

An aerial photograph of Limerick, Ireland, showing the River Liffey flowing through the city. The river reflects the sky and the surrounding urban landscape. On the right bank, a large crowd of people is gathered on a paved promenade, likely for a public event or race. Various banners and flags are visible along the route. The city buildings, including modern apartment blocks and older structures, line the riverbank. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

2010

AT THE HEART OF CHANGING LIMERICK FOR THE BETTER

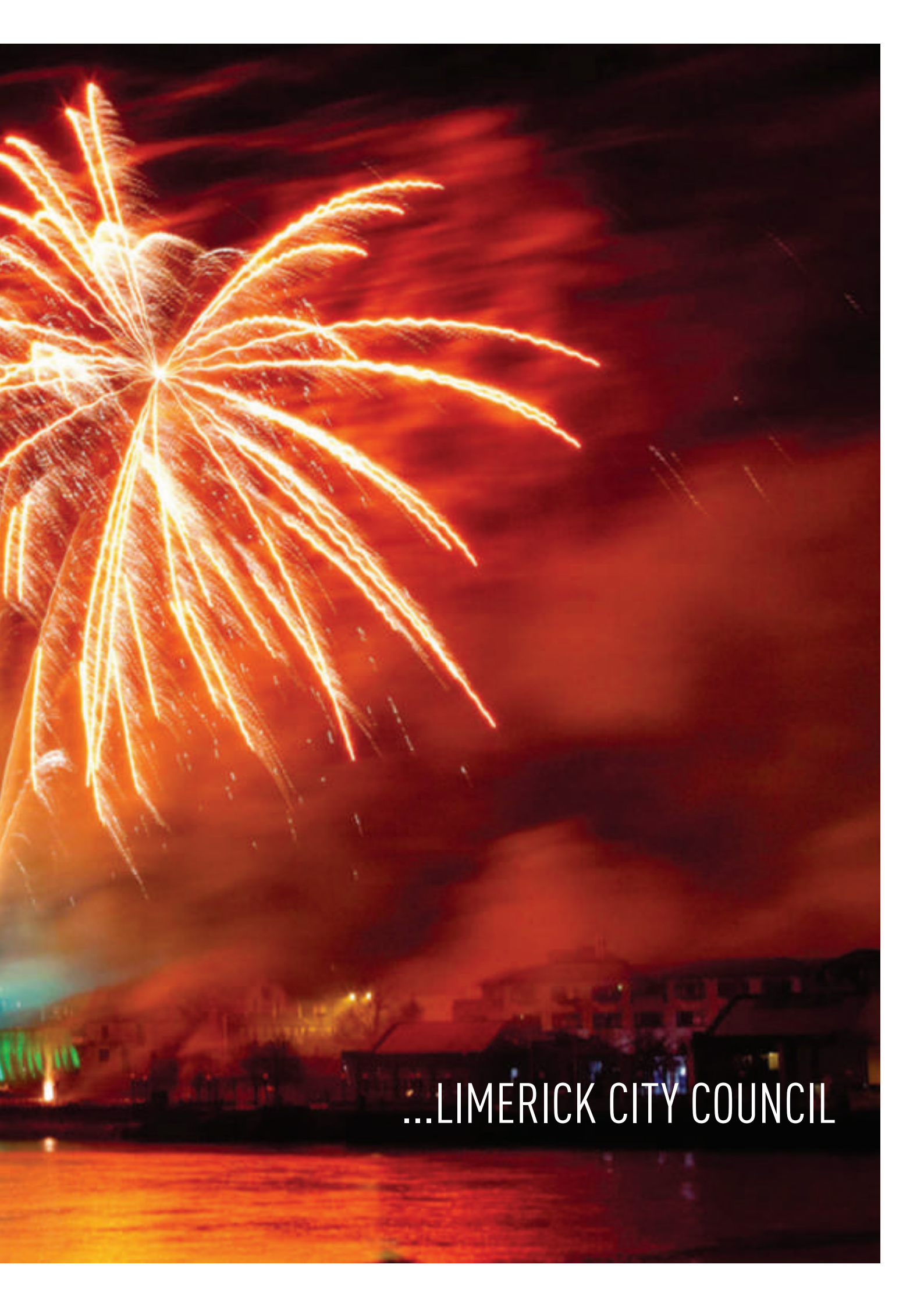
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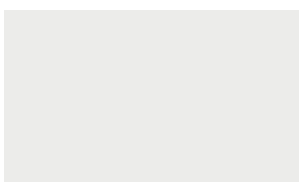
Councillor Maria Byrne
Mayor Of Limerick





left: Matthew Bridge, Limerick

below: Person of The Year Award presented to Inspector Luke Conlon, Mayorstone Garda Station



2010 was a challenging year for Limerick, the Mid West and the entire country as the recession took its toll on employment, the banking system and the confidence of developers and investors and indeed the wider population. Ireland and Limerick is now a very different place from three/ four years ago.

History teaches us that it is in times of the greatest economic and social adversity that the greatest changes can occur. The governance of Limerick City is long overdue such change. As 814th Mayor of this great and historical city, it is my fervent wish that the boundary will be extended to incorporate all built up areas into the city in the near future. This follows on from one of the recommendations contained in the Brosnan Report, published in 2010.

We, the members of the Council, have known directly and anecdotally for years the consequences of the failure to address the underbunding of Limerick. This was the basis of our Boundary Extension Application in 1974, 36 years ago. The City Council had the vision back then to realise the adverse consequences for the city being run by three local authorities. The limited boundary change in 2008 was a clear recognition that change has to occur, but it is unfortunate that a more realistic boundary was not established, recognising the major developments of this urban centre in recent decades.

In the course of 2010, the Council continued with its good work in the four regeneration estates, and the announcement by Government of the first phase of the plan worth €337m was most welcome. Work also continued with public realm improvements in the city centre in Sarsfield Street and Upper William Street/Newtownmahon. While these works caused major disruption in these areas, as each stage of the work is completed, business people and

shoppers are seeing the benefits. I am particularly delighted with the redevelopment of the Milk Market. This historic market which is so important to many of our citizens is flourishing as a result. At a time when it is particularly difficult for the private sector to access funding, it is essential that the City Council continue to take the lead and deliver much needed improvements for the city.

The Council understands the challenges facing retailers and businesses in the city centre, especially from out of town developments. I want to assure all ratepayers that the council has their interests at heart and will continue to work in partnership with them, to help them compete more effectively. Further public realm improvements are now underway on William Street. These type of works will provide a lift to business and help them through these difficult times. In 2011 we will pilot a Retail Incentivisation Scheme, to encourage new businesses in the City Centre. We will also continue the Creative Limerick Scheme.

2010 also saw the announcement that Limerick would be European City of Sport in 2011. This award recognises just how important sport is to our city and indeed our proud tradition in so many disciplines. It is a tribute to the commitment of all our clubs, their members and supporters, and an important opportunity to showcase just how much Limerick has to offer to sport.

Being elected Mayor was the greatest moment of my political life, having been a member of the Council for 12 years. My father was Mayor and I am honoured to have been elected to this office by the Council. 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 growth, renewal and development.

OIBRIÚ AR MHAITHE LE LUIMNEACH

Ba bhliain dhúshlánach a bhí in 2010 do Luimneach, don Mheán-larthair agus don tír ar fad, mar go raibh tionchar ag an gcúlú eacnamaíochta ar chúrsaí fostaíochta, ar an gcóras baincéireachta agus ar mhuintir forbróirí agus infheisteoirí agus ar an bpobal níos forleithne go deimhin. Is áiteanna difriúla iad Éire agus Luimneach ó thrí/cheithre bliana ó shin.

D'fhoghlaimomar ón am a caitheadh gur féidir leis na hathruithe is mó tarlú le linn na dtréimhsí is mó deacracht gheilleagrach agus shóisialta. Tá athrú den chineál seo de dhíth ar rialachas Chathair Luimnigh le fada. Mar an 814ú Méara ar an gcathair iontach, stairiúil seo, is é mo mhian go síneofar an teorainn chun gach ceantar tógtha sa chathair a chuimsiú go luath. Leanann sé seo ar aghaidh ó cheann amháin de na moltaí atá istigh i dTuarascáil Brosnan a foilsíodh sa bhliain 2010.

Tá na hiarmhairtí a bhaineann leis an teip seo dul i ngleic le dul thar teorainn Luimnigh, ar eolas againne, comhaltaí na Comhairle, go díreach agus go starógach le fada an lá. Ba é seo an bunús a bhí lenár n-iarratas ar Shíneadh Teorann i 1974 – 36 bliain ó shin. Bhí a fhios ag an gComhairle Cathrach an uair sin go n-éireodh drochiarmhairtí as an gcathair a bheith á rith ag trí údarás áitiúil éagsúla. Bhí an t-athrú teorann teoranta sa bhliain 2008 ina aithint shoiléir gur gá athrú a chur i bhfeidhm, ach is trua é nár cuireadh teorainn ní ba réalaíche ar bun chun ollfhorbairtí an lárionaid uirbigh seo le fiche nó tríocha bliain anuas a aithint.

I rith 2010, lean an Chomhairle leis an dea-obair sna ceithre eastát athghiniúna, agus bhí an-fháilte roimh fhógairt an Rialtais den chéad chéim sa phlean ar fiú €337m é. Leanadh le hobair chomh maith ar fheabhsúcháin fearainn phoiblí i lár na cathrach i Sráid an tSáirséalaigh agus i Sráid Liam Uachtarach/Baile Nua Uí Mhatháin. Cé gur chuir na hoibreacha seo isteach go mór ar na limistéir seo, tá na buntáistí á bhfeiceáil ag lucht gnó agus ag lucht siopadóireachta dé réir mar a chuirtear gach céim den obair i gcrích. Tá mé áthasach le hathfhorbairt Mhargadh an

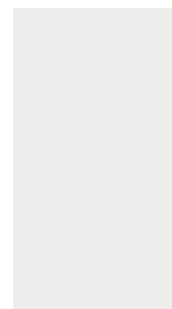
Bhainne go háirithe. Tá ag éirí leis an margadh stairiúil seo mar thoradh, margadh atá an-tábhachtach i measc ár saoránach. Ag am nuair atá sé an-deacair don earnáil phríobháideach rochtain a fháil ar mhaoiniú, tá sé ríthábhachtach go leanfadh an Chomhairle Cathrach de cheannas a ghlacadh agus feabhsúcháin riachtanacha a sholáthar don chathair.

Tuigeann an Chomhairle go bhfuil go leor dúshlán os comhair miondíoltóirí agus gnólachtaí i lár na cathrach, go háirithe ó fhorbairtí as áiteanna eile. Ba mhaith liom a chur in iúl do gach duine a íocann rátaí go bhfuil an Chomhairle ag feidhmiú ar mhaithe leo agus go leanfaidh sí ag oibriú i gcomhpháirtíocht leo chun cuidiú leo dul in iomaíocht ar bhealach níos éifeachtaí. Tá feabhsúcháin bhreise fearann poiblí á ndéanamh ar Shráid Liam faoi láthair. Tabharfaidh an cineál seo oibreacha misneach do ghnólachtaí agus cuideoidh sé leo le linn na haimsire deacra seo. Tabharfaimid Treoirscéim Dreasaachta Miondíola isteach in 2011 le gnólachtaí nua a spreagadh i Lár na Cathrach. Leanfaimid de Scéim Luimneach na Cruthaitheachta freisin.

Fógraíodh in 2010 go mbeadh Luimneach mar Chathair Spóirt na hEorpa in 2011. Aithníonn an dámhachtain seo chomh tábhachtach is atá spórt inár gcathair agus ár dtraidisiún iontach i mórán réimsí spóirt. Is comhartha measa é seo do thiomantas ár gclubanna, a mball agus a dtacadóirí go léir, agus is deis thábhachtach í gach ar féidir le Luimneach a chur ar fáil don spórt a léiriú.

Ba é an onóir is mó i mo shaol polaitiúil nuair a toghadh mé i mo Mhéara, tar éis dom bheith mar chomhalta den Chomhairle ar feadh 12 bhliain. Bhí m'athair ina Mhéara agus is onóir liom bheith tofa don oifig seo ag an gComhairle. Is dúshlán an-mhór é bheith i gceannas ar an gcathair seo, a bhfuil stair iontach aici, agus í ag dul i dtreo todhchaí nua. Táim bródúil cúnamh a thabhairt ar bhealach ar bith is féidir liom chun an fás, an athbheochan agus an fhorbairt seo a phleanáil.

An Comhairleoir Maria Byrne, Méara Luimnigh



top (l-r): Georgian doorway, O'Connell Street,
Skateboard Park, Steamboat Quay
centre (l-r): Culture Night at Limerick Printmakers,
May Music in the Park lunchtime concerts in the People's Park
lower (l-r): Special Olympics Ireland Games,
New Greyhound Stadium, Greenpark



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE OUR CITY

The Council's primary aim is to make Limerick a better place for visitors and residents and to deliver greater investment and development in the city, while avoiding cost increases for those that are paying for these services. 2010 was a very challenging year for the wider business community in Limerick as Ireland's economy contracted in the face of international recession and government expenditure reduced.

However, the City Council has a good track record of making difficult choices over the past number of years in curtailing unnecessary expenditure and reducing business rates. This commendable approach by the elected representatives and continued by the new Council has positioned us well to face the fresh challenges of a changed economic order that is likely to endure for a number of years. The Government, on which we depend for a high proportion of our resources, has found it necessary to reduce funding to the local government system generally. This loss of income puts added pressure to raise more resources at a local level, just as the economy of the city has disimproved. This is a very difficult position for the council. In addition, the underbounding of the city places acute pressure on the capacity of businesses to fund services as many of them strive to survive in drastically changed times. It was heartening to see that in determining the Budget for 2010, the Council rose to the challenge to protect investment for those with the greatest need.

It is particularly commendable to note the leadership provided by the Mayor and members of the Council and the unwavering commitment of all staff in improving services while at the same time containing costs. The city centre continues to benefit from the significant public and private sector investment made in recent years which makes it a very attractive place in which to invest, live, visit or shop. In support of the centre, the Council has continued to invest

in public realm improvements. The opening of the Limerick tunnel under the Shannon has removed 15,000-20,000 vehicles from the city and this will facilitate easier access for shoppers, visitors and the many thousands who work in the city centre. All these investments will stand the city well in the more challenging times we face over the next few years.

There are significant competitive challenges facing us on all fronts and these are compounded by 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 both socially and economically. In this regard the Council is benefitting from the continued investment in regeneration and welcomes the Government announcement of €337m for the first phase of the plan.

