommendation to put the public realm design for public consultation
- Recommendations on green route alterations and compliance to procedure issues

CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee met on five occasions during 2008. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

a) Presentation on the 1901 & 1911 Census by Mike Maguire.
b) Presentation on Limerick City walls conservation & management plan
c) Sport & recreation re-generation proposals – B. Kenny
d) Update on skateboard park

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

- To request working with Limerick Youth Services, Paul Partnership, the Southside Regeneration Agency and any other relevant interested body, to provide a Community/Youth Centre in Garryowen to service the Garryowen, Singland and Rhebogue Areas
- To work in conjunction with Limerick City Sports Partnership and the newly formed Southside Regeneration Committee formulate a comprehensive redevelopment plan for Caledonian Park so as to provide a modern sports facility and permanent home to both the soccer clubs using the park and local community
- To provide some funding for the conservation and maintenance of the Limerick City walls
- To establish a committee as a point of contact for the City Walls conservation and management plan

Mayor Gilligan presents the best hard surface award to Angela Sciascia, Lifford House Roxboro Road, 'Limerick Looking Good' Environment Competition

Mayor Gilligan presents the Best Unique Design to Dermot Lynch, The Bungalow Upper Careys road and his daughter Catriona Lynch, 'Limerick Looking Good' Environment Competition

- To request the establishment of a committee to include relevant organisations such as the VEC, Shannon Development, Belltable and others to prepare an application and strategy to secure necessary funding and support for the redevelopment of the former Theatre Royal Building on Cecil Street as a cultural centre and cinema
- Approval of grants under the arts act in the sum of €18,400.
- Approval of grants under the sports recreation grant-aid scheme in the sum of €31,250

THE ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee met on four occasions in 2008. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Review of City Development Plan
- Mid West Retail Strategy
- Borough Boundary Extension/Caherdavin Area Plan
- Scanning system for planning files
- Planning guidelines – (i) Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and (ii) Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Conservation Grant allocation

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The members met on four occasions in 2008. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- 'Ireland National Climate Change Strategy 2007–2012'
- The Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme, 2008
- Litter & waste enforcement statistics
- The regional new integrated prevention programme (NIPP)
- The Green Hospitality Awards
- Outline view of Limerick City Council's climate change policy
- Shannon River Basin Management Plan
- Alternate side street parking, with reference to street cleaning
- Report on a wall of remembrance
- Reed control at Westfields
- Brown (biodegradable waste) bin being rolled out in the Limerick Region

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

- The Environment Improvement Initiative Grants Scheme 2008

SOCIAL POLICY & HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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

- Report on capital programme 2008
- Report on the housing need assessment 2008
- Report social & community grant scheme 2008
- Report on the following grants - housing aid for older people, mobility aids grants scheme & housing adaptation grant scheme for people with disability & improvement works and extensions in lieu of local authority funding
- Report on service level agreements for funding for estate management grants & estate management services provided by Limerick City Council
- Housing maintenance & repairs policy
- Differential rent scheme 2008
- Report on the recruitment of additional staff to facilitate regeneration

The following policies were adopted by Limerick City Council:

- Policy on housing aid for older people
- Policy on housing adaptation grants scheme
- Policy on mobility aids grant scheme
- Policy on housing maintenance and repair
- Service level agreement for funding of estate management groups

Presentations took place on the following:

- Energy, efficiency and rating of Limerick City Council rented stock
- The proposed regional housing strategy
- Draft traveller accommodation plan 2009-2012
- Community co-ordinator programme
- Presentation by Brendan Kenny, Chief Executive, Limerick Regeneration Agencies
- RAS
- Progress on the homeless strategy and action plan 2008-2010
- Central heating scheme

AN COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH IOMPAIR AGUS BONNEAGAIR

Tháinig an Coiste le chéile faoi chúig sa bhliain 2008. Fuarthas roinnt cur i láthair agus pléadh réimse leathan saincheisteanna, lenar áiríodh:

- Tionscadail Bhonneagair
- Cur i láthair faoin Straitéis Cois Abhann
- Straitéis Lár na Cathrach
- Clár Oibreacha Bóthair 2008
- Bainistiú ar Tharlú Uisce Óil
- Bealaí Glasa
- Deireadh a chur le cearta slí
- Tógáil i gCúram
- Seachbhealach
- Bóthar Dáileacháin Chuanach/Chnoc an Lisín

- Plean Straitéiseach um Sheirbhísí Uisce
- Dréachtdhearadh an Fhearainn Phoiblí
- Cailleadh uisce trí ligean/phíopaí luaidhe

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

- Tuarascálacha ar Fhógraí éagsúla Foriarratais
- Clár Oibreacha Bóthair 2008
- Moladh aon ní ar cuireadh deireadh leis
- Moltaí faoi thógáil eastát i gcúram
- Moladh faoi ionadú píopaí luaidhe
- Moladh faoi Dhearadh an Fhearainn Phoiblí a chur i láthair an phobail le haghaidh comhairliúcháin
- Moltaí faoi athruithe ar Bhealaí Glasa agus faoi chomhlíonadh nósanna imeachta

COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH CULTÚIR AGUS SPÓIRT

Tháinig an Coiste le chéile faoi chúig sa bhliain 2008. Fuarthas roinnt cur i láthair agus pléadh réimse leathan saincheisteanna, lenar áiríodh:

a) Cur i láthair faoi Dhaonáireamh 1901 agus faoi Dhaonáireamh 1911 le Mike Maguire
b) Cur i láthair faoin bPlean um Chaomhnú agus Bainistiú Bhallaí Chathair Luimnigh
c) Tograí faoi Athnuachan Spóirt agus Caitheamh Aimsire – B. Kenny
d) Nuashonrú ar an gClós do Chláir Scátála