The new era of economic change will also undoubtedly provide opportunities for us. Competition for investment will be fierce as each city region seeks to gain advantage. There is a great willingness and tradition in Limerick to face that challenge whether on the sporting field or in the business arena. Through the leadership provided by the Mayor and members of the council and the track record that the Council has shown, we are well positioned to manage these challenges.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those individuals and outside agencies who engaged with the Council at all levels during 2010. Your participation has undoubtedly strengthened Local Government in the City and helped us deliver more effectively on our remit. I look forward to your contribution as we continue the debate on the future governance of Limerick, Ireland's third city.

Tom Mackey, City Manager



top (l-r): Teddy Bear's Picnic, Dockers Monument
centre: Sarsfield Bridge before start of European Duathlon
lower (l-r): Barrington Street Offices, The Milk Market

Ag obair i gcomhpháirtíocht lenár gcathair a fheabhsú

Is é príomhaidhm na Comhairle Luimneach a fheabhsú ar mhaithe le cuairteoirí agus cónaitheoirí agus infheistíocht agus forbairt sa chathair a sheachadadh, gan arduithe costais mhíchuí dóibh siúd atá ag íoc as na seirbhísí seo. Ba bhliain dhúshlánach a bhí in 2010 don lucht gnó níos forleithne i Luimneach, de réir mar a bhí geilleagar na hÉireann á gcrpadh de dheasca an chúlaithe idirnáisiúnta agus laghdú ar chaiteachas rialtais.

Tá an-chuntas teiste ag an gComhairle maidir le roghanna deacra a dhéanamh le blianta beaga anuas, áfach, chun caiteachas a shrianadh agus rátaí gnó a laghdú. De bharr an chuir chuige inmholta seo a bhí ag na hionadaithe tofa agus ar lean an Chomhairle nua de, táimid in ann dul i ngleic leis na dúshlán úra a bhaineann leis an ngeilleagar athraitheach a mhairfidh roinnt blianta. Bheartaigh an Rialtas, ar a bhfuilimid ag brath do lear mór de na hacmhainní atá againn, maoiniú do chóras an rialtais áitiúil a laghdú go ginearálta. De bharr an chailteanais ioncaim seo tá brú breise orainn tuilleadh acmhainní a fháil ag leibhéal áitiúil, díreach agus geilleagar na cathrach ag dul in olcas. Is cúinsí deacra iad seo don chomhairle. Mar aon leis seo, cuireann dul thar teorainn na cathrach brú ollmhór ar chumas na ngnólaigh seirbhísí a mhaoiniú agus an-chuid acu ag déanamh a ndíchill maireachtáil sna laethanta athraithe seo. Fuaireamar ardú meanma nuair a sháraigh an Chomhairle an dúshlán chun an infheistíocht dóibh siúd is mó a dteastaíonn sé uathu a chosaint agus an Cháinainéis do 2010 á réiteach.

Tá moladh speisialta ag dul do cheannasaíocht an Mhéara agus bhaill na Comhairle as a dtiomantas éagorach agus táim fíorbhuíoch den fhoireann uile as a gcuid oibre maidir le feabhsú seirbhísí agus na costais a choimeád íseal. Tá infheistíocht shuntasach san earnáil phoiblí agus phríobháideach ag dul chun sochair lár na cathrach agus is áit mhealltach Luimneach do dhaoine ar mian leo infheistiú a dhéanamh, cónaí ann, cuairt a thabhairt air nó siopadóireacht a dhéanamh ann dá bharr. Mar thaca leis an lár, lean an Chomhairle den infheistíocht i bhfeabhsúcháin

fearann poiblí. Mar gheall ar oscailt thollán Luimnigh faoin tSionainn, tá 15,000-20,000 feithicil á mbaint ón gcathair agus éascóidh sé seo rochtain níos fearr don lucht siopadóireachta, do chuairteoirí agus do na mílte duine a oibríonn i lár na cathrach. Seasfaidh na hinfeistíochtaí seo uile leis an gcathair sa tréimhse dhúshlánach atá amach romhainn anois.

Is iomaí mórdhúshlán atá romhainn ar gach bealach, agus méadaítear na dúshlán seo de bharr bhorradh mall na cathrach. Cé go ndearnadh beagán dul chun cinn i ndáil leis an gceist lena mbaineann an teorainn le 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 go sóisialta agus go geilleagrach. Chuige seo, tá an Chomhairle ag baint tairbhe as an infheistíocht leanúnach in athghiniúint agus fáiltítear roimh fhógra an Rialtais go n-infheisteofar €337m sa chéad chéim den phlean.

Is cinnte freisin go gcuirfidh an ré nua d'athrú geilleagrach deiseanna nua ar fáil dúinn. Beidh iomaíocht ghéar ann le haghaidh infheistíochta agus gach réigiún cathrach ag iarraidh buntáiste a bhaint amach. Tá toilteanas agus traidisiún mór i Luimneach le dul i ngleic le dúshlán, bíodh sé ar pháirc imeartha nó i réimse an ghnó. Tríd an gceannasaíocht a léirigh an Méara agus baill na Comhairle agus an cuntas teiste a léirigh an Chomhairle, táimid in ann na dúshlán seo a bhainistiú.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis na daoine agus leis na gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha uile sin a chabhraigh leis an gComhairle ar an uile bhealach i rith 2010. Níl puinn amhrais ann ach gur chuir bhrannpháirtíocht an Rialtas Áitiúil sa Chathair ó neart go neart agus gur chabhraigh sibh linn ár sainchúram a chomhlíonadh níos éifeachtaí. Táim ag súil go n-oibreoidh sibh linn agus muid ag leanúint den díospóireacht ar rialachas Luimnigh, tríú cathair na hÉireann, amach anseo.

Tom Mackey [An Bainisteoir Cathrach](#)

top: Special Olympics Opening Ceremony,
centre: Henry Street office complex
lower (l-r): O'Callaghan Strand,
Ewa Mazur & Wiola Wtodarczyk at Mario's Gelato Artisan store



MAYORAL CIVIC RECEPTIONS

01 Australian & Irish Captains pictured at International Rules reception in City Hall

02 Kieran Lehane, Limerick City Council greets assembled guests at International Rules reception

03 & 04 Grand National Winner JP McManus is honoured with a civic reception in recognition of his contribution to the social, community, educational and sporting life of Limerick

05 & 06 Official unveiling ceremony of Dockers Monument, Bishop's Quay



07 Limerick boxer Willie 'Big Bang' Casey, EBU European Super-Bantamweight champion, was honoured with a civic reception in his native city

08 Willie Casey's son watches on as his father is honoured

09 British Ambassador Julian King is welcomed to City Hall by Mayor of Limerick Kevin Kiely

10 Mayor Maria Byrne, receiving membership of Young Munster RFC from Derek Tobin, President, at a reception in City Hall for Young Munster RFC and Fairview Rangers

11 Mayor Kiely with Michael Noonan TD at the Mayor's Ball

12 Mayor Maria Byrne presents a plaque in recognition of Limerick Community Garda receiving a People of the Year Award





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LIMERICK: CITY OF SPORT

01 Aerial view of the city ahead of the Limerick ETU Duathlon European Championships

02 The ETU Duathlon European Championship finish line

03 Race action during the Duathlon

04 Limerick Lawn Tennis Club has produced several International Tennis & Squash players, including Ireland's top-ranked professional Conor Niland, who is currently ranked 181 in ATP Singles

05 Munster Captain Paul O'Connell with his team receiving the Magners League Trophy in Thomond Park



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06 Munster's Keith Earls goes in for the try

07 Ger Collins, Limerick Senior Footballer, during the Munster Final

08 Australian Captain Adam Goodes in International Rules action at the Gaelic Grounds

09 Limerick's Eimear Cregan, most capped Irish hockey player of all time with 171 caps

10 Dublin tag rugby team attending the 10th annual Pigs n Porter rugby weekend

11 Limerick v Tipperary in final round league match at Semple Stadium



01-05 The Great Limerick Run, with 6,000 athletes, consisted of a marathon, half marathon and 6mile walk/run around the city

06 Tour de Munster cyclists stop off in Limerick City during their 600km charity cycle





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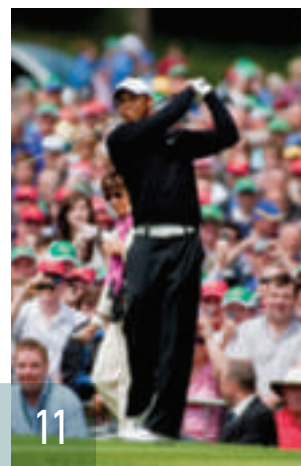
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07 Limerick's middleweight boxer, Andy Lee, competes against Mamadou Thiam at the University Arena

08 Darren Clarke at the JP McManus Invitational ProAm 2010 in Adare

09 Shannon RFC celebrate victory in the AIB Division One Cup at Thomond Park

10 Willie 'Big Bang' Casey wins the European Super Bantamweight title at the University of Limerick

11 Tiger Woods in Adare during the JP McManus Invitational ProAm

12 Winners of womens quadruple scull at National Schools Regatta **(l-r)** Sorcha Lyons, Aoife Gilligan, Caoimhe Hartnett & Maeve Gilligan of St. Michael's Rowing Club

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND GAMES

01 The Munster Rugby Supporters Choir performing at the Opening Ceremony of the 2010 Special Olympics Ireland Games in Thomond Park

02 Shaun Bradley, from Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, celebrates after winning the 200m Round Final, Division 3 at the University of Limerick Rowing Club

03 Munster and Ireland rugby player, Paul O'Connell, congratulates Robert Kennedy from Oldcastle, Co. Meath after he finished 3rd in the 25m backstroke



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04 Special Olympics Ireland Games medals

05 Ulster region soccer players in action

06 Simon Darragh from Cellbridge, Kildare, during the Bocce

07 Emma McAleer from Omagh, Co Tyrone, winner of the mixed 50m freestyle final

08 Shaun Bradley, from Letterkenny, Co. Donegal winner of 200m Round Final

09 Closing ceremony of 2010 Special Olympics Ireland Games

10 Christopher McCormac from Westside Galway during the Iron Shot Event

11 Sarah-Kate Breen from Blackrock, Dublin, during the 4x100m relay final



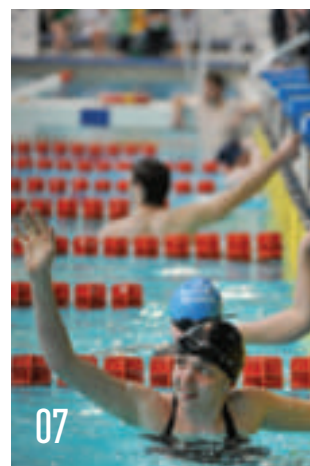
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LIMERICK FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS

01 Kate and Eva O'Donoghue from Cratloe, Co. Clare, enjoying the atmosphere on O'Connell Street during the 40th International Band Parade & Competition, St Patrick's Festival 2010

02 The Mullingar Town Band pass the viewing stand on O'Connell Street during the 40th International Band Parade & Competition



03 Coonagh Currach Regatta on the River Shannon during Riverfest

04 Riverfest fun at George's Quay

05 The 'Lava Lads' team competing in the Riverfest Great Limerick BBQ, Georges Quay

06 Coonagh Currach Regatta during Riverfest

07 Skyfest fireworks display over King John's Castle

08 Eva Massey leads the Newcastle West & District Pipe Band during the International Band Parade & Competition

09 Pink in concert at Thomond Park

10 Seasick Steve in Thomond Park Stadium supporting Bob Dylan

11 Pink arriving on stage for her concert at Thomond Park

MEMBERS OF LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

Baill De Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh



Drawing up the strategies and policies
that deliver the vision for Limerick



- 01 Cllr. John Gilligan, Non-Party
- 02 Cllr. Cormac Hurley, FG
- 03 Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin, LAB
- 04 Cllr. Pat Kennedy, FG
- 05 Cllr. Tom Shortt, LAB
- 06 Cllr. Michael Hourigan, FG
- 07 Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, FF
- 08 Cllr. Kathleen Leddin, Non-Party
- 09 Cllr. Orla McLoughlin, LAB
- 10 Cllr. Kevin Kiely, Non-Party
- 11 Cllr. Diarmuid Scully, FG
- 12 Cllr. Maria Byrne, FG
- 13 Cllr. Denis McCarthy, FG
- 14 Cllr. Jim Long, FG
- 15 Cllr. Joe Leddin, LAB
- 16 Cllr. Maurice Quinlivan, SF
- 17 Cllr. Ger Fahy, FG



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CORPORATE SERVICES

Shaping the future together



back (l-r): Kieran Kennedy, Kathleen Sheehy & Fiona O'Keeffe
front (l-r): Norah O'Connor, Nora Hartigan & Vera Fitzgerald



(l-r): Ronan Forde, Brid Duggan & Darragh Ryan

People. Pride. Place.

The key highlights of the year include:

- Successful operation of 30 meetings and 29 tender openings
- Organisation of 55 Mayoral Receptions and 4 Civic Receptions
- Publication of Draft Register of Electors, Register of Electors and Edited Version of Register of Electors
- Ongoing implementation of Irish Language Scheme
- Assessing, processing and payment of Higher Education Grants
- Continued updating of information on the City Council website and intranet

Review of Limerick City Council's First Language Scheme

Limerick City Council's First Language Scheme under Section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003 was confirmed by the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and commenced with effect from the 1st October, 2007. The scheme was built on the extent to which services were available through Irish as a starting base.

The scheme was prepared having regard to the Guidelines under Section 12 of the Official Languages Act 2003 issued by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in September 2004.

The principal achievements under the First Scheme included:

- Increased bilingualism in our signage, documentation, information brochures, press releases, publications
- A staff audit to ascertain levels of Irish within the organisation, and to identify members of staff who were competent in the language
- The translation of 43 forms into Irish which are available if requested
- Work on development of an Irish language version of website commenced but ceased due to a significant redesign of the overall website.
- Introductory language training was carried out at a cost of €8,800 and all staff were encouraged to attend
 - eight staff received basic training
 - nine staff received pre-intermediate training
 - seven staff received intermediate training
- Staff in Library, Accounts Receivable, Corporate Services and Environment completed an audit of all four language skills before participating in a one to one assessment
- Email disclaimer is bilingual
- A generic email address for queries 'as Gaeilge' has been set up and is accessible from the council website
- A Gaeilge section of the intranet has been established providing links to the following:
 - Official Languages Act, 2003
 - Irish Language Scheme 2007
 - access to www.irishdictionary.ie
 - access to www.logainm.ie



back (l-r): Pat Skehan, Irene Griffin, Andrea Forde, Suzanne Butler, Barbara Clinton & Rob Wallace
front (l-r): Ann Marie Jordan, Máire Ahern, Denise Cregan, Jim McNamara, Terry O'Mahony & Sadie Doyle



(l-r): Elizabeth Creamer, Jacqui Hayes & John McEntee

Human Resources

Recruitment

The staffing complement including part-time employees for Limerick City Council at 31st December 2010 was 527 (556 in 2009).

	2010	2009
Managerial/Administrative	175	190
Professional/Technical	53	54
Full-time Fire-Fighter	57	60
Craft, General and related grades	218	233
Other staff	24	19

527 equates to 485.41 on a full time basis.

The figures demonstrate a 5% reduction on the previous year and a 8% reduction when the equivalent full-time figure is utilised. The challenge for the City Council is to continue to maintain and improve services while employee numbers decline.

Work Experience/Placements

The City Council continue to place emphasis on strengthening our relationship and supporting the various placement schemes for second and third level schools throughout the county and city and also with many other organisations including FÁS and the VEC. 29 students availed of this facility in 2010.

Jobs Initiative Scheme

Limerick City Council in conjunction with FÁS continued to support the employment of nine staff members under the Job Initiative Scheme.

Staff Training

City Council has provided a range of essential training for staff to meet their specific needs identified in their Personal Development Plans, which equipped them with the skills required to carry out their day to day duties and meet the objectives of the organisation.

Training & Development

City Council also supports staff development by providing financial assistance for further education courses.

The focus for the Training Unit was ensuring value for money in training delivery thus providing training for larger groups, mainly in-house and when possible joining with neighbouring local authorities.

In 2010, expenditure on training and development as a percentage of total payroll was 6.5%, exceeding the national target of 3%.

Some of the courses successfully completed included: Low Energy Domestic Refurbishment, Disability Access Certificate, Plain English Proofing, Prevention & Management of Aggression & Violence, Lessons for 'C' & 'EC' Licence, IT, Courtroom Skills/Expert Witness, Certificate in Drugs Counselling, Procurement, Environmental Inspection, Preventing & Combating Rent & Mortgage Arrears, Introduction to Superannuation, Pre-Retirement, Certificate/Diploma/Degree in Local Government, Library Studies.

Staff Counselling/Support Service

The Human Resources Department continues to recognise the importance of a Staff Counselling Service which is available to all staff and provides an opportunity to access professional counselling to assist staff on a confidential basis.

Family Friendly Policies

The number of staff who have availed of leave under the various schemes in 2010:

Parental leave	26
Term Time	8
Worksharing	41
Flexitime	151
Career Breaks/Secondments	22

Retirements/Resignations

During the year eighteen officers/employees retired from Limerick City Council, thirteen were due retirement on age grounds and five were due to ill health retirements.

The value of the lump sums paid out is as follows:

Gross Lump Sums paid	€1,304,781
Deductions made	€ 100,286
Nett Lump Sums paid	€1,204,495

Five Officers/Employees resigned from Limerick City Council, one with an entitlement to a non-pensionable gratuity and four with entitlements to preserved benefits at retirement age.

ICT

Telecommunications & Network Services

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

During 2010, the ICT Department continued its focus on consolidation and efficiencies within Limerick City Council. A number of key projects have been completed in order to achieve a reduction of the annual operational ICT costs by an overall amount of €175,000.

Based on the national ICT strategy and following on the previous evaluation of open source technologies, Open Office, an office applications suite, has been deployed with the objective to place Limerick City Council in a better negotiating position when purchasing software in order to reduce licensing costs. Training has been provided for 50 users and it will continue in 2011.

Coupled with the open source deployment on desktops the server infrastructure was augmented with open source technologies in areas of email, file and print and user management functions.

An upgrade of the phone system to VoIP (Voice over IP) technologies reduced the maintenance costs by €25,000 per annum (€125,000 over 5 years) without incurring any capital costs. As part of this project, a new phone system has been installed in the Park Road, Library Services and Fire Station. This phone system is fully integrated with the existing system in City Hall thus allowing staff members to communicate in a seamless manner with all Limerick City Council offices.

The deployment in July of the Government CPN - forwarding mobile calls to a mobile operator - has reduced the mobile calls costs by 50% or an estimated €30,000 per annum.

By developing a Printing Policy, the ICT Department aims to reduce the costs associated with printing and copying in Limerick City Council by:

- reducing the number of printers by 40%
- consolidating the types of printers/copiers and thus enabling the purchase of toner in bulk, at a competitive price
- using all printing devices in duplex mode (double sided) and increasing the number of multifunctional devices with printing/copying/fax and scanning features in order to promote the scanning and electronic delivery of documents

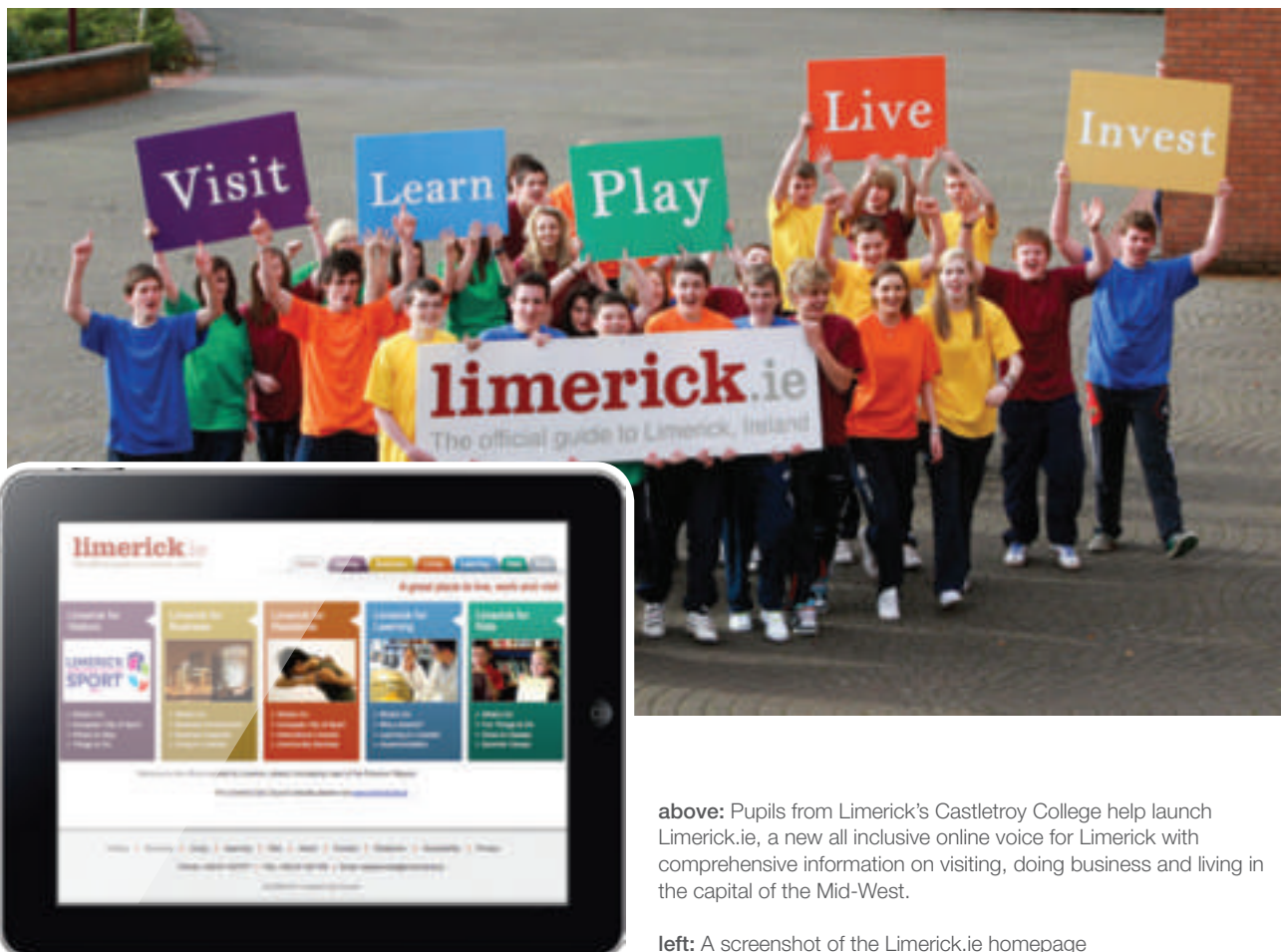
The Printing Policy was adopted in June and following a public tender, new cost and energy efficient printers were deployed in December.

None of the projects mentioned above would have been possible without the continuous upgrades of the existing systems and infrastructure. In 2010 the ICT Department upgraded the Wide Area Network to allow for faster and more reliable communications between council offices. Communications to central government networks have been improved by deploying resilient (dual) communication channels. Further upgrades will be carried out in 2011 to allow high availability of shared ICT services such as the new Human Resources Management system (CORE).

In April 2010, during the data centre consolidation project all the infrastructure deployed for the delivery of core ICT services has been reviewed and/or replaced. This project was key to ensure high availability of ICT Services especially in the context of reduced staffing levels.

The ICT service desk system offers comprehensive support to end users, councillors and libraries of Limerick City Council dealing with over 4,100 support request in 2010.

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above: Pupils from Limerick's Castletroy College help launch Limerick.ie, a new all inclusive online voice for Limerick with comprehensive information on visiting, doing business and living in the capital of the Mid-West.

left: A screenshot of the Limerick.ie homepage

Limerick.ie The official guide to Limerick, Ireland

A new all inclusive online voice for Limerick with comprehensive information on visiting, doing business and living in the capital of the Mid-West was launched in November. The ICT Department in Limerick City Council developed the website with the support of the Community and Enterprise Department.

The need for a single Limerick internet portal to establish Limerick as a destination of choice for both the national and international market led to a number of local agencies coming together to develop the new website.

It is envisaged that Limerick.ie will:

- Be the first option available when searching the Internet for information on Limerick
- Have relevant and up-to-date website content containing information on all aspects of visiting, studying and living in Limerick
- Showcase Limerick's unique selling points in an impartial manner
- Give up to date information on all festivals and events

Development costs for the new site were minimal as:

- No external consultants were used
- Existing technology: content management, hosting, maintenance, infrastructure, geographical information systems were utilised without extra investment
- In-house editorial and technical skills were also already available

In 2010 the ICT Department mapped over 700 amenities and published over 350 events.



Tom Kennedy (on ladder) & Noel O'Riordan assisting with traffic light maintenance



back (l-r): Paul Foley, Sinéad McDonnell, Caroline Curley & Paul McAnespie
front (l-r): Olive Herffron, Ciara Farrell, Majella O'Brien, Aisling Walshe & Georgina Fox

Health & Safety

To provide safer systems of work thereby ensuring safety and good health and improving effectiveness.

Key activities during 2010 were as follows

- Formation of a new Management Safety Advisory Committee as part of the Safety Management System. Four meetings were held
- Management review of all of the council's safety statements
- Election of Safety Representatives to consult with line management on H&S issues. Six meetings of the safety representatives committee were arranged
- Safety Training was provided including: H&S Induction, SafePass, First-aid, Cardiac First Responder, Manual Materials Handling, Driver Certificate of Professional Competency, Visual Display Units Safety Representatives, Signing, Lighting & Guarding and Working at Heights
- Safety seminars and safety toolbox talks were provided
- Safety Week 2010 consisted of activities to improve health and safety awareness particularly in the area of Safe Maintenance
- Safety Inspections were carried out
- Accident investigation and reporting
- Introduction of safer systems of work

Partnership

Partnership continues to be a productive means of both unions and management agreeing on change initiatives/ cost saving measures and thus diffusing issues before they proceed to the I.R. forum. It is vital in the climate we now find ourselves that management and unions sustain the excellent relationship built up over the past number of years and continue to work together during these challenging times.

The Steering Committee met on a quarterly basis and the Directorate Sub Committees bi-monthly. These are some of the topics discussed/agreements achieved and projects delivered: Protocol in relation to Engagement of Construction Contractors and Payment of Invoices, Replacement of some vehicles, GPS Installation, Procedure for Purchase of Limerick/Dublin Rail Tickets, Update of Financial Position, Competition for Suggestions on Sustainable Practices for Cleansing and Parks, Pre-Retirement Seminars, Child Protection Training, Up-skilling of Drivers, Staff Information Sessions, Dignity at Work Awareness, Grapevine Newsletter, IT Training.

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highest standards



Archives & Records

Limerick City Archives is responsible for the preservation and management of the archives and records of Limerick City Council. The City Archives also collects accepts donations of material relating to Limerick and Limerick people including Limerick Union Board of Guardians, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, and Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Many of these collections have been digitised and are freely available to the public for research on www.limerickcity.ie. Each year new collections are added to the website.

In 2010 Limerick City Council's Health and Welfare records, dispensary records, allotments and turf production records were added as were a selection of collections from other bodies including Limerick Christian Brothers School.

The donation of a microfilm copy of the Quaker papers to Limerick City Council was marked by a launch in the Quaker Meeting House. The papers provide an insight into the Quaker community in Limerick as they contain records of meetings, records of births and marriages and records of grievances when their goods were seized in lieu of tithes due to the Established Church.

In October 2010 the papers of D.C.C. Mercier were donated to the archives. Mr Mercier worked as a Mill manager in Ranks flour mills from 1922 to 1961 and the papers contain a fascinating series of diaries, documents and photographs of Mercier's working life in one of Limerick's key industries. A reception to mark the donation was held in City Hall and all former Ranks workers and their families were invited to attend.

top left: Norman Campion speaking at the launch of an archive of Ranks Mills in City Hall

top right: At the launch of the transfer of a digital copy of the Limerick Quaker Archive to Limerick City Archives were Hiram Wood and Hubert Roche Kelly

above: Tom Cassidy, a former worker at the mills, at the launch of the Ranks Mills archive

SEIRBHÍSÍ CORPARÁIDEACHA

An Pobal. Bród. Áit. Ag múnú na todhchaí le chéile



Official Coat of Arms

The arms shows a castle with two towers and the portcullis raised. The shield is of the 14th century. The motto 'Urbs Antiqua Fuit Studiisque Asperima Belli' which means 'An ancient city well versed in the arts of war' surround the shield.