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

- Iarradh ar chomhoibriú le Seirbhís Óige Luimnigh, Comhpháirtíocht Phóil, Gníomhaireacht Athfhoráis Dheisceart na Cathrach agus aon chomhlacht cuí a bhfuil spéis acu, d'fhonn Ionad Pobail/Óige a chur ar fáil i nGarraí Eoin chun freastal ar cheantar Gharraí Eoin, Shaingil agus na Réabóige
- Comhoibriú le Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Chathair Luimnigh agus le Coiste Athfhoráis nuabhunaithe Dheisceart na Cathrach chun plean cuimsitheach athfhorbartha a chur le chéile le haghaidh Pháirc na hAlban d'fhonn áis spóirt nua aimseartha agus baile buan a sholáthar do na cumainn sacair a mbaineann úsáid aisti agus don phobal áitiúil
- Roinnt maoinithe a chur ar fáil le haghaidh chaomhnú agus chothabháil Bhallaí Chathair Luimnigh
- Coiste a bhunú mar phointe teagmhála le haghaidh an Phlean um Chaomhnú agus Bainistiú Bhallaí Chathair Luimnigh
- Iarradh ar bhunú coiste ar a mbeidh eagraíochtaí cuí, ar nós an Choiste Gairmoideachais, Fhorbairt Shionainne, Belltable agus mórán eile nach iad chun iarratas agus straitéis a ullmhú le maoiniú agus le tacaíocht riachtanach a chinntiú i gcomhair athfhorbairt na hAmharclainne Ríoga ar Shráid Shisil mar ionad cultúrtha agus pictiúrlann.
- Ceadú deontas in 2008 faoin Acht Ealaíon, deontais arbh fhiú €18,400 iad
- Ceadú deontas in 2008 faoin Scéim Cúnaimh Deontais um Chaitheamh Aimsire Spóirt arbh fhiú €31,250 iad

AN COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH FHORBAIRT BEARTAS GEILLEAGRACH AGUS PLEANÁLA DON TODHCHAÍ

Tháinig an Coiste le chéile faoi cheathar sa bhliain 2008. Fuarthas roinnt cur i láthair agus pléadh réimse leathan saincheisteanna, lenar áiríodh:

Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach.
Straitéis Miondíola an Lár-Iarthair.
Síneadh Chríoch na Cathrach/Plean Ceantair Chathair Dháibhín.
Córas scanta le haghaidh comhaid phleanála.
Treoirlínte pleanála – (i) Forbairt Chónaithe Inbhuanaithe i gCeantair Uirbeacha agus (ii) Tithíocht Uirbeach Inbhuanaithe: Caighdeáin Dearaidh d'Árasáin Nua.
Leithdháileadh an Deontais Chaomhnaithe 2008.

COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH AN CHOMHSHAOIL

Bhuail na baill le chéile ceithre huaire in 2008. Fuarthas roinnt cur i láthair agus pléadh réimse leathan saincheisteanna, lenar áiríodh:

- "Straitéis Náisiúnta na hÉireann ar Athrú Aeráide 2007-2012"
- An Scéim Deontais um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil, 2008
- Staitisticí maidir le Cur i bhFeidhm Bruscair agus Dramhaíola
- An Clár Réigiúnach Nua Comhtháite um Chosc (NIPP)
- Duaiseanna na Fáilte Glaise
- Léargas ar bheartas Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i leith athrú aeráide
- Plean Bainistíochta Abhantrach na Sionainne
- Páirceáil Taobhshráide Mhalartach, maidir le Clampáil Sráide
- Tuarascáil ar Bhalla Cuimhneacháin
- Smachtú Giolcach sna Goirt Thiar
- Tabhairt isteach an Bhosca Bruscair Dhoinn (dramhaíl in-bhithmhillte) i Réigiún Luimnigh

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

- Scéim Deontais an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil, 2008

St. Clements College, South Circular Road new school building

Service Indicators

CP: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme	71.43

CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum

Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	125

C: CORPORATE ISSUES

C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	5.76
B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.95
C.2 Staff Training and Development	
Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	6.28

E: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WATER

E.1 Unaccounted For Water

Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	47.89

E.2 Drinking Water Analysis

A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes

WASTE MANAGEMENT

E.3 Waste Segregation

A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	99.92
B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	0

E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling

A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	21.02

B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	4433
C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	1924.50
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill	
A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	73.81
B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	15564
E6: Recycling facilities	
The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	56
The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	1

GLASS

A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	16
B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
C. The total number of facilities for recycling	17
D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	1.62

CANS

E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	19
F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
G. The total number of facilities for recycling	20
H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	1.90

TEXTILES

I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	7
J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
K.The total number of facilities for recycling	8
L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.76

BATTERIES

M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	36
N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
O. The total number of facilities for recycling	38
P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	3.62

OILS

Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
S. The total number of facilities for recycling	1
T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.10

OTHER MATERIALS

U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	14
V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
W. The total number of facilities for recycling	15
X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	1.43

LITTER

E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement

A. Number of full-time litter wardens	3
B. Number of part-time litter wardens	2
C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.48
D. Number of on-the spot fines issued	677
E. Number of on-the spot fines paid	319
F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	234
G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	60
H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	51
I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	234
J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	60
K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	
L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	
M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	
N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	
O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	

E.8 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1190
B. Number of complaints investigated	1190
C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	1104
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	1003

E9: Percentage of Schools participating in environmental campaigns

A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	79.41
B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	80.0

F:FIRE SERVICE

F1: Fire Service Mobilisation

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	1.42
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	1.47

F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	90.33
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	8.50
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	1.17
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	80.23
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	16.73
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	3.04

F.3 Fire prevention

A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	121
B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	120
C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	6

H: HOUSING

H.1 Housing Vacancies

A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	2889
B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	2824
C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	1.59
D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	24.44
E. The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	77.78

H.2 Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings

The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	1.62
The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	1.93

H3: Housing Repairs

Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	88.30

H4: Traveller Accommodation

Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	66.00

H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector

A. Total number of registered tenancies	5442
B. Number of dwelling units inspected	452
C. Number of inspections carried out	498
D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	8.31

H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability

A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	7.75
B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	19

H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses

A. Total number of new local authority tenants	97
B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	100

L: LIBRARY SERVICES

L.1 Library Public Opening Hours

A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	40.80
B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	9.32
C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	66
D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	66
E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	66

L.2 Library Visits

Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	4300.12

L.3 Library Stock

A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	3.59

B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	3.86
C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	1.50
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries	
Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	486.93

M: MOTOR TAXATION

M. 1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions

A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter
B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post
C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)
D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter
E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post
F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)

M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications

A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application
G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application

M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications

A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application
B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application
C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application
D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application
E. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application
F. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application
G. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application

H. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	
M.4 Public opening hours	
Average number of opening hours per week	30

P: PLANNING

P.1 Planning Applications – Decision Making

INDIVIDUAL HOUSES

A. Number of applications decided	1
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	1
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	0
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
F. Percentage of applications agreed	0
G. Percentage of applications refused	100
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