Buaicphointí 2010

- Oibriú rathúil chruinnithe na Comhairle Cathrach
- 30 Cruinniú
- 29 Oscailt Tairisceana
- Eagrú na bhFálaithe Sibhialta agus Méara
- 55 Fáiltiú Méarachta agus 4 Fháiltiú Cathartha
- Foilsiú Dhréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, foilsiú Chlár na dToghthóirí agus foilsiú Eagrán Atheagraithe de Chlár na dToghthóirí
- Cur i bhfeidhm leanúnach Scéim na Gaeilge
- Measúnú, próiseáil agus íoc na nDeontas Ard-Oideachais
- Nuashonrú leantach faisnéise ar láithreán gréasáin agus inlín na Comhairle Cathrach

Athbhreithniú ar an gCéad Scéim Teanga de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

Dheimhnigh an tAire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta an chéad Scéim Gaeilge de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003, agus bhí feidhm aici ón 1 Deireadh Fómhair 2007. Ba é an méid seirbhísí a bhí ar fáil trí Ghaeilge túsphointe na scéime, agus leathnaíodh an scéim amach ón túsphointe sin.

Ullmhaíodh an Scéim ag féachaint do na Treoirínte atá leagtha amach faoi Alt 12 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 a d'eisigh an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Meán Fómhair 2004.



back (l-r): Claire Barrie, Deirdre Minogue, Martina Caulfield & Deirdre O'Flynn
front (l-r): Jane Wallace, Mary Kennedy & Brendan MacKernan



(l-r): Oonagh Kirby, Geraldine O'Regan, Maeve O'Grady, Anne Linnane & Joe Coughlan

Áiríodh i measc na bpríomhrudaí a baineadh amach faoin gCéad Scéim:

- Méadú an dátheangachais inár gcomharthaíocht, cáipéisíocht, bróisiúir faisnéise, preaseisiúintí, foilseacháin
- Iniúchadh foirne chun caighdeán na Gaeilge laistigh den eagraíocht a fháil amach, agus chun na baill foirne a raibh cumas sa teanga acu a shainaithint
- Aistriú ar 43 foirm go Gaeilge, foirmeacha atá ar fáil ar iarratas
- Cuireadh tús le leagan Gaeilge den suíomh Gréasáin a fhorbairt, ach éiríodh as de bharr athdhearadh suntasach ar an suíomh Gréasáin san iomlán. Tá an t-athdhearadh seo nach mór críochnaithe agus táthar ag súil go cuirfear tús an athuair leis an aistriúchán.
- Chuir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh oiliúint tosaigh ar fáil ar chostas €8,800
- Cuireadh Bunoiúint Ghaeilge ar ochtar ball foirne
- Cuireadh Oiliúint Réamh-Idirmheánach Ghaeilge ar naonúr ball foirne
- Cuireadh Oiliúint Idirmheánach Ghaeilge ar seachtar ball foirne
- Spreagadh an fhoireann uile freastal ar an Oiliúint Ghaeilge
- Rinne baill foirne sa Leabharlann, i gCuntais Infhála, i Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, agus i gComhshaol iniúchadh ar na ceithre scil teanga ar fad sular ghlac gach ball foirne páirt i measúnú aonarach faoi stiúir Dheirdre Ní Loingsigh, Stiúrthóir na Gaeilge, Aonad na Gaeilge, Ollscoil Luimnigh. D'aimsigh sí baill foirne a bhfuil sé ar a gcumas seirbhís chuntair a chur ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge sna Rannóga sin
- Tá an séanadh ríomhphoist dátheangach.
- Bunaíodh seoladh ríomhphoist ar leith le haghaidh ceistanna 'as Gaeilge', agus tá sé ar fáil ar leathanach baile an tsuímh gréasáin.

- Cuireadh cuid den Inlín ar fáil trí Ghaeilge agus is féidir na nithe seo a leanas a fháil ann:

- Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003
- Scéim na Gaeilge 2007
- Nasc chuig an suíomh gréasáin:
www.irishdictionary.ie
www.logainm.ie

Acmhainní Daonna

Earcaíocht

Ag an 31 Nollaig 2010, bhí 527 duine fostaithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, fostaithe lánaimseartha ina measc (556 sa bhliain 2009).

	2010	2009
Bainistíocht/Riarachán	175	190
Gairmiúil/Teicniúil Comhraiceoir	53	54
Dóiteáin Lánaimseartha	57	60
Gráid cheardaíochta, ghinearálta agus ghaolmhara	218	233
Foireann eile	24	19

Is ionann 527 agus 485.41 duine ar bhonn lánaimseartha.

Léirítear sna figiúirí laghdú 5% ar fhigiúirí na bliana roimhe agus laghdú 8% nuair a úsáidtear an figiúr lánaimseartha coibhéiseach. Is é an dúshlán don Chomhairle Cathrach seirbhís a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú fad a laghdaítear líon na bhfostaithe.

Taithí Oibre/Socrúcháin

Leanann an Chomhairle Cathrach le béim a leagan ar ár ngaolmhaireacht a neartú agus tacú leis na scéimeanna socrúcháin éagsúla do scoileanna dara leibhéal agus tríú leibhéal ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach agus le go leor eagraíochtaí eile, FÁS agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh. Bhain 29 mac léinn leas as an áis seo sa bhliain 2010.

Scéim Tionscnaimh Post

Choinnigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh uirthi ag tacú le fostaíocht naonúr ball foirne faoin Scéim Tionscnaimh Post i gcomhar le FÁS.

Oiliúint Foirne

Sholáthar an Chomhairle Cathrach réimse oiliúna riachtanaí don fhoireann chun na riachtanais ar leith a aithníodh ina bPleananna Forbartha Pearsanta a bhaint amach, rud a thug na scoileanna dóibh atá ag teastáil chun a gcuid dualgas laethúil a dhéanamh agus chun cuspóirí na heagraíochta a chomhlíonadh.

Oiliúint agus Forbairt

Chomh maith leis sin, tacaíonn an Chomhairle Cathrach le forbairt foirne trí chúnamh airgeadais a chur ar fáil do chúrsaí breisoideachais.

Ba é aidhm an Aonaid Oiliúna ná luach ar airgead a chinntiú i seachadadh oiliúna agus ag soláthar oiliúna do ghrúpaí níos mó dá bharr seo, do ghrúpaí inmheánacha go háirithe ach ag comhoibriú le húdaráis áitiúla sa cheantar freisin dá mba fhéidir.

Sa bhliain 2010, ba é caiteachas ar oiliúint agus forbairt mar chéatadán de na costais phárolla iomlána ná 6.5%, ag sárú na sprice náisiúnta de 3%.

Ar na cúrsaí a críochnaíodh go rathúil áiríodh na cinn seo a leanas: Athchóiriú Inmheánach Ísealfhuinnimh, Teastas Rochtana do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas, Promhadh Glan-Bhéarla, Cosc agus Bainistíocht Forrántachta agus Foréigin, Ceachtanna don Cheadúnas 'C' agus 'EC', TF, Scoileanna Sheomra na Cúirte/Finnéithe Saineolacha, Teastas i gComhairleoireacht Drugaí, Soláthar, Iniúchadh Comhshaoil, Cosc agus Comhrac Riaráiste Ciosa agus Morgáiste, Tús Eolais ar Aoisliúntas, Réamhscoir, Teastas/Diplóma/Céim i Rialtas Áitiúil, Seirbhísí Léinn.

Beartais fhabhracha do Theaghlaigh

An líon foirne a thóg saoire faoi na scéimeanna éagsúla in 2010:

Saoire Thuismitheoirí	26
Tearma Scoile	8
Roinnt oibre	41
Am solúbtha	151
Sosanna Gairme/lasachtaí	22

Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta/Tacaíochta Foirne

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

...na caighdeáin
is airde a
shocrú agus a
chothabháil

Scor/Éirí as

Le linn na bliana, scoir 18 n-oifigeach/bhfostaí as Comhairle Cathrach Luimneach, bhí 13 dhuine i dteideal scoir mar gheall ar aois agus scoir dhrochshláinte a bhí i gceist maidir le cúigear.

Is iad seo a leanas na cnapshuimeanna a íocadh:

Oll-chnapshuimeanna a íocadh	€1,304,781
Asbhaintí a rinneadh	€ 100,286
Cnapshuimeanna Glana a íocadh	€1,204,495

Scoir cúigear Oifigeach/Fostaithe as Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, duine amháin i dteideal aisce le haghaidh daoine neamh-phinsin agus ceathrar le teidlíochtaí ar shochair choinnithe ag aois scoir.

Comhpháirtíocht

Is é is aidhm don phlean don bhliain 2011 ná cur chun cinn na bliana roimhe sin a fhorbairt agus cloí leis na forálacha reachtúla i ndáil le sláinte agus sábháilteacht san áit oibre.

Is modh táirgiúil é comhpháirtíocht i leith aontú idir comharchumainn agus bainisteoireacht ar thionscnaimh athraithe/ar bhearta coigilte costais agus mar thoradh air seo, ruaigear saincheisteanna sula dtéann siad ar aghaidh chuig an bhfóram um chaidreamh tionsclaíoch. Is rithábachtach sna cúinsí ina bhfuilimid go gcothaíonn an lucht bainistíochta agus na comharchumainn an caidreamh iontach a forbraíodh le blianta anuas agus go leanann siad den chomhoibriú seo i rith na laethanta dúshlánacha seo.

Tháinig an Coiste Stiúrtha le chéile ar bhonn ráitheacháin le linn na bliana agus tháinig Fochoistí an Lucht Stiúrthóireachta le chéile faoi dhó gach mí. Is iad seo a leanas roinnt de na topaicí a pléadh/de na comhaontuithe a baineadh amach agus na tionscadail a seachadadh: Prótocal i ndáil le Fostú na gConraitheoirí Tógála agus Íocaíocht na Sonrasc, Ionadú roinnt feithiclí, Suiteáil GPS, Nós Imeachta um Cheannach Ticéad Iarnróid idir Luimneach agus Baile Átha Cliath, Nuashonrú ar Staid Airgeadais, Iomaíocht um Moltaí ar Chleachtais Inbhuanaithe i leith Glantacháin agus Páirceanna, Seimineáir Réamhscoir, Oiliúint ar Chosaint Leanaí, Breisoiliúint Tiománaithe, Seisiún Faisnéise Foirne, Feasacht Dínite ag an Obair, Nuachtlitir Ghréasáin Luaidreán, Oiliúint TF.

TFC

Seirbhísí Teileachumarsáide & Líonra

Ag cloí leis na riachtanais straitéiseacha do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, lean an rannóg TFC ag moladh bonneagair, feidhmchlár agus córais ríomhairí a theastaíonn ó gach rannóg de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ag tacú leo agus á gcur ar fáil.

Le linn 2010, lean an Rannóg TFC orthu ag díriú ar chomhdhlúthú agus ar éifeachtúlacht laistigh de Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Cuireadh roinnt eochair-thionscadal i gcrích le haghaidh laghdú ar chostais oibríochtúla bhliantúla TFC de mhéid iomlán €175,000.

Bunaithe ar an straitéis náisiúnta TFC agus ag leanúint ar aghaidh den mheasúnú ar theicneolaíochtaí foinse oscailte, baintear úsáid as Open Office – is é sin pacáiste feidhmchláir oifige – leis an gcuspóir Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a chur i seasamh idirbheartaíochta le linn dóibh bogearra a cheannach, chun costais cheadúnaithe a laghdú. Soláthraíodh oiliúint do 50 úsáideoir agus leanfar ar aghaidh léi in 2011.

Chomh maith leis an úsáid foinse oscailte ar ríomhairí deisce, méadaíodh bonneagar an fhreastalaí le teicneolaíochtaí foinse oscailte i réimse r-phoist, comhaid, agus priontála agus feidhmeanna bainistíochta úsáideora.

Laghdaigh uasghrádú an chórais ghutháin go teicneolaíochtaí VoIP (PI Guthaithe) na costais chothabhála de €25,000 in aghaidh na bliana (€125,000 thar 5 bliana) gan costais chaipitiúla a thabhtú. Mar chuid den tionscadal seo, suiteáladh córas nua gutháin ar Bhóthar na Páirce, sna Seirbhísí Leabharlainne agus sa Stáisiún Dóiteáin. Tá an córas gutháin seo comhtháite go hiomlán leis an gcóras reatha i Halla na Cathrach, ag ligean do bhaill foirne cumarsáid a dhéanamh ar mhodh éasca leis na hoifigí go léir de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Tháinig laghdú 50% (nó €30,000 measta in aghaidh na bliana) ar chostais na nglaoanna ó ghutháin phóca mar gheall ar úsáid CPN an Rialtais ó mhí Iúil ar aghaidh, córas a chuir glaoanna gutháin phóca ar aghaidh chuig oibrítheoir líonra mhóibíligh.

Trí Bheart Priontála a fhorbairt, is é is aidhm don Rannóg TFC na costais a bhaineann le priontáil agus le cóipeáil i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a laghdú trí na nithe seo a leanas:

- líon na bprintéirí a laghdú faoi 40%
- cineálacha na bprintéirí/na gcóipirí a chomhdhlúthú, ag éascú bulc-cheannach tonóra dá bharr, ar phraghas iomaíoch
- na gléasanna priontála go léir a úsáid go déphléascach (ar an dá thaobh) agus líon na ngléasanna ilfheidhmeacha a bhfuil gnéithe priontála/cóipeála/facsála agus scanta acu a mhéadú chun scanadh agus seachadadh leictreonach na ndoiciméad a chur chun cinn

Glacadh leis an mBeart Priontála i mí an Mheithimh agus baineadh úsáid as printéirí ísealchostais atá tiosach ar fhuinneamh ó mhí na Nollag tar éis tairiscint phoiblí.

Níorbh fhéidir ceann ar bith de na tionscadail thuasluaite a chur i gcrích gan uasghráduithe leanúnacha na gcóras agus an bhonneagair atá ann. D'uasghrádaigh an Rannóg TFC an Líonra Achair Fhairsing sa bhliain 2010 chun cumarsáid níos gaiste agus níos iontaofa idir oifigí comhairle a éascú. Cuireadh feabhas ar chumarsáidí le líonraí rialtais láir trí chainéil athléimneacha (dé)chumarsáide a úsáid. Déanfar uasghráduithe breise in 2011 le fáil mhaith ar sheirbhísí TFC a éascú, lena n-áirítear Córas Bainistíochta Acmhainní Daonna (CORE) nua.

I mí Aibreáin 2010, le linn thionscadal comhdhlúthaithe an Ionaid Sonraí, rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an mbonneagar ar fad a úsáideadh le haghaidh sholáthar na lársheirbhísí TFC agus/nó ionadaíodh é. Bhí an tionscadal seo tábhachtach chun fáil mhaith ar Sheirbhísí TFC a chinntiú, go háirithe i gcomhthéacs leibhéal íslithe an tsoláthair foirne.