A. Number of applications decided	4
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	1
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	3
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	219
F. Percentage of applications granted	25.00
G. Percentage of applications refused	75.00
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	0
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	100
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment	
A. Number of applications decided	331
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	186
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	144
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	68.92
F. Percentage of applications granted	91.84
G. Percentage of applications refused	8.16
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	82.61

I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	17.39
Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment	
A. Number of applications decided	3
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	0
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	3
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	97.33
F. Percentage of applications granted	100
G. Percentage of applications refused	0
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

P.2 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	155
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	19
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	0
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	136
E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	51
F. Number of prosecutions	11
P.3 Planning Public opening hours	
Average number of opening hours per week	35

P.4 PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	166
B. 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 NEW BUILDINGS INSPECTED

Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	46.98
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge	
A. The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year.	0
B. Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	5
C. Number of dwellings in respect of B	174
D. Percentage of estates in A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	
E. Number of estates in D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	0
F. Number of estates in D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	0

REC: RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds

A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.17
B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.02

Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	2198.94

REV: REVENUE COLLECTION

Rev.1 House Rent

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	91.77
B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	5.21
C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	5.30
D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	80.71

Rev.2 Housing Loans

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	96.89
B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1 month old	17.00
C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	11.00
D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	72.00

Rev.3 Commercial Rates

Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	82

Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	62

R1: Road Restoration Programme

Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	4
Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	0

Táscairí Seirbhíse

CP: RANNPHÁIRTÍOCHT SA PHOBAL

CP.1 Rannpháirtíocht i scéim áitiúil Chomhairle na nÓg

Céatadán na scoileanna áitiúla agus na ngrúpaí óige a bhfuil baint acu le scéim áitiúil Chomhairle na nÓg	71.43

CP.2 Grúpaí atá cláraithe san Fhóram Pobail agus Deonach

Líon na ngrúpaí atá cláraithe san Fhóram Pobail agus Deonach	125

C: SAINCHEISTEANNA CORPARÁIDEACHA

C.1 Cailleadh Laethanta Oibre de bharr Tinnis

A. Céatadán de chailleadh laethanta oibre de bharr tinnis trí chead deimhnithe.	5.76
B. Céatadán de chailleadh laethanta oibre de bharr tinnis trí chead neamhdheimhnithe.	0.95
C.2 Oiliúint agus Forbairt Foirne	
Caiteachas ar Oiliúint agus Forbairt mar chéatadán de na costais phárolla iomlána	6.28

E: SEIRBHÍSÍ COMHSHAOIL

UISCE

E.1 Uisce Nach bhFuil Cuntas Air

Is éard atá i gceist le huisce nach bhfuil cuntas air (UFW) céatadán den mhéid iomlán uisce a sholáthraítear faoi na scéimeanna um sholáthar uisce a bhfuil an t-údarás áitiúil freagrach astu.	47.89

E.2 Anailís ar Uisce Óil

A. Céatadán de thorthaí anailíse ar uisce óil de réir ceanglais reachtúla maidir le scéimeanna poiblí

BAINISTÍOCHT DRAMHAÍOLA

E.3 Leithscaradh Dramhaíola

A. Céatadán na dteaghlach a fhaigheann seirbhís bhailithe dramhaíola agus seirbhís bhailithe dramhaíola leithscartha le haghaidh ábhair thirime in-athchúrsáilte	99.92
B. Céatadán na dteaghlach a fhaigheann seirbhís bhailithe dramhaíola agus seirbhís bhailithe dramhaíola leithscartha le haghaidh ábhair orgánacha	0

E4: Dramhaíl Tí a Chuirtear ar Aghaidh le haghaidh Athchúrsála

A. Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear ar thaobh an chosáin a chuirtear ar aghaidh le haghaidh athchúrsála	21.02
B. Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear ar thaobh an chosáin a chuirtear ar aghaidh le haghaidh athchúrsála	4433

C. Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a athchúrsáiltear, a thagann ó dhramhaíl a bhailítear ó áiseanna athchúrsála (i.e. ionaid beir leat, ionaid chonláiste chathartha, ionaid aistrithe bruscair agus áiseanna eile athchúrsála)	1924.50
E5: Dramhaíl Tí a Chuirtear ar Aghaidh go Líonadh Talún	
A. Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear agus a chuirtear ar aghaidh go líonadh talún	73.81
B Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear agus a chuirtear ar aghaidh go líonadh talún	15564
E6: Áiseanna athchúrsála	
Líon iomlán na nlonad Beir Leat i gceantar an údaráis áitiúil	56
Líon iomlán na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha i gceantar an údaráis áitiúil	1

GLOINE

A. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	16
B. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
C. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	17
D. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	1.62

CANNAÍ

E. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	19
F. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
G. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	20
H. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	1.90

TEICSTÍLÍ

I. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	7
J. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
K. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	8
L. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	0.76

CADHNRAÍ

M. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	36
N. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	2
O. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	38
P. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	3.62

OLAÍ

Q. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	0
R. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
S. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	1
T. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	0.10

ÁBHAR EILE

U. Líon na nlonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	14
V. Líon na nlonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
W. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	15
X. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir daonra 5,000 duine	1.4

BRUSCAR

E7: Cosc agus Forfheidhmiú Bruscair

A. Líon na maor bruscair lánaimseartha	3
B. Líon na maor bruscair páirtaimseartha	2
C. Líon na maor bruscair (idir chinn lánaimseartha agus chinn pháirtaimseartha) de réir daonra 5,000 duine	0.48
D. Líon na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt a eisíodh	677
E. Líon na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt a íocadh	319
F. Líon na gcásanna ionchúisimh a tugadh de bharr neamhíocadh na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	234
G. Líon na gcásanna ionchúisimh dhaingnithe a tugadh de bharr neamhíocadh na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	60
H. Líon na bhfógraí a eisíodh (faoi ailt 9, 15, 16, 17 agus 20 den Acht um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997)	51
I. Líon iomlán na n-ionchúiseamh a tugadh (gach ionchúiseamh faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997 go 2003)	234
J. Líon iomlán na n-ionchúiseamh a daingníodh (gach ionchúiseamh faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997 go 2003)	60
K. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil nach bhfuil truaillithe (i.e. saor ó bhruscar)	
L. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá beagainín truaillithe ag bruscar	
M. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go measartha ag bruscar	
N. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go holc ag bruscar	
O. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go fíor-olc ag bruscar	

E.8 Gearáin agus Forfheidhmiú Comhshaoil

A. Líon iomlán na gcásanna de réir gearán faoi thruailliú comhshaoil (maidir le dramhaíl, bruscar, truailliú uisce, truailliú torainn, truailliú aeir)	1190
B. Líon na ngearán a fiosraíodh	1190
C. Líon na gcásanna a réitíodh nach raibh gá le gníomh breise	1104
D. Líon na nósanna imeachta forfheidhmithe ar tugadh fúthu	1003

E9: Céatadán na Scoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil

A. Céatadán na mbunscoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil	79.41
B. Céatadán na meánscoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil	80.0

F:SEIRBHÍS DÓITEÁIN

F1: Ullmhúchán na Seirbhíse Dóiteáin

A. Meánam (nóiméid) a ghlac sé briogáidí dóiteáin a ullmhú i Stáisiúin Lánaimseartha i gcásanna dóiteáin	1.42
C. Meánam (nóiméid) a ghlac sé briogáidí dóiteáin a ullmhú i Stáisiúin Lánaimseartha i gcásanna éigeandála eile	1.47

F.2 Céatadán freastail ar chásanna éigeandála

A. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair laistigh de 10 nóiméad	90.33
B. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 10 nóiméad ach laistigh de 20 nóiméad	8.50
C. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis de 20 nóiméad	1.17
D. Céatadán na gcásanna éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair laistigh de 10 nóiméad.	80.23

E. Céatadán na gcásanna éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 10 nóiméad ach laistigh de 20 nóiméad	16.73
F. Céatadán na gcásanna éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 20 nóiméad	3.04
F.3 Cosc dóiteáin	
A. Líon iomlán iarratas ar dheimhniú um shábháilteacht ó dhóiteáin a fuarthas	121
B. Líon iomlán iarratas ar dheimhniú um shábháilteacht ó dhóiteáin a próiseáladh (lena n-áirítear cásanna neamhbhailí)	120
C. Líon iomlán iarratais neamhbhailí	6

H: TITHÍOCHT

H.1 Folúntais Tithíochta	
A. Líon iomlán na dtithe cónaithe i stoc an údaráis áitiúil	2889
B. Líon iomlán na dtithe cónaithe, seachas na cinn faoi réir mórthionscadail athchóirithe	2824
C. Céatadán iomlán na dtithe cónaithe folmha (seachas na cinn faoi réir mórthionscadail athchóirithe)	1.59
D. Céatadán na dtithe cónaithe nach bhfuil ar fáil le haghaidh ligin	24.44
E. Céatadán na dtithe cónaithe ar fáil le haghaidh ligin	77.78
H.2 Meánam a Ghlac sé Tithe Cónaithe ar Fáil a Athligean	
Meánam (seachtainí) a ghlac sé ón dáta a fágadh an teach folamh go dtí an dáta a rinneadh na hoibreacha athchóirithe uile a raibh gá leo chun an teach a athligean	1.62
Meánam (seachtainí) a ghlac sé ó chríochnú na n-oibreacha thuas go dáta an chéad dochair chíosa	1.93
H3: Deisiúchán Tithíochta	
Líon deisiúchán déanta mar chéatadán de líon na n-iarratas bailí ar dheisiúchán a fuarthas	88.30
H4: Cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil	
Líon iomlán teaghlach an lucht siúil a cóiríodh mar chéatadán de na spriocanna a socraíodh sa chlár cóiríochta áitiúil don lucht siúil	66.00
H5: Forfheidhmiú caighdeán san earnáil chíosa phríobháidigh	
A. Líon iomlán na dtionóntachtaí cláraithe	5442
B. Líon na dtithe cónaithe a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu	452
C. Líon na gcigireachtaí a rinneadh	498
D. Líon na dtithe cónaithe a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu mar chéatadán de thionóntachtaí cláraithe (i.e. B mar chéatadán de A)	8.31
H6: Deontais chun tithíocht a oiriúnú um riachtanais daoine faoi mhíchumas	
A. Meánam a ghlac sé (seachtainí) chun iarratais a phróiseáil faoi Scéim Deontas na nÁiseanna Soghluaisteachta, lena n-áirítear aon chigireacht(aí) riachtanacha, ón dáta a fuarthas iarratas go dtí an dáta a rinneadh cinneadh ar an iarratas	7.75
B. Meánam a ghlac sé (seachtainí) chun iarratais a phróiseáil faoin Scéim Deontas um Oiriúnú Tithíochta do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas, lena n-áirítear aon chigireacht(aí) riachtanacha, ón dáta a fuarthas an t-iarratas go dtí an dáta a rinneadh cinneadh ar an iarratas	19
H7: Cúrsaí Cleachta is Eolais Réamhthionóntachta	
A. Líon iomlán tionóntaí nua an údaráis áitiúil	97
B. Céatadán de thionóntaí an údaráis áitiúil ar tairgeadh cúrsaí cleachta is eolais réamhthionóntachta dóibh	100

L: SEIRBHÍSÍ LEABHARLAINNE

L.1 Uaireanta Oscailte na Leabharlann don Phobal

A. Meánuaireanta oscailte na seachtaine do leabharlanna lánaimseartha	40.80
B. Meánuaireanta oscailte na seachtaine do leabharlanna páirtaimseartha (i gcás inarb infheidhme é)	9.32
C. Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt i rith am lóin	66
D. Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt sa tráthnóna	66
E. Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt ar an Satharn	66

L.2 Cuairteanna ar na Leabharlanna

Líon na gcuairteanna ar leabharlanna lánaimseartha de réir daonra 1,000 duine	4300.12

L.3 Stoc Leabharlainne

A. Caiteachas bliantúil stoic de réir gach baill den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair)	3.59
B. Líon ábhar a eisíodh do gach ball den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair) maidir le leabhair	3.86
C. Líon ábhar a eisíodh do gach ball den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair) maidir le hábhair eile	1.50

L.4 Rochtain ar an Idirlíon trí Leabharlanna

Líon seisiún Idirlín a cuireadh ar fáil do gach 1,000 den daonra	486.93

M: MÓTARCHÁNACHAS

M. 1 Líon na nIdirbheart Mótarchánach

A. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo thar an gcuntar
B. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo sa phost
C. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo ar dhóigheanna eile (e.g. ar líne, teileafón)
D. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo thar an gcuntar
E. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo sa phost
F. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo ar dhóigheanna eile (e.g. ar líne, teileafón)

M.2 An tAm a Ghlac sé Iarratais Mótarchánach Phoist a Phróiseáil

A. Líon na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas
B. Líon na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an dara nó an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
C. Líon na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an ceathrú nó an cúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
D. Líon na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) taobh amuigh de chúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
E. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an dara nó an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) an ceathrú nó an cúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
H. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist ar déileáladh leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) taobh amuigh de chúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas

M.3 An tAm a Ghlac sé Iarratais ar Cheadúnais Tiomána a Phróiseáil

A. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas
B. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an dara nó an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
C. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an ceathrú nó an cúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
D. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo taobh amuigh de chúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
E. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an dara nó an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo an ceathrú nó an cúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas
H. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo taobh amuigh de chúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas

M.4 Uaireanta oscailte don phobal

Meánuaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	30

P: PLEANÁIL

P.1 Iarratais Pleanála – Déanamh Cinntí

TITHE AONAIR

A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu	1
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu laistigh de 8 seachtaine	1
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh eolais uathu	0
D. Líon na gcinntí in A inar chomhaontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánam a ghlac sé (laethanta) cinneadh a dhéanamh ar iarratas sa chás ina raibh gá le tuilleadh eolais	0
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a comhaontaíodh	0
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	100
H. Céatadán na gcásanna inar deimhníodh an cinneadh, i dteannta nó d'éagmais athruithe, ag an mBord Pleanála	100
I. Céatadán de chásanna inar fhreaschuir an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0

FORBAIRT TITHÍOCHTA NUA

A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu	4
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu laistigh de 8 seachtaine	1
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh eolais uathu	3
D. Líon na gcinntí in A inar chomhaontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánam a ghlac sé (laethanta) cinneadh a dhéanamh ar iarratas sa chás ina raibh gá le tuilleadh eolais	219
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	25.00
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	75.00
H. Céatadán na gcásanna inar deimhníodh an cinneadh, i dteannta nó d'éagmais athruithe, ag an mBord Pleanála	0

I. Céatadán de chásanna inar fhreaschuir an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	100
Eile: gan Measúnú ar an Tionchar ar an gComhshaol a bheith ag teastáil	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu	331
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu laistigh de 8 seachtaine	186
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh eolais uathu	144
D. Líon na gcinntí in A inar chomhaontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánam a ghlac sé (laethanta) cinneadh a dhéanamh ar iarratas sa chás ina raibh gá le tuilleadh eolais	68.92
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	91.84
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	8.16
H. Céatadán na gcásanna inar deimhníodh an cinneadh, i dteannta nó d'éagmais athruithe, ag an mBord Pleanála	82.61
I. Céatadán de chásanna inar fhreaschuir an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	17.39
Eile: Measúnú ar an Tionchar ar an gComhshaol a bheith ag teastáil	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu	3
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu laistigh de 8 seachtaine	0
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh eolais uathu	3
D. Líon na gcinntí in A inar chomhaontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánam a ghlac sé (laethanta) cinneadh a dhéanamh ar iarratas sa chás ina raibh gá le tuilleadh eolais	97.33
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	100
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	0
H. Céatadán na gcásanna inar deimhníodh an cinneadh, i dteannta nó d'éagmais athruithe, ag an mBord Pleanála	100
I. Céatadán de chásanna inar fhreaschuir an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0

P.2 FORFHEIDHMIÚ PLEANÁLA

A. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a iniúchadh	155
B. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a díbheadh	19
C. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a réitíodh trí idirbheartaíocht	0
D. Líon na nósanna imeachta forfheidhmithe a glacadh trí litreacha foláirimh	136
E. Líon na nósanna imeachta forfheidhmithe a glacadh trí fhógraí forfheidhmithe	51
F. Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	11
P.3 Uaireanta oscailte Pleanála don phobal	
Meánuaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	35

P.4 COMHAIRLIÚCHÁN RÉAMHPHLEANÁLA

A. Líon cruinnithe comhairliúcháin réamhphleanála a eagraíodh	166
B. Meánam (laethanta) idir an t-iarratas ar chomhairliúchán le pleanálaí an údaráis áitiúil agus an cruinniú foirmiúil féin um chomhairliúchán réamhphleanála	10

P.5 FOIRGNIMH NUA A NDEARNADH CIGIREACHT ORTHU

Foirgnimh a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu mar chéatadán de na foirgnimh nua a cuireadh in iúl don údarás áitiúil	46.98
P.6 Tógáil Eastát i gCúram	
A. Líon na n-eastát cónaithe inar éag cead pleanála ina leith, agus ina raibh iarratais fhoirmiúla scríofa ina leith um thógáil i gcúram (ó chónaitheoirí nó ó fhorbróirí), réidh ag tús na bliana	0
B. Líon na n-eastát a tógadh i gcúram sa bhliain faoi chaibidil	5
C. Líon na dtithe cónaithe i dtaca le B	174
D. Céatadán na n-eastát in A nár cuireadh i gcrích go sásúil dar leis an údarás pleanála de réir an cheada pleanála	
E. Líon na n-eastát in D a ndearnadh gníomhaíocht forfheidhmithe ina leith sa bhliain faoi chaibidil agus/nó tugadh fógra i dtaobh an bhanna	0
F. Líon na n-eastát in D a ndearnadh an t-údarás oibreacha orthu chun caighdeáin shásúla a bhaint amach um thógáil an eastáit i gcúram	0

REC: SEIRBHÍSÍ CAITHEAMH AIMSIRE

Caitheamh Aimsire 1: Clóis Súgartha do Leanaí	
A. Líon na gclós súgartha do leanaí de réir gach 1,000 den daonra arna soláthar go díreach ón údarás áitiúil	0.17
B. Líon na gclós súgartha do leanaí de réir gach 1,000 den daonra arna éascú ag an údarás áitiúil	0.02
Caitheamh Aimsire 2 Áiseanna Fóillíochta an Údaráis Áitiúil	
Líon cuairteoirí chuig áiseanna fóillíochta an údaráis áitiúil de réir gach 1,000 den daonra	2198.94

IONCAM: BAILIÚCHÁN IONCAIM

Ioncam 1 Cíos Tí	
A. Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Chíos Tí	91.77
B. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh 4-6 seachtaine	5.21
C. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh 6-12 seachtaine	5.30
D. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh níos faide ná 12 sheachtain	80.71
Ioncam 2 Iasachtaí Tithíochta	
A. Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Iasachtaí Tithíochta	96.89
B. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh mí amháin	17.00
C. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh 2-3 mhí	11.00
D. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh níos faide ná 3 mhí	72.00
Ioncam 3 Rátaí Tráchtála	
Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Rátaí Tráchtála	82
Ioncam 5 Muirir Uisce Neamhthí	
Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Mhuirir Uisce Neamhthí	62
R1: An Clár um Athchóiriú Bóithre	
Líon ciliméadar de bhóithre áitiúla agus réigiúnacha a feabhsaíodh agus a cothabháladh faoin gClár um Athchóiriú gach bliain	4
Líon ciliméadar de bhóithre áitiúla agus réigiúnacha a tógadh faoi na scéimeanna deontais feabhsúcháin ar leith gach bliain	0