Cuireann córas deasc seirbhís TFC tacaíocht chuimsitheach ar fáil d'úsáideoirí, do chomhairleoirí agus do leabharlanna de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ag déileáil le breis agus 4,100 ceist tacaíochta in 2010.

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An treoir oifigiúil ar Luimneach, Éire

Seoladh glór nua uilechuimsitheach do Luimneach le faisnéis chuimsitheach ar chuartaíocht, ar ghnó a dhéanamh agus ar chónaí i bpríomhchathair an Mheán-larthair i mí na Samhna. D'fhorbair an Rannóg TFC i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh an láithreán gréasáin le tacaíocht na Rannóige Pobail agus Fiontair.

Mar gheall ar an ngá le tairseach aonair idirlín do Luimneach chun Luimneach a bhunú mar cheann scríbe roghnach sa mhargadh náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta araon, tháinig roinnt gníomhaireachtaí áitiúla le chéile leis an láithreán gréasáin nua a fhorbairt. Meastar go mbeidh:

- Luimneach.ie ar an gcéad rogha ar fáil le linn an t-idirlíon a chuardach le haghaidh faisnéise ar Luimneach
- Inneachar reatha nua ar an láithreán gréasáin ag Limerick.ie ina bhfuil faisnéis ar na gnéithe go léir bainteach le cuartaíocht, le staidéar a dhéanamh agus le cónaí i Luimneach
- Limerick.ie ag taispeáint gnéithe uathúla díolacháin Luimnigh ar mhodh neamhchlaonta
- Faisnéis reatha tugtha ag Limerick.ie ar na féilte agus ar na himeachtaí go léir

Ba bheag costas forbartha a caitheadh ar an láithreán gréasáin mar:

- Níor baineadh úsáid as sainchomhairleoirí seachtracha
- Baineadh úsáid as teicneolaíocht reatha – bainistíocht inneachair, óstáil, cothabháil, bonneagar, córais faisnéise geografai – gan infheistíocht bhreise
- Bhí scileanna eagarthóireachta agus teicniúla inmheánacha ar fáil cheana féin

Mhapáil an Rannóg TFC níos mó ná 700 taitneamhacht agus d'fhoilsigh sí níos mó ná 350 imeacht in 2010.



(l-r): Ann Marie Meehan, James Sweeney, Orla O'Connor, Laura Ryan, Mihai Bilauca & Yvonne Daly at the launch of www.limerick.ie



(l-r): John Fitzgerald (sub-contractor), John O'Connell, Richard Keane, Tim Sheehan, Clem Reynolds & Alice O'Sullivan

Sláinte & Sábháilteacht

Córais oibre níos sláine a chur ar fáil, ag deimhniú sábháilteachta agus dea-shláinte agus ag feabhsú éifeachtúlachta mar thoradh.

Tá na nithe seo a leanas i measc na ngníomhaíochtaí tábhachtacha a eagraíodh le linn 2010:

- Cruthú Coiste nua Bainistíochta um Chomhairle Sábháilteachta mar chuid den Chóras Bainistíochta Sábháilteachta. Eagraíodh ceithre chruinniú
- Athbhreithniú bainistíochta ar ráitis shábháilteachta go léir na comhairle.
- Toghadh na nlonadaithe Sábháilteachta chun dul i gcomhairle le bainistíocht líne ar shaincheisteanna sláinte agus sábháilteachta. Eagraíodh sé chruinniú de choiste na n-ionadaithe sábháilteachta.
- Cuireadh Oiliúint Sábháilteachta ar fáil, lena n-áirítear: Ionductú Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta, SafePass, Garchabhair, an Chéad Fhreagróir Cairdiach, Láimhsiú Ábhar, Deimhniú Tiománaí um Inniúlacht Ghairmiúil, Ionadaithe Sábháilteachta Aonad Fístaispeána, Comharthaíocht, Soilsiú agus Cosaint agus Oibriú ar Airdí.
- Cuireadh seimineáir shábháilteachta agus gearrchomhráite sábháilteachta roimh obair ar fáil
- Ba éard a bhí i Seachtain Sábháilteachta 2010 ná imeachtaí chun feachtas sláinte agus sábháilteachta a fheabhsú, go háirithe i réimse na Cothabhála Sláine
- Tugadh faoi Iniúchtaí Sábháilteachta
- Iniúchadh timpiste and tuairisciú
- Tabhairt isteach córais oibre níos sláine

Cartlanna & Taifid

Tá Cartlann Chathair Luimnigh freagrach as caomhnú agus bainistiú chartlanna agus thaifid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Glacann Cartlann na Cathrach le tabhartais ábhair a bhaineann le Luimneach agus le pobal Luimnigh, amhail Bord Bardachta Aontas Luimnigh, Comhlachas Lucht Trádála Luimnigh agus Coimisinéirí Cuain Luimnigh. Rinneadh mórchuid de na bailiúcháin seo a dhigitiú agus tá siad ar fáil go neamhshrianta don phobal ar www.limerickcity.ie le haghaidh taighde. Cuirtear bailiúcháin nua leis an láithreán gréasáin gach bliain.

Cuireadh taifid Sláinte agus Leasa, taifid íoclann, taifid cuibhrinn agus táirgeachta móna de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh leis sa bhliain 2010, chomh maith le rogha bhailiúcháin ó chomhlachtaí eile, amhail Scoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Luimneach.

Sonraíodh tabhartas cóip mhicreascannáin de pháipéir Chumann na gCarad do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh le seoladh i dTeach Tionóil Chumann na gCarad. Tugann na páipéir léargas ar Chumann na gCarad i Luimneach mar gurb éard atá iontu ná taifid ar chruinnithe, taifid ar bhreitheanna agus ar phóstaí agus taifid ar ghearáin nuair a urghabhadh a gcuid earraí in ionad deachúna dlíte don Eaglais Bhunaithe.

I mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2010, bronnadh páipéir D.C.C. Mercier ar an gCartlann. D'oibrigh an tUasal Mercier mar bhainisteoir an mhuilinn i muilinn phlúir Ranks idir 1922 agus 1961 agus tá sraith thar a bheith spéisiúil dialann, doiciméad agus grianghraf ar shaol oibre Mercier i gceann de na heochair-thionscadail i Luimneach sna páipéir. Eagraíodh fáiltiú i Halla na Cathrach chun an tabhartas a shonrú agus tugadh cuireadh d'iaroibreoirí uile Ranks agus dá gclann freastal air.



Championing initiatives
that help improve access
to and engagement
in arts and culture
activities of every form

ARTS & CULTURE

Local Policy Development of the Arts

- Research and publication of the current arts strategy; review to be undertaken to assess priorities for the future
- Establishment and ongoing liaison with local organisations/institutions including community, educational and cultural groups

National Policy Development for the Arts

- Part of the National Campaign for the Arts
- 25 : 25 Arts & Culture in Local Development Conference

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 e v+ a, Cúisle International Poetry Festival, Culture Night, Kate O'Brien Weekend and LoveLive Music
- Marketing and promotion of the city's arts activities, including a representational/advocacy role

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

- Dept. of Arts, Sport and Tourism for Capital Funding resulted in project management of the development of eight artists apartments in John's Square
- Public art, completion of the Dockers Monument

Partnership Projects co-funded by Limerick City Council and The Arts Council

- 'Behind the Door', film production with Doras Luimní and LIT
- 'New View', online arts news service in partnership with three other local authorities

Committee Membership

- Part of the working group to deliver a feasibility study on future development of Theatre Royal
- Part of the selection committee for % for art projects for Mary Immaculate College

opposite page:

'The Horse Outside' - life-size, hand-painted horse
Hunt Museum Community Outreach Programme

...engaging with new audiences and artists across the city

Cuisse

The 15th Cuisse Limerick City International Poetry Festival took place over four days between the 13th and 16th October. This festival is now a must-go for audiences social diaries, with evening readings by international, national and local poets, a schools' programme, and lunchtime readings to honour Limerick poets and their achievements on the literary stage. This year's festival included performances by the popular Rita Ann Higgins from Galway; American-born Belfast resident Chris Agee, editor of Irish Pages; American award-winner Allan Peterson from Gulf Breeze, Florida; Poet-Surgeon Veronika Dintinjana and Poet-Songwriter Jani Kovacic from Slovenia; younger poets James Brookes and Sarah Jackson from the UK; and Limerick's Patricia Byrne. The continued financial support and belief of The Arts Council in this festival is welcome in these straightened times. In 2010 Shannon Development under their festival and events initiative scheme have helped the festival to promote itself nationally. The schools programme, co-ordinated by Bertha McCullagh and which includes the Young Poet of the Year competition, generates national interest from young people for the festival.

Culture Night

2010 is the third year Limerick participated in this national event, with cultural venues opening their doors late into the evening and artistic events being organised free of charge for members of the public. Newcomers to the Limerick programme included a number of artist-led studios housed in vacant city centre spaces as part of Creative Limerick. This new and imaginative way for people of all ages and from all backgrounds to access and enjoy the rich cultural offering the city has to offer is an initiative co-ordinated by Temple Bar Cultural Trust and supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture & Sport in partnership with The Arts Office of Limerick City Council.



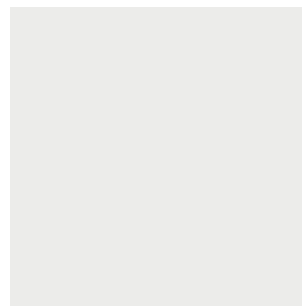
Ciaran O'Driscoll, Cuisse International Poetry Festival

e v+ a

The exhibition of visual+ art's Curator offered guided tour/ talk of e v+ a 2010 to Limerick audiences. Elizabeth Hatz, an architect from Sweden and lecturer with a well established role at SAUL, the School of Architecture at the University of Limerick, has great, heartfelt regard for Limerick as a city with a special, admirable character. She installed her e v+ a exhibition, entitled MATTERS, throughout centre city Limerick with its main emphasis placed in the recently constructed five story Thomas Street Centre. The OPEN and INVITED artworks installed there provided a grand survey of the state of contemporary art in all media and styles from heights that yield an unusual, dramatic spread of the city below.

Kate O'Brien Weekend

This annual literary weekend in Limerick which celebrates the life and work of Limerick born novelist, playwright, journalist, travel writer and biographer Kate O'Brien has been running since 1984. Organised by readers for readers the weekend is intimate in scale and convivial in nature where speakers and audiences get to talk freely about literary and other topics of interest to us all. Each year the theme for the Weekend reflects the subject matters close to Kate O'Brien personally and in her writings. In an interview in later life she was quoted as saying "I've always been alone". With this in mind the theme for this year's Kate O'Brien Weekend, was Outsiders. Kate O'Brien herself was born into a prosperous Limerick family in 1897. Although she spent much of her adult life in England, she returned to Limerick often and retained a strong bond to her home city.



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e v+ a installation

Culture Night at Occupy Space with artist Susan Holland

Limerick poet Ed O'Dwyer, Cuisle lunchtime reading

Culture Night comedy workshop at Locke Bar

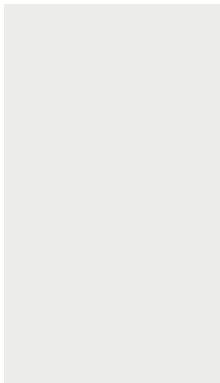
Culture Night at Daghdha Dance



left: City & County Arts Officers gather in Limerick for the 25:25 Conference

lower left: Limerick City Council Manager, Tom Mackey, addresses the conference

lower right: Conference Organising Committee: Monica Corcoran, The Arts Council, Sheila Deegan, Limerick City Council Arts Officer, Michael D Higgins and Lucina Russell, Chair ALLAO



25:25 Conference

In 1985 the first County Arts Officer was appointed to Clare County Council. This marked the beginning of a new relationship between the Arts Council and Local Authorities in promoting and developing the arts at local level. To mark this 25 year partnership, and under the auspices of the County and City Managers Association, the Arts Council and the Association of Local Authority Arts Officers together organised a conference on local arts development in Limerick.

The conference explored the role of the arts and culture in achieving local economic and social development objectives, and asked how we can unlock the potential of future integrated planning in these areas. Chaired by Olivia O'Leary, senior contributors from Ireland, the UK and Australia presented papers.

The conference was aimed at key policy makers such as City and County Managers, senior Local Authority and enterprise officials as well as local public representatives and providers in the arts and cultural field. Incorporating a live recording of RTE's Sunday Miscellany, the conference also offered an opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved over the past 25 years of local arts development.

Library & Information Service

Reference & Local Studies

The main work of this department continues to be assisting people with research queries. There is a continuous flow of call-in visitors with a wide variety of research needs. The use of newspaper archives, in particular, is a very popular area of research. We also deal with a large number of email queries.

Family History: Although the library does not formally offer a family history research service we do endeavour to assist people with this popular area of research as much as possible. We can now offer a great deal of assistance, both through the use of our own resources, developed in-house (almost half a million family name records), and the use of various online resources.

Lecture Series: The series for 2010-11 is the 13th series of monthly history lectures. There are usually 8 to 12 lectures held between September and April. Average attendance is about 50. The lectures are now being video-recorded and made available for viewing on the internet.

Resources: The on-going development of the local studies content on the Limerick City Council website continues to be the main focus of our activity. There are two big projects being worked on concurrently. The obituaries and death notices from the Limerick Chronicle Newspaper are being scanned and uploaded alongside a database of names contained in the notices. The huge volume of files in our Local Studies Department are now being scanned and gradually added to the website. Both projects are significant undertakings and are proving tremendously popular with researchers.



(l-r): Sinéad Hourigan, Pamela Byrnes, Patricia Cusack & Ciara Barry of Watch House Cross Library



back (l-r): Andrew Yelverton, Mairéad Downes, Deirdre O'Dea, Dean McDarby, Mike Maguire & Dolores Doyle
front (l-r): Liam Hogan, Gráinne Keane & Mary King City Library, The Granary

Schools' Library Service: The schools' library van visited each city school at least five times during the year. Each child was given the opportunity to select their own books and share in the classroom until the van returned after a number of weeks. 17,863 items were issued through this service during the year.

Storytelling with Róisín Meaney

Weekly storytelling sessions for 3-6 year olds, with well known local author Róisín Meaney, have proved to be a very popular event, attracting an audience of approx 20 children and their parents weekly.