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year ended 31st December, 2008

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Revenue Expenditure Review

Revenue expenditure for the year amounted to €85,840,202 before transfers. Transfer to reserves amounted to €3,316,215, giving a total expenditure figure for 2008 of €89,156,417. This total expenditure figure exceeded budgeted expenditure by €1,890,398. Income exceeded budget by €1,947,935 leading to a surplus for 2008 of €57,534. This when added to the opening surplus of €120,869 gives an accumulated surplus at 31 December 2008 of €178,403.

Payroll continues to be the most significant cost with a total payroll cost in 2008 of €39,347,171. This represented an increase of 2.71% on the payroll cost in 2007 (€38,307,256). In 2007 payroll costs represented 46.1% of total expenditure. This decreased to 44.1% in 2008. The reduction to 44.1% is a significant achievement and demonstrates the continued commitment to re-align pay and non pay expenditure within Limerick City Council.

Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account

The total of Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account in 2008 was €2,641,919.
Below find an extract of the largest of these transfers:

	€
Insurance Fund	1,754,330
Loan repayment reserve (Windows & Doors)	1,618,264
RAS Programme - Ringfencing 2008 revenue surplus	220,000
Disabled Persons Grant revenue provision	220,000
Regional Control Centre cumulative operating surplus	126,384
ICT Infrastructure Fund revenue provision	246,873

Income Review

Revenue income for the year amounted to €89,214,060. This represented an increase of 7.6% on the total income in 2007 (€82,878,529). The following table summarises the main income sources:

	2008		2007	
	€	%	€	%
Grants & Subsidies	19,236,872	22%	17,602,449	21%
Contributions from other local authorities	10,996,048	12%	10,071,249	12%
Goods & Services	17,926,731	20%	16,448,332	20%
	48,159,651	**54%**	**44,122,030**	**53%**
Local Government Fund	12.258,639	14%	11,723,220	14%
Rates	28,795,770	32%	27,033,278	33%
	89,214,060	**100%**	**82,878,529**	**100%**

A number of income areas performed ahead of budget in 2008 resulting in a surplus income over budget. In particular property entry levies, fire charges, parking fines and housing rents contributed to a favorable 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 canceled by similar increases in expenditure.

BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

Balance Sheet Review

The balance sheet presented shows that Limerick City Council has Fixed Assets of €937,437,241 and Work in Progress of €77,288,659 as at 31 December 2008.

The City Council has had a decrease in its Net Current Assets with a balance of €10,209,484 as at 31 December 2008 compared to net current assets of €11,976,357 as at 31 December 2007. The primary reason for the reduction in net assets is the reflection in the 2008 Balance Sheet of the future liability for the purchase of the Arthur's Quay car park. This resulted in an addition to accruals of €5m.

Capital income amounted to €76.1m in 2008, a significant reduction of €27.2m on the 2007 figure. Grants account for 83% of total capital income.

Government Debtors have fallen from €19.9m at 31 December 2007 to €5m at 31 December 2008. This substantial reduction on Government debtors has impacted positively on the cash on hand with the balance sheet showing cash at bank of €6,373,152 at 31 December 2008, compared to a bank overdraft of €14.4m at 31 December 2007.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REVIEW 2008

The revenue surplus for 2008 is €57,534. As a result the accumulated revenue surplus at the end of 2008 is increased to €178,404 compared to €120,870 at the end of 2007. The retention of a cumulative surplus for a fourth year is a very positive reflections of the efforts of the elected members to address the historic financial situation of Limerick City Council.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2008

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 Division

	Gross Expenditure 2008 €	Income 2008 €	Net Expenditure 2008 €	Net Expenditure 2007 €
Housing & Building	14,351,455	12,125,421	2,226,034	2,186,679
Roads Transportation & Safety	12,137,145	7,759,871	4,377,274	3,619,044
Water Services	14,574,902	9,803,709	4,771,192	4,321,345
Development Management	4,505,380	1,637,170	2,868,209	1,473,699
Environmental Services	18,329,700	7,810,596	10,519,103	10,731,575
Recreation & Amenity	6,534,774	621,145	5,913,629	4,785,903
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	8,165,666	7,313,390	852,276	453,082
Miscellaneous Services	7,241,290	1,088,347	6,152,943	7,771,335
Total Expenditure/Income	**85,840,311**	**48,159,651**		
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates & Local Government Fund			**37,680,660**	**35,342,662**
Rates			28,795,770	27,033,278
Local Government Fund - General Purpose Grant			12,258,639	11,723,220
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			**3,373,749**	**3,413,837**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(3,316,215)	(3,616,839)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			**57,534**	**(203,002)**
General Reserve @ 1st January 2008			120,870	323,872
General Reserve @ 31st December 2008			**178,404**	**120,870**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008

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

	2008 €	2007 €
Fixed Assets		
Operational	294,076,376	277,924,351
Infrastructural	633,522,514	641,677,144
Community	6,121,345	5,791,620
Non-Operational	3,717,006	2,224,136
	937,437,241	**927,617,251**
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	77,288,659	69,390,941
Long Term Debtors	17,502,996	16,465,799
Current Assets		
Stocks	280,854	256,291
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	13,989,017	31,099,369
Bank Investments	11,484,558	4,711,726
Cash at Bank	373,152	-
Cash on Hand	-	-
Urban Account	-	-
	26,127,580	**36,067,386**
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	-	14,416,247
Creditors & Accruals	15,918,097	9,674,782
Urban Account	-	-
Finance Leases	-	-
	15,918,097	**24,091,029**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	**10,209,484**	**11,976,357**
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	30,486,303	25,057,473
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable deposits	468,328	444,562
Other	-	-
	30,954,632	**25,502,034**
Net Assets	**1,011,483,749**	**999,948,314**
Financed by		
Capitalisation Account	937,437,242	927,617,251
Income Work in progress (WIP)	77,621,904	63,416,424
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	178,404	120,870
Other Balances	(3,753,801)	8,793,769
Total Reserves	**1,011,483,749**	**999,948,314**

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AIRGEADAIS

Don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2008

ATHBHREITHNIÚ IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Ioncaim

B'ionann €85,840,202 agus caiteachas ioncaim na bliana roimh aistrithe. B'ionann aistrithe go cúlchistí agus €3,316,215; mar sin de, b'ionann caiteachas iomlán na bliana 2008 agus €89,156,417. Sháraigh an caiteachas iomlán seo an caiteachas buiséadaithe faoi €1,890,398. Sháraigh an t-ioncam an buiséad faoi €1,947,935 agus b'ann do bharrachas €57,534 in 2008 dá bharr. Is ann do bharrachas carntha €178,403 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008 nuair a chuirtear an barrachas leis an mbarrachas oscailte €120,869.

Is é an párolla an costas is suntasaí mar is gnách; ba é costas iomlán párolla na bliana 2008 €39,347,171. Ba mhéadú 2.71% é seo ar chostas párolla na bliana 2007 (€38,307,256). B'ionann costais phárolla na bliana 2007 agus 46.1% den chaiteachas iomlán. Tháinig laghdú air seo in 2008 anuas go 44.1%. Is mór an t-éacht an laghdú seo anuas go 44.1% agus léiríonn sé an tiomantas leanúanch do chaiteachas pá agus neamhphá a chur ar chomhréim i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Aistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil

B'ionann líon na nAistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil in 2008 agus €2,641,919. Tá sliocht de na haistrithe ba mhó thíos:

	€
Ciste Árachais	1,754,330
Cúlchiste um aisíocaíocht iasachtaí (Fuinneoga agus Doirse)	1,618,264
Clár RAS – Imfhálú bharrachas ioncaim 2008	220,000
Deontas do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas – soláthar ioncaim	220,000
Lárionad Rialála Réigiúnach – barrachas carntha oibriúcháin	126,384
Ciste Bonneagair TFC – soláthar ioncaim	246,873

Athbhreithniú Ioncaim

B'ionann €89,214,060 agus ioncam na bliana. Léirigh sé seo méadú 7.6% ar an nglanioncam in 2007 (€82,878,529). Déanann an tábla seo a leanas achoimriú ar na príomhfhoinsí ioncaim:

	2008		2007	
	€	%	€	%
Deontais agus Fóirdheontais	19,236,872	22%	17,602,449	21%
Ranníocaíochtaí ó údaráis áitiúla eile	10,996,048	12%	10,071,249	12%
Earraí agus Seirbhísí	17,926,731	20%	16,448,332	20%
	48,159,651	**54%**	**44,122,030**	**53%**
Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil	12.258,639	14%	11,723,220	14%
Rátaí	28,795,770	32%	27,033,278	33%
	89,214,060	**100%**	**82,878,529**	**100%**

D'éirigh níos fearr le roinnt foinsí ioncaim ná mar a rabhthas ag súil leis de réir bhuiséad na bliana 2008 agus b'ioncam a ghabh thar an mbuiséad ba thoradh air seo. Chuir tobhaigh um iontráil maoine, táillí dóiteáin, fíneálacha páirceála chomh maith le cíosanna tithíochta, go háirithe, le dea-thoradh nach rabhthas ag súil leis sa bhuiséad. Dhéanfadh méadú ar an ioncam m.sh. Pinsin VEC, Cóiríocht do Dhaoine gan Dídean, Deontais Ardoideachais agus Fóirdheontais Athchúrsála cealú ar mhéadú dá shamhail sa chaiteachas.

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AR AN GCLÁR COMHARDAITHE

Athbhreithniú ar an gClár Comhardaithe

Tugann an clár comhardaithe a soláthraíodh le fios go bhfuil Sócmhainní Seasta ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh dar fiú €937,437,241 agus Obair idir Lámha dar fiú €77,288,659 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008.

Bhí laghdú ar Ghlansócmhainní Reatha na Comhairle Cathrach; b'ionann an t-iarmhéid agus €10,209,484 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008 agus b'ionann an t-iarmhéid agus €11,976,357 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2007. Ba é ba mhó b'ábhar leis an laghdú seo lua an dliteanais todhchaí i gClár Comhardaithe 2008 maidir le ceannach charrchlós Ché Artúir. Bhí breisiú fabhruithe ann dar fiú €5 milliún dá bharr.

B'ionann ioncam caipitil agus €76.1 milliún in 2008; laghdú mór €27.2 milliún ar fhigiúr na bliana 2007. B'ionann deontais a fuarthas agus 83% den ioncam iomlán caipitil.

Bhí laghdú ar Fhéichiúnaithe an Rialtais ó €19.9 milliún amhail an 31 Nollaig 2007 go €5 milliún amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008. Ba mhór an tionchar seo ag an laghdú mór ar fhéichiúnaithe an Rialtais ar an oiread airgid atá ar láimh; tugann an clár comhardaithe le fios go bhfuil €6,373,152 sa bhanc amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008, i gcomparáid le rótharraingt bhainc €14.4 milliún amhail an 31 Nollaig 2007.

ATHBHREITHNIÚ ACHOIMREACH AIRGEADAIS 2008

Ba é €57,534 an barrachas ioncaim don bhliain 2008. Mar thoradh air seo, bhí méadú ar an mbarrachas carntha ioncaim amhail dheireadh 2008 go €178,404, i gcomparáid le €120,870 ag deireadh 2007. Dea-chomhartha is ea barrachas carntha a choimeád ceithre bliana as a chéile i ndáil le hiarrachtaí na mball tofa dul i ngleic le cás stairiúil airgeadais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

RÁITEAS AR AN GCUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH AN 31 NOLLAIG 2008

Pléann an Ráiteas ar an gCuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais leis an ioncam agus leis an gcaiteachas uile. Léiríonn sé an barrachas/(easnamh) don bhliain.