Watch House Cross Community Choir

A new community choir was established in Watch House Cross Library in March. Adults over 18 years who had an interest in singing for enjoyment were invited to participate. The choir led by conductor and choir director Tim Schinnick now has 42 members. They gave three public performances during the year.

Family Literacy Programme

A new literacy programme 'Read Together, Learn Together, Family Reading' took place in Watch House Cross Library at the end of the year. The programme, focusing on very young children and their parents, was in partnership with Limerick City Adult Education Service and Limerick City Childcare Committee. The first programme comprised of four sessions only, but it is envisaged that it will continue to include all infant classes in the surrounding area.

Statistics

Library Usage	2010	2009
Issues	316,281	301,025
Registrations	13,768	13,902
Visitors	257,235	238,920
Hours of internet usage	33,716	30,036

The higher figures reflect an increased awareness and usage of libraries nationally as a vital resource for communities during times of financial restrictions.

FÁS Internship Programme

Two former employees of Dell commenced work in the library in December for a period of twenty four weeks. They are undertaking two projects - one of which involves

scanning and indexing of local studies files presently in hard copy. The second involves IT training with members of the public in the library branches.

Library Book Clubs

Seven book clubs are now being facilitated by the library service - for adults, children and Irish for adults.

Public Libraries Access and Services Improvements Support

The library was successful in securing grant aid under the above scheme offered by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. A total of €15,625 was approved towards the purchase of a Self Service Issue System, an overhead projector for lectures, WiFi installation at the Granary, two further PC's for public use, and a digital video camera (for recording and preserving the library lecture series for online sharing)

Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum

2010 was another successful year in which the museum recorded its second highest number of visitors ever. During Culture Night more than 500 people visited the museum and over 100 people took part in the walk around the walls of Limerick.

Highlights of the year:

- Hits on the Museum website averaged 10,000 per week
- The Museum provided illustrations for 10 books, 6 journal articles, 3 websites, 2 TV programmes and 1 museum exhibition. Three articles were published by Museum staff
- Staged 'Seen but not heard' exhibition of childhood
- Provided space for an exhibition of prints from the Limerick City Gallery of Art, which was closed for redevelopment

291 items were added to the museum collection in the course of the year; these include a large collection of early 20th century Goss china souvenir items with the arms of Limerick, 91 diverse sports programmes, a collection of 'Limerick Socialists' and a stone axe from Montpelier.

The Irish Walled Town Network provided funding for the removal of vegetation from the Island Road section of the city wall, prior to conservation works planned for 2011.

Tacaíocht a thabhairt do
thionscnaimh a chuidíonn
le rochtain a fheabhsú ar
ghníomhaíochtaí ealaíon agus
cultúir, agus rannpháirtíocht
iontu, ina bhfoirmeacha go léir

NA HEALAÍONA & CULTÚR



School Drumming Workshop, Granary City Library during Social Inclusion Week

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Seirbhís Ealaíon

Forbairt Beartas Áitiúil na nEalaíon

- Taighde ar an straitéis reatha ealaíon agus a foilsíú; athbhreithniú le déanamh le tosaíochtaí a mheas don todhchaí
- Bunú agus idirchaidreamh leanúnach le heagraíochtaí/institiúidí áitiúla, lena n-áirítear grúpaí pobail, oideachais agus cultúir

Forbairt Beartas Náisiúnta do na hEalaíona

- Cuid den Fheachtas Náisiúnta ar son na nEalaíon
- 25 : 25 Comhdháil faoi na hEalaíona agus Cultúr i bhForbairt Áitiúil

Bainistíocht Acmhainní

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

Bainistíocht ar Chlár Ealaíonta

- Bainistíocht tionscadail ar phríomhimeachtaí ealaíonta sa Chathair, lena n-áirítear e v+ a, Féile Idirnáisiúnta Filíochta Chuisle, Oíche Chultúir, Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien agus LoveLive Music
- Cur chun cinn agus margaíocht ghníomhaíochtaí ealaíon na cathrach, lena n-áirítear ról ionadaíoch/tacaíochta

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

- Tháinig bainistíocht tionscadail aníos ar fhorbairt ocht n-árasán ealaíontóirí i gCearnóg Eoin mar gheall ar Chistiú Caipitil ón Roinn Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turasóireachta
- Ealaín phoiblí, cur i gcrích Shéadchomhartha na nDugairí

Tionscadail Chomhpháirtíochta arna gcómhaoiniú ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus an Chomhairle Ealaíon

- 'Behind the Door', léiriú scannáin le Doras OLuimní agus le hInstitiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh
- 'New View', seirbhís nuachta ealaíon ar líne i gcomhar le trí údarás áitiúla eile

Ballraíocht sa Choiste

- Cuid den ghrúpa oibre chun staidéar féidearthachta a dhéanamh ar fhorbairt na forbartha sa todhchaí ar an Amharclann Ríoga
- Cuid den choiste roghnóireachta do chéatadán na dtionscadal Ealaíne i leith Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál



Cuisle

Cuireadh an 15ú Féile Idirnáisiúnta Filíochta Chathair Luimnigh ar siúl ar feadh ceithre lá idir an 13 agus an 16 Deireadh Fómhair. Tá an fhéile seo ina riachtanas do dhialanna sóisialta an lucht féachana, le léamha tráthnóna tugtha ag filí idirnáisiúnta, náisiúnta agus áitiúla, clár scoileanna, agus léamha am lóin chun filí Luimnigh agus a gcuid éachtaí i réimse na filíochta a onórú. I measc na dtaispeántas a tugadh le linn na féile i mbliana bhí Rita Ann Higgins ó Ghaillimh; Chris Agee, a chónaíonn i mBéal Feirste ach a rugadh i Meiriceá, agus eagarthóir Irish Pages; buaiteoir gradam Allan Peterson, Meiriceánach ó Gulf Breeze, Florida; an file agus máinlia Veronika Dintinjana agus an file agus cumadóir amhrán Jani Kovacic ón tSlóivéin; na filí óga James Brookes agus Sarah Jackson ón Ríocht Aontaithe; agus Patricia Byrne ó Luimneach. Cuirtear fáilte roimh an tacaíocht airgeadais agus roimh an gcreideamh ón gComhairle Ealaíon san fhéile san aimsir stuama seo. Faoina scéim tionscnaimh féilte agus imeachtaí, chuidigh Forbairt Shionainne in 2010 leis an bhféile í féin a chur chun cinn go náisiúnta. Spreagann an clár scoileanna, atá á chomhordú ag Bertha McCullagh agus a áiríonn comórtas Fhile Óg na Bliana, an-spéis san fhéile i measc daoine óga ar fud na tíre.

Oíche Chultúir

Is í an bhliain 2010 an tríú bliain inar ghlac Luimneach páirt san imeacht náisiúnta seo, le hionaid chultúir ag oscailt a ndoirse go mall san oíche agus le himeachtaí ealaíon á n-eagrú saor in aisce ar mhaithe leis an bpobal. D'fholaigh roinnt stiúideonna ealaíontóir-bhunaithe a dtugtar cóiríocht dóibh in ionaid folmha i lár na cathrach mar chuid de Luimneach na Cruthaitheachta daoine nua do chlár Luimnigh. Is éard atá sa dóigh nua shamhlaíoch seo ar féidir le gach duine, beag beann ar aois nó ar chúla, rochtain a fháil ar an gcultúr saibhir atá á sholáthar ag an gCathair agus taitneamh a bhaint as, ná tionscnamh atá á chomhordú ag Taisce Chultúrtha Bharra an Teampaill agus á thacú ag an Roinn Turasoireachta, Cultúir agus Spóirt i gcomhar le hOifig Ealaíon Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

e v+ a

Thairg coimeádaí 'exhibition of visual+ art' turas treoraithe/ caint ar e v+ a 2010 do lucht féachana Luimnigh. Tá an-mheas ón gcroí ag Elizabeth Hatz ar Luimneach mar chathair a bhfuil saintréith inmholta speisialta aici. Ailtire ón tSualainn í agus tá sí ina léachtóir a bhfuil ról an-bhunaithe aici i Scoil Ailtireachta Ollscoil Luimnigh (SAUL). Shuiteáil sí a taispeántas e v+ a, dar teideal MATTERS, ar fud lárchathair Luimnigh. Díríodh a phríomhbhéim ar an bhfoirgneamh nuathógála cúig stóir, Ionad Shráid Thomáis, a ardaíonn ar an gcoirnéal idir Sráid Chaitríona agus Sráid Thomáis. Sholáthar na saothair ealaíne a suiteáladh ann, OPEN agus INVITED, léargas ollmhór ar staid na healaíne comhaimseartha sna meáin agus sna stíleanna go léir ó airdí a chruthaíonn léiriú neamhchoitianta drámatúil ar an gcathair thíos.

Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien

Cuirtear an deireadh seachtaine litríochta seo i Luimneach ar siúl go bliantúil ó 1984. Ceiliúránn sé seo saol agus saothar Kate O'Brien, úrscéalaí, drámadóir, iriseoir, scríbhneoir taistil agus beathaisnéisí a rugadh i Luimneach. Eagraíonn léitheoirí an deireadh seachtaine seo ar son léitheoirí agus tá nádúr cuideachtúil agus scála dlúth ag an deireadh seachtaine ina bhfaigheann cainteoirí agus an lucht féachana an deis labhairt go réidh ar thopaicí litríochta agus ar thopaicí eile a bhfuil spéis againn go léir iontu. Seasann téama an Dheiridh Sheachtaine gach bliain do na hábhair a bhí cóngarach go pearsanta agus ina scríbhinní do Kate O'Brien. Luaigh sí in agallamh a thug sí ina blianta deireanacha "bhí mé i gcónaí i m'aonar". Mar gheall air sin, ba é téama na bliana seo do Dheireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien ná Coimhthígh. Rugadh Kate O'Brien i dteaghlach saibhir Luimnigh sa bhliain 1897. Cé gur chaith sí mórchuid dá saol fásta i Sasana, ba mhinic a tháinig sí ar ais go Luimneach agus choinnigh sí dáimh láidir lena cathair dhúchais.



25:25 Comhdháil

Ceapadh an chéad Oifigeach Ealaíon Contae do Chomhairle Contae an Chláir i 1985. Shonraigh sé seo tús an chaidrimh nua idir an Chomhairle Ealaíon agus Údarás Áitiúla i gcur chun cinn agus i bhforbairt na n-ealaíon ag an leibhéal áitiúil. Chun an chomhpháirtíocht 25 bliain seo a shonrú, agus faoi choimirce Chumann na mBainisteoirí Contae agus Cathrach, d’eagraigh an Chomhairle Ealaíon agus Cumann Oifigeach Ealaíon an Údarás Áitiúil comhdháil ar fhorbairt na n-ealaíon áitiúil i Luimneach.

Rinne an chomhdháil iniúchadh ar ról na n-ealaíon agus an chultúir i gcuaspóirí áitiúla forbartha sóisialta agus geilleagracha a bhaint amach, agus phléigh sí an dóigh a bhféadfaimis acmhainneacht na pleanála comhtháite amach anseo sna réimsí seo a shroicheadh. Bhí Olivia O’Leary ina cathaoirleach ar an gcomhdháil, agus chuir rannpháirtithe sinsearacha ó Éirinn, ón Ríocht Aontaithe agus ón Astráil páipéir i láthair.

Bhí an chomhdháil dírithe ar lucht déanta beartas, amhail Bainisteoirí Cathrach agus Contae, oifigigh shinsearacha ó Údarás Áitiúla agus fiontair, chomh maith le hionadaithe áitiúla an phobail agus soláthróirí i réimse na n-ealaíon agus an chultúir. Agus taifeadadh beo Sunday Miscellany ar RTÉ á ionchorprú aici, sholáthar an chomhdháil an deis gach ar baineadh amach le 25 bliain anuas i bhforbairt áitiúil ealaíon a cheiliúradh freisin.

opposite page:

Cuisle Young Poet of the Year Competition finalist Sarah Salah Mohamed, Dooradoyle Limerick

e v+ a installation in Limerick School of Art & Design Campus, Clare Street,

this page:

National Drawing Day children’s workshop at the Belltable

Sheila Deegan, Arts Officer with Limerick City Council meeting Micheál Ó’Súilleabháin, Director Irish World Academy of Music, University of Limerick at 25:25



Seirbhís Leabharlainne & Faisnéise

Staidéar Áitiúil agus Tagartha

Is é príomhobair na rannóige seo i rith an ama cuidiú le daoine le fiosrúcháin taighde. Tagann daoine chugainn i gcónaí le riachtanais éagsúla taighde. Is réimse choitianta taighde í úsáid na cartlainne nuachtán go háirithe. Déileálaimid le mórán fiosrúcháin ríomhphoist freisin.

Stair Theaghlaigh: Cé nach soláthraíonn an leabharlann seirbhís taighde ar stair theaghlaigh go foirmiúil, déanaimid ár ndícheall cuidiú a thabhairt do dhaoine sa réimse taighde móréilimh seo a oiread agus is féidir linn. Féadaimid an-chuid cúnaimh a thairiscint anois, idir úsáid ár n-acmhainní féin, a forbraíodh go hinmheánach (beagnach leathmhíllíun taifead ar shloinne), agus úsáid na n-acmhainní éagsúla ar líne araon.

Sraith Léachtaí: Is í an tsraith le haghaidh 2010-11 an 13ú sraith de léachtaí staire míosúla. De ghnáth, cuirtear idir 8 agus 12 léacht ar siúl idir Meán Fómhair agus Aibreán. Is é 50 an tinreamh ar a mheán. Faoi láthair, tá na léachtaí á dtaifeadadh ar fhístéip agus á soláthar le haghaidh féachana ar an idirlíon.

Acmhainní: Is é príomhfhócas ár ngníomhaíochtaí ná an fhorbairt leanúnach ar inneachar an staidéir áitiúil ar láithreán gréasáin Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Tá dhá thionscadal mhóra á ndéanamh i gcomhthráth. Tá na scéalta báis agus na fógraí báis ó nuachtán Limerick Chronicle á scanadh is á n-uaslódáil chomh maith le bunachar sonraí ainmneacha atá istigh sna fógraí. Tá an méid ollmhór comhad inár Rannóg um Staidéar Áitiúil á scanadh agus á chur leis an láithreán gréasáin de réir a chéile. Is gealltanais mhóra iad an dá thionscadal agus tá móréileamh i measc taighdeoirí orthu.