Caiteachas de réir Rannóige

chaiteachas 2008	Oll 2008 €	Ioncam chaiteachas 2008 €	Glan chaiteachas 2007 €	Glan €
Tithíocht agus Tógáil	14,351,455	12,125,421	2,226,034	2,186,679
Iompar agus Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre	12,137,145	7,759,871	4,377,274	3,619,044
Seirbhísí Uisce	14,574,902	9,803,709	4,771,192	4,321,345
Bainistíocht Forbartha	4,505,380	1,637,170	2,868,209	1,473,699
Seirbhísí Comhshaoil	18,329,700	7,810,596	10,519,103	10,731,575
Taitneamhacht agus Áineas	6,534,774	621,145	5,913,629	4,785,903
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	8,165,666	7,313,390	852,276	453,082
Seirbhísí Ilghnéitheacha	7,241,290	1,088,347	6,152,943	7,771,335
Caiteachas/Ioncam Iomlán	**85,840,311**	**48,159,651**		

Glanchostas na Rannóg ar a bhfuil cistiú le déanamh ó:	**37,680,660**	**35,342,662**
Rátaí agus Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil		
Rátaí	28,795,770	27,033,278
Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil – Deontas Ilfheidhme	12,258,639	11,723,220
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don bhliain roimh Aistrithe	**3,373,749**	**3,413,837**
Aistrithe ó/(go dtí) Cúlchistí	(3,316,215)	(3,616,839)
Barrachas/(Easnamh) iomlán don bhliain	**57,534**	**(203,002)**
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 1 Eanáir 2008	120,870	323,872
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 31 Nollaig 2008	**178,404**	**120,870**

CLÁR COMHARDAITHE AMHAIL AN 31 NOLLAIG 2008

Achoimre atá sa chuntas seo ar staid airgeadais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag deireadh na bliana, arna cur in iúl de réir luach a gcuid sócmhainní lúide a gcuid dliteanas agus an leibhéal iarmhéideanna agus cúlchistí atá acu

	2008	2007
	€	€
Sócmhainní Seasta		
Feidhme	294,076,376	277,924,351
Bonneagair	633,522,514	641,677,144
Pobail	6,121,345	5,791,620
Neamhfheidhme	3,717,006	2,224,136
	937,437,241	**927,617,251**
Obair idir Lámha agus Réamhchostais	77,288,659	69,390,941
Féichiúnaithe Fadtéarmacha	17,502,996	16,465,799
Sócmhainní Reatha		
Stoic	280,854	256,291
Réamhíocaíochtaí agus Féichiúnaithe Trádála	13,989,017	31,099,369
Infheistíochtaí Bainc	11,484,558	4,711,726
Airgead sa Bhanc	373,152	-
Airgead ar Láimh	-	-
Cuntas Uirbeach	-	-
	26,127,580	**36,067,386**
Dliteanais Reatha (Suimeanna atá dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin)		
Rótharraingt Bhainc	-	14,416,247
Creidiúnaithe agus Fabhruithe	15,918,097	9,674,782
Cuntas Uirbeach	-	-
Léasanna Airgeadais	-	-
	15,918,097	**24,091,029**
Glansócmhainní Reatha/(Dliteanais)	**10,209,484**	**11,976,357**
Creidiúnaithe (Suimeanna nach bhfuil dlite go ceann bliain amháin ar a luaithe)		
Iasachtaí Iníoctha	30,486,303	25,057,473
Léasanna Airgeadais	-	-
Éarlaisí Inaisíoctha	468,328	444,562
Eile	-	-
	30,954,632	**25,502,034**
Glansócmhainní	**1,011,483,749**	**999,948,314**
Maoinithe ag		
Cuntas Caipitilithe	937,437,242	927,617,251
Ioncam ó Obair idir Lámha (WIP)	77,621,904	63,416,424
Sain-chúlchiste Ioncaim	-	-
Cúlchiste Ginearálta Ioncaim	178,404	120,870
Iarmhéideanna Eile	(3,753,801)	8,793,769
Cúlchistí Iomlána	**1,011,483,749**	**999,948,314**

Personnel Retirements
Scor Pearsanra

Jim Long	*Assistant Supervisor*
Bernie McNamara	*School Warden*
Joe Harte	*Senior Executive Engineer*
Eileen O'Malley	*School Warden*
Geraldine Linnane	*School Warden*
Michael O'Grady	*Firefighter*
Desmond Ryan	*Foreman*
Noelle Lardner	*Clerical Officer*
Paul Power	*General Operative*
Joseph Bowman	*Foreman*
William Morrissey	*Firefighter*
John Cox	*General Operative*
Gerard Buckley	*Firefighter*
Robert Hickey	*Firefighter*
Anthony Hickey	*Gallery Porter*
William Duffy	*General Operative*
Bernard O'Donoghue	*Assistant Supervisor*
Donal Murray	*General Operative*
Francis Garvey	*Technician Grade 1*

Tom Mackey, City Manager, Noreen Moran and Jim Long *Assistant Supervisor*

Please remember the following staff who died in service during the year:

Michael O'Sullivan - *General Operative*
Michael commenced work with Limerick City Council in April 1997. He was assigned to cleansing under the J I S Scheme and worked in the city centre area on street cleaning. Michael died on the 16th July 2008 and is sadly missed by those with whom he worked in the cleansing department.

Patrick Keogh - *Driver*
Patrick Keogh commenced work with Limerick City Council in 1969. He started in the roads department. He worked in sanitary services, housing and cleansing. Patsy, as he was referred to, was very involved in inter-firm soccer as a player and in later years refereed soccer matches. Patsy became involved in the then Irish Transport and General Workers Union as a committee member. He later became chairman of SIPTU. Patsy worked as a driver and became acquainted with all the specialised equipment relevant to the cleansing department.

Martin Duhig - *Foreman*
We were deeply saddened by the unexpected loss of our colleague and friend Martin Duhig on 28th July, 2008. Having transferred from the Gas Company Martin joined the cemeteries section in 1984 and was promoted to foreman in 1991. A most versatile employee, lending his knowledge and skills acquired from his apprentice days in the mechanical industry. Martin was popular and quick witted by nature yet very sympathetic to all in relation to the work he carried out. Martin is sadly missed by all his friends and colleagues especially his work mates in cemeteries and a great loss to his sons and family.

Mary O Sullivan - *Senior Staff Officer*
Mary O Sullivan began work in Limerick City Council as Senior Staff Officer in November 2000, after 23 years in Limerick County Council. Mary worked in motor tax and community and enterprise departments before moving to the environment department in June 2003. Mary's particular area of work included projects such as the children's playground in the People's Park, the redevelopment of Shelbourne Park and the Corbally Neighbour Woods Scheme. Mary was a loyal friend and valued member of staff. She is sadly missed by all her friends and colleagues in Limerick City Council. May she rest in peace.

while many of our objectives have been realised, there is always scope for further improvements and the opportunity now presents itself for greater change and modernisation

Limerick City Council would like to thank the Limerick Leader for its continued support in the compiling of our annual report and contributing photographs for inclusion in the highlights of 2008.

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