An tSeirbhís Leabharlainne do Scoileanna: Thug veain na seirbhíse leabharlainne do scoileanna cuairt ar gach scoil sa chathair ceithre huaire ar a laghad le linn na bliana. Tugadh an deis do gach páiste a leabhair féin a phiocadh ón mbailiúchán. Is an-luachmhar an tseirbhís seo de bharr go gcuireann sé ar chumas gach páiste a rogha féin leabhair a phiocadh lena léamh. Ina dhiaidh sin, roinntear na leabhair sa seomra ranga go dtí go bhfilléann an veain tar éis traidhfil seachtainí. Tugadh amach 17,863 leabhar ar iasacht tríd an tseirbhís seo le linn na bliana. Chuidigh veain na seirbhíse leabharlainne do scoileanna le húsáid leanúnach páistí den tseirbhís leabharlainne sna brainsí a chur chun cinn, de réir mar a théann siad ar aghaidh ar an meánscoil agus isteach ina mblianta déagóra.

Scéalaíocht le Róisín Meaney

Cuireadh tús le seisiún sheachtainiúla scéalaíochta do leanaí idir 3-6 bliana d'aois go luath sa bhliain i Leabharlann na Gráinsí, tugtha ag an údar clúiteach áitiúil Róisín Meaney. Ba léir go raibh móréileamh ar sheisiún mhaidin an tSathairn i measc leanaí óga agus a dtuismitheoirí, agus d'fhreastail timpeall is 20 duine air gach seachtain.

Cór Pobail Chrois Theach na Foraíre

Cuireadh cór pobail nua ar bun i Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraíre i mí an Mhárta. Cuireadh fáilte roimh dhaoine fásta thar 18 mbliana d'aois a raibh suim acu i gcanadh ar son taitnimh páirt a ghlacadh ann. Ní raibh réamh-thaithí ina riachtanas. Tá an cór á threorú ag an stiúrthóir Tim Schinnick, agus tá 42 ball aige. Thug siad trí thaispeántas phoiblí le linn na bliana, ceann amháin i Leabharlann na Gráinsí agus dhá cheann i Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraíre.

Clár Litearthachta do Theaghlaigh

Eagraíodh clár nua litríochta 'Léigh le Chéile, Foghlaim le Chéile, Léitheoireacht Teaghlaigh' i Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraíre ag deireadh na bliana. Bhí an clár, a dhírigh ar leanaí atá an-óg agus ar a dtuismitheoirí, i gcomhpháirtíocht le Seirbhís Oideachais Chathair Luimnigh do Dhaoine Fásta agus le Coiste Chathair Luimnigh um Chúram Leanaí. Ní raibh ach ceithre sheisiún sa chéad chlár, ach meastar go leanfaidh sé ar aghaidh chun na ranganna naíonán go léir sa cheantar máguaird a chur san áireamh.

opposite page:

Africa Day Drumming Workshop

Teddy Bear's Picnic at Limerick City
Library by Manister Pre-School pupils**this page:**Items from a large collection of early
20th century Goss china souvenirs,
Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum**Staitisticí**

Úsáid as Leabharlanna	2010	2009
Leabhair a tugadh ar iasacht	316,281	301,025
Clárúcháin	13,768	13,902
Cuairteoirí	257,235	238,920
Uaireanta d'úsáid idirlín	33,716	30,036

Léirítear sna figiúirí méadaithe feasacht agus úsáid mhéadaithe na leabharlann go náisiúnta mar acmhainn rithábachtach do phobail le linn aimsirí na srianta airgeadais.

Clár Intéirneachta FÁS

Thosaigh beirt iarthaithe de chuid Dell ag obair sa leabharlann i mí na Nollag ar feadh tréimhse 24 seachtain. Tá siad ag tabhairt faoi dhá thionscadal – is éard atá i gceann amháin acu ná scanadh agus innéacsú na gcomhad ar staidéar áitiúil, comhaid atá ar fáil i gcóip chrua faoi láthair. Is éard atá i gceist sa dara tionscadal ná oiliúint TF le baill an phobail i mbrainní leabharlainne.

Clubanna Leabhar na Leabharlainne

Tá an tseirbhís leabharlainne ag éascú seacht gclub leabhar ar fad faoi láthair:

- trí cinn ag Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraire, lena n-áirítear club leabhar do pháistí
- ceithre cinn ag Leabharlann na Gráinsí, lena n-áirítear dhá cheann do dhaoine fásta, club leabhar do pháistí agus club leabhar breise as Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta.

Tacaíocht Rochtana ar Leabharlanna Poiblí agus Feabhsúcháin Seirbhísí 2010

D'éirigh leis an leabharlann cúnamh deontais a fháil ón gComhairle Leabharlanna faoin scéim thuasluaite. Ceadaiódh suim €15,625 san iomlán maidir le ceannach an Chórais Eisiúna Féinseirbhíse, ceannach oiteilgeora do léachtaí, suiteáil WiFi i Leabharlann na Gráinsí, dhá rómhaire phearsanta sa bhreis i leith úsáid phoiblí, agus físcemara digiteach (le haghaidh shraith léachtaí na leabharlainne a thaifeadadh agus a chaomhnú ar mhaithe le roinnt ar líne).

Iarsmalann Chathrach Jim Kemmy

Ba bhliain rathúil a bhí in 2010, bliain ar thaifead an iarsmalann an dara líon is mó cuairteoirí riamh inti. Le linn na hOíche Cultúir, thug beagnach 500 duine cuairt ar an iarsmalann agus ghlac de bhréis ar 100 duine páirt sa tsiúlóid thart ar Bhallaí Luimnigh.

Ba iad seo a leanas buaicphointí na bliana:

- Bhí c10,000 amas ar láithreán gréasáin na hlarsmalainne ar a mheán gach seachtain.
- Sholáthar an Iarsmalann léaráidí do 10 leabhar, do 6 alt irisleabhair, do 3 láithreán gréasáin, do dhá chlár teilifíse agus do thaispeántas iarsmalainne amháin. D'fhoilsigh foireann na hlarsmalainne trí alt
- Bhí an taispeántas ar aois an pháiste 'Seen but not heard' ar siúl ó mhí Eanáir go mí an Mheithimh
- Cuireadh spás ar fáil le haghaidh taispeántas priontaí ó Dhanlann Chathair Luimnigh a bhí druidte ar son athfhorbartha.

Cuireadh 291 mír le bailiúchán na hiarsmalainne i rith na bliana; áirítear ina measc bailiúchán mór de mhíreanna cuimhneacháin ghréithe poircealláin Goss ón 20ú hAois luath a bhfuil armas Luimnigh orthu, 91 clár ilchineálacha spóirt, bailiúchán de "Shóisialaithe Luimnigh" agus tua cloiche ó Montpellier.

Sholáthar Gréasán Múrbhailte na hÉireann maoiniú do bhaint an fhásra ó stráice Bhóthar an Oileáin de bhalla na cathrach, roimh oibreacha caomhnaithe atá beartaithe don bhliain 2011.

03

SOCIAL POLICY & HOUSING

Improving homes, transforming neighbourhoods

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

Capital Investment

- Continued progress achieved on capital investment such as construction, acquisition, Voluntary Housing Assistance and Energy Efficiency Programme
- Total capital expenditure €40m
- Purchase of 192 house units

Home Improvement Programmes

- Expenditure of €2.47m on grant assistance for Home Adaptation Grants, Housing Adaptation Grants & Housing Aid for the Elderly

Achieving high quality, well maintained units

- Expenditure of €3m on continued maintenance of our housing stock
- 2,129 repair requests were received, over 93% were completed during the year

Energy Efficiency Programme

- Total Expenditure to date on this programme to develop an energy efficient housing stock is €1.03m

Allocations

- 228 households were accommodated

Inspections

- 350 property inspections were carried out on the Council's housing stock

Tenancy Enforcement Unit

- Over 80% of complaints received were resolved

Rental Accommodation Scheme

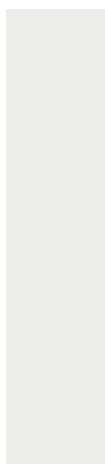
- 148 applicants were transferred to Social and Voluntary Housing under this Scheme
- 574 inspections of properties were carried out by this unit on behalf of Limerick City Council and the Private Residential Tenancies Board

Housing The Homeless

- Expenditure of €2.6m on provision of emergency accommodation, staff of the homeless person centre & long term support of housing solutions

Traveller Accommodation

- Limerick City Council maintains seven halting sites in the city
- Expenditure totalled €350,000 on continued maintenance of these sites



Revitalising Homes and Communities

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 includes:

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

During the year 141 houses were boarded up, 190 houses were demolished and 104 tenants/home owners were relocated.

top left:
Rathbane Road/ Elm Place Housing

top right:
Lower Gerald Griffin Street

above left: Children from St Mary's Park, Lee Estate and Assumpta Park taking part in a physical activity programme, organised by the Community CoOrdinators

above right: Mayor Maria Byrne officially opening the refurbished Novas Initiatives at 10 Vereker Gardens, also present, Anne Cronin, Regional Manager and Michael Goulding, CEO, Novas



The Limerick City and County Integration Plan was launched in March 2010 by the Minister for Integration. This Plan has identified a series of actions across a variety of themes to address the integration agenda over the next three years.

Limerick City Council - recognising the needs of all

Our key achievements during the year

- The hosting of Irish Aid's Africa Day event at City Hall
- Facilitated, via the Limerick Co-ordination Office, the participation of at least six groups representing migrants in the St Patrick's Day Parade
- Presentation to the Limerick New Communities Partnership on Council Services
- Hosting of the NCP Christmas Event and certificate presentations
- The Social Inclusion Unit also supported the setting up of the New Communities Partnerships' Women's Forum

Social Inclusion Week

The European Commission designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

To mark Social Inclusion Week, Limerick City Council organised the following events;

- Living with Dignity: Seminar Promoting Social Inclusion in Limerick
- Older Persons Bingo and Afternoon Tea Event
- Promoting Positive Values Through Music and Song, a musical event with city schools
- Information Session for Members of the Travelling Community
- Comhairle na nÓg Youth Event

above left:
Lower Gerald Griffin Street

above right:
Official opening of Novas Initiatives at 10 Vereker Gardens.





CREATING A FAIRER SOCIETY FOR LIMERICK'S DIVERSE AND VIBRANT POPULATION

clockwise from top:

Africa Day at City Hall
Drumming workshop during Africa Day
Social Inclusion Week event with schools
Older Persons Bingo Event
Africa Day in The People's Park





Mayor Maria Byrne at Older Persons Bingo Event



Childrens Music & Choir Event during Social Inclusion Week

BEARTAS SÓISIALTA & TITHÍOCHTA

Ag feabhsú tithe, ag athrú comharsanachtaí

BUAICPHOINTÍ 2010

Infheistíocht Chaipitil

- Rinneadh dul chun cinn leanúnach ar infheistíocht chaipitil, macasamhail na tógála, ceannacháin, Cúnaimh Tithíochta Deonaí agus Clár um Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh
- B'ionann an caiteachas iomlán caipitil agus €40 milliún
- Ceannach 192 aonad tí

Clár um Fheabhsú Tí

- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €2.47m ar chúnamh deontais i leith Deontas um Oiriúnú Baile, Deontas um Oiriúnú Tithíochta agus Cúnamh Tithíochta do Dhaoine Scothaosta. Ag baint aonad amach atá ar ardchaighdeán agus dea-chothabháilte.
- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €3 mhilliún ar chothabháil leanúnach ár stoic thithíochta
- Fuarthas 2,129 iarratas ar dheisiúchán, cuireadh níos mó ná 93% díobh i gcrích le linn na bliana

Clár um Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh

- Is ionann an caiteachas go dtí seo agus €1.03m ar stoc tithíochta tíosach ar fhuinneamh a fhorbairt

Leithdháilte

- Cuireadh lóistín ar fáil do 228 teaghlach

Cigireachtaí

- Tugadh faoi 350 cigireacht réadmhaoine ar stoc tithíochta na Comhairle

An tAonad um Fhorfheidhmiú Tionóntachta

- Réitíodh níos mó ná 80% de na gearáin a fuarthas.

Scéim um Chóiríocht ar Cíos

- Aistríodh 148 iarratasóir chuig Tithíocht Shóisialta agus Dheonach faoin Scéim seo
- Thug an tAonad seo faoi 574 cigireacht réadmhaoine ar son Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus an Bhoird um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe Priobháideacha

Cóiríocht do Dhaoine Gan Dídean

- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €2.6 milliún ar sholáthar cóiríochta éigeandála, ar fhoireann ionad na ndaoine gan dídean agus ar thacaíocht fhadtéarmach do réitigh thithíochta

Cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil

- Déanann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh cothabháil ar sheacht láithreán stad sa chathair
- B'ionann caiteachas san iomlán agus €350,000 ar chothabháil leanúnach na láithreán seo



Signing in City Hall for the contract to start work on the building of new houses in Pike Avenue, Garryowen.

Seated from left, Tom Mackey, City Manager, Mayor Maria Byrne, Gerard Fitzgibbon, contractor and Susan Fitzgibbon.

Standing from left, Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon, Zita Pearce, Punch Consultants, Fiona Fitzgibbon, Malachy Walsh & Partners, Margaret McEvoy, Limerick City Council, Kieran Lehane, Limerick City Council, Michael Landers, EMC Architects and Gerard Dunworth, Dunworth & Associates Quantity Surveyors

Bailte agus Pobail a Athbheochan

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

Ar an obair a dtugann Foireann an Tionscadail fúithi tá siad seo a leanas:

- Idirchaidreamh le comhairleoirí agus comhairle a chur orthu i ndáil le forbairtí mar a thagann siad aníos
- Iarratais ar aistriú tithíochta
- Leithdháileadh folúntas i gCeantair Athghiniúna amháin
- Deisiúcháin Tithíochta
- Daingniú réadmhaoine gan áitiú agus a scartáil fhéideartha
- Cur i bhfeidhm tionóntachta, lena n-áirítear idirchaidreamh leis na Gardaí i ndáil le ceistanna um bainistíocht eastáit
- Íocaíocht Deontais Bainistíochta Eastáit agus Deontais Pobail & Sóisialta
- Idirchaidreamh leis an nGníomhaireacht Athbheochana, Grúpaí Pobail, RAPID agus an tAonad um Chuimsiú Sóisialta agus le Rannóg Comhshaoil Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Le linn 2010 – Rinneadh clár a chur ar 141 teach, scartáladh 190 teach agus athlonnadh 104 tionónta/úinéir tí.

Sheol an tAire Lánpháirtíochta Plean Lánpháirtíochta Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh i mí an Mhárta 2010. Sainnadh roinnt gníomhartha sa Plean seo i réimse téamaí le dul i ngleic leis an gclár oibre lánpháirtíochta sna trí bliana amach romhainn.

Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh – ag sainaitheint riachtanais na ndaoine

Ár bPríomhghnóthachtálacha sa bhliain 2010

- Óstáil Lá na hAfraice de chuid Chúnamh Éireann i Halla na Cathrach
- D'éascaíomar, trí Oifig Comhordaithe Luimnigh, rannpháirtíocht sé ghrúpa ar a laghad a dhéanann ionadaíocht d'imirce i Mórshiúl Lá Fhéile Pádraig.
- Cur i láthair do Chomhpháirtíocht Pobal Nua Luimnigh ar Sheirbhísí Comhairle.
- Óstáil Imeacht na Nollag de chuid NCP agus Bronntaí Teastas
- Thacaigh an tAonad um Chuimsiú Sóisialta le bunú Fhóram na mBan de chuid Chomhpháirtíocht na bPobal Nua.

An tSeachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta

D'ainmnigh an Coimisiún Eorpach 2010 mar Bhliain na hEorpa um Dhul i nGleic le Bochtaineacht agus le hEisiamh Sóisialta. Leis an tSeachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a shonrú, d'eagraigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh na himeachtaí seo a leanas:

- Ag Maireachtáil le Dínit: Seimineár ar Chuimsiú Sóisialta i Luimneach a Chur Chun Cinn
- Biongó do Dhaoine Scothaosta agus Imeacht Tae Tráthnóna
- Luachanna Dearfacha a Chur Chun Cinn Trí Cheol agus Amhránaíocht: Imeacht Ceoil le Scoileanna na Cathrach
- Seisiún Eolais do Bhaill den Lucht Siúil
- Ócáid Óige: Comhairle na nÓg

04

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Tackling our city's transport challenges



INVESTING IN LIMERICK

William Street/Sarsfield Street

This vital improvement scheme comprises the fourth stage of the city centre se-modelling of Streets and Public Open Spaces Programme and Phase 2 of the Orbital Route Project, led by Limerick City Council Transport and Infrastructure Department. This ambitious initiative aims to make the city centre a visitor friendly environment and a far more attractive place in which to shop, visit, do business, and pass the time of day.

Development of the William Street/Sarsfield Street project has entailed extensive on-going consultation with key stakeholders and the local business and residential community on the street. Limerick City Council is grateful to the stakeholders for the level of cooperation and goodwill it has received throughout the consultation process in developing a scheme that provides access to opportunities for all its people and enterprises.

The €4 million contract for the streetscape improvements has been awarded to McGinty & O'Shea Limited of Glanmire, Co Cork. This very experienced civil engineering contractor has completed many high profile streetscape projects, including Patrick Street upgrade works and The Grand Parade renewal works in Cork City.

On completion this scheme will advance the bold contemporary image for Limerick City Centre. It is intended that the pedestrian-friendly theme will be followed by improvement works to other key streets as further funding becomes available, representing a radical transformation and the realisation of a new heart for the city centre.

Coonagh – Knockalisheen Distributor Road

The proposed Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road will provide a high quality distributor road for the transport of people and goods, in safety and comfort, in accordance with national and local objectives. This development is intended to provide a northern distributor route, a link road to Moyross and upgrades to the Knockalisheen Road resulting in improved access to communities, increased potential for development and reduced congestion in the city centre. The distributor road has been identified as an essential element to the strategic transport system for the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis Region. The need for the scheme has also been identified as an important element of Moyross regeneration and is supported by the Limerick Northside Regeneration Agency. The Environmental Impact Statement and the Compulsory Purchase Order for the scheme were published during 2010 and an oral hearing will take place during 2011. Funding of €43 million for this scheme was announced by Minister Finneran in June 2010 as first phase of the ambitious Limerick Regeneration Programme incorporating 26 new regeneration projects worth €337million.



Funded by the Irish Government, the ERDF Gateways Fund and Limerick City Council





Orbital Route: Newtown Mahon Link Road/ Sexton Street Rebuild

The Orbital Route around the core city centre will provide a high capacity street network allowing for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic around the city centre, with safe and easy access been provided by the provision of high quality signal controlled junctions. The orbital route will facilitate the creation of high priority areas for pedestrians within the city centre and allow for the further development of pedestrian streets and open spaces including O'Connell Street.

Phase 1 of the works involves the construction of a new link road between the Cathedral Place junction on Mulgrave Street over to the front of the CBS on Sexton Street. The works also include the rebuilding of Sexton Street including the provision of enhanced footpaths and controlled pedestrian crossing points. The civil works in phase 1 were carried out by Murphy International Limited and the design work carried out by Arup Consulting Engineers. Limerick City Council acknowledges the excellent cooperation and patience of businesses, schools and residents on the streets affected by these works. This street was named Sráid an Geoil after its completion in 2010 to commemorate the former practice hall of Saint Johns Brass and Reed Prize Band which was demolished to facilitate construction of the road. The value of the works is €1.5 million and part funding for this scheme has been secured from the Department of Transport.



Green Routes

The provision of Green Routes in Limerick City Council will facilitate improved and higher frequency bus services between the city centre and the suburbs, allowing for larger volumes of people to be moved more efficiently. Other public transport vehicles including taxis may use the routes as well as cyclists and it is expected that the provision of these routes will lead to a modal change away from the motor car.

Works were completed on phase 1 of the Eastern Green Route at Mulgrave Street, phase 2 of the Western Green Route on the Ennis Road near the Strand and phase 2 of the Condell Road Bus Lane was completed including a cycle/walking track from Clonmacken Roundabout to Barrington's Pier. Funding for these schemes was provided by the Department of Transport and amounted to €3 million. The works provide dedicated bus lanes, high quality footpaths, pelican crossings, improved street lighting and new road resurfacing along the entire route.

Directional Signage

This residual works programme is a necessary consequence of the reclassification of Limerick City's National and Regional Road Network following the construction of Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase 2 which includes the Limerick Tunnel. Limerick City Council consider this works programme as essential to traffic management re-routing from the city centre to the Southern Ring Road, enabling planned city centre traffic management and pedestrianisation schemes to proceed. This has necessitated the complete replacement of the City directional signs. The primary objective of the programme of works was to refurbish and/or replace directional and advance directional signposting within Limerick City. The declassification of the National Roads Network to Regional Road status will present challenges in the coming years as Limerick City Council will not now receive funding for repairs and resurfacing of these roads from the National Roads Authority, National Roads Grants.

Junction Improvements

Phase 3 of the scheme provided for the removal of the Abbey Bridge Roundabout and the provision of traffic signal control at Abbey Bridge/Clare Street and Clare Street/Lelia Street junctions. The scheme includes new footpaths on Clare Street in high quality materials, new public lighting, CCTV, pedestrian crossing and tree planting near the canal entrance

New Traffic Light controlled junctions were also provided at;

- Condell Road/Shelbourne Road
- Sexton Street North/Cross Road
- Dock Road/O'Curry Street

The removal of roundabouts in the city centre locations and their replacements with traffic signals, whilst sometimes controversial, is necessary where consideration of safe pedestrian movement and cycling mobility is given detailed consideration. Traffic signals in urban centres provide for more efficient and safer control of vehicles and pedestrians movements in high volume locations. Traffic lights provide for safe and controlled vehicle manoeuvres and separated controlled pedestrian movements. This location adjacent to the Pennywell and Garryowen Grove Island residential communities and L.I.T. College of Art and the recreational amenities of the canal walks and cycleworks has generated pedestrian and cycle road crossing demands which cannot now be safely accommodated at the Abbey Bridge Roundabout and Clare Street Lelia Street junction.

Taking In Charge

During the year the Council took five additional housing estates, comprising of almost 140 houses, into its charge, Stenson Park, Farrans Villas, Churchfield, Stenson Close, Springfield.

Winter Roads Maintenance

The winter of 2010 proved to be a challenging one for roads authorities through out Ireland with an extended period of snow at the start of the year and again in December. Limerick City implemented its Winter Roads Maintenance Service Programme to keep major arteries and essential roads open in the city during severe weather. Salt and Grit supplies were always adequate for operational use and at no time was the supply exhausted. In excess of €100,000 was spent on the salting and gritting operations and considerable damage amounting to almost €1,000,000 was caused to the road network in the form of potholes and damaged road markings.

Midwest Area Strategy Plan

Work commenced during 2010 on the development of a Planning Land Use and Transport Strategy for the Mid-West Region. Limerick City Council is acting as lead authority on behalf of the other three mid-west local authorities of Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary County Councils.

The Mid-West Area Strategic Plan is designed to:

- Identify the regions strategic land-use and transport requirements for the next 30 years
- Inform future development plans
- Inform the upcoming National Development Plan (NDP) review and future NDP, Regional Planning Guideline (RPG) and National Spatial Strategy (NSS) reviews
- Support the sustainability of the Limerick, Shannon, Ennis triangle and outlying conurbations
- Aid in identifying and securing National Government funding
- Aid in informing National, Regional and Local Government Policy

It is envisaged that the plan will go out to public consultation during 2011 and be completed late in 2011.

Event Management

Limerick City Council Traffic Management section was required to coordinate with An Garda Síochána the traffic management and road closures for several large events during 2010 including;

- The First Great Limerick Run
- St Patrick's Day Parade
- The Band Parade
- Riverfest
- Rugby matches at Thomond Park
- GAA matches at The Gaelic Grounds
- Music Concerts at Thomond Park

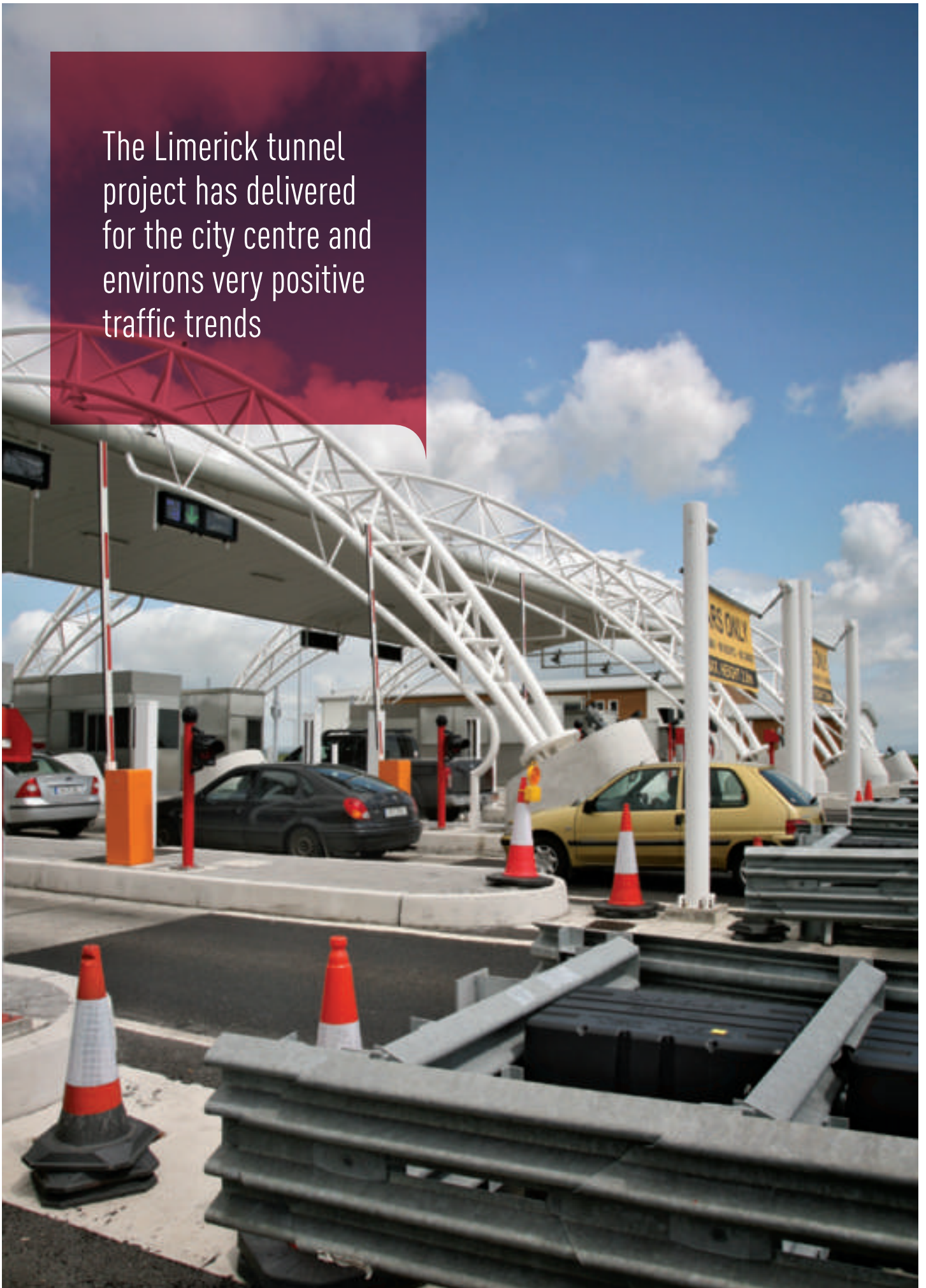
Bike Week

The aim of the week long campaign in June was to raise the profile of cycling in Limerick, both as a healthy leisure activity and a smarter travel choice. The highlight of the week was the very successful Bicycle Parade which took place through the city on Sunday June 19th. Cyclists of all ages and abilities cycled from King Johns Castle to the Peoples Park.

The parade ended with a giant picnic followed by a variety of family entertainment. Art Competitions, fancy dress, live music and bouncy castles kept young and old entertained throughout the evening.

The event was an enormous success with more than 800 cyclists attending. In keeping with our Walking and Cycling Strategy we will continue promoting cycling in the city by hosting this event on an annual basis.

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Limerick Tunnel

The Limerick Tunnel project was officially opened on 27th July 2010 by An Taoiseach Mr Brian Cowen. A contract for the construction of the Southern Ring Road phase 2 including the Limerick Tunnel PPP Scheme (Public Private Partnership) was awarded to Direct Route Limerick Ltd. in August, 2006 by the National Roads Authority.

Total expenditure on the construction and commissioning of this project has been in the region of €400M. The scheme comprised of almost 10km of dual carriageway from Rosbrien to Cratloe and included 675m of tunnel underneath the River Shannon at Bunlicky. The tunnel scheme was designed to facilitate interconnectivity between all National routes converging on and in Limerick City including the Southern Ring Road Phase 1 (M7, N24, & M20) and the N69 and the N18. In addition the project was designed to allow the following benefits to accrue to Limerick City and the Midwest Region.

1. Improved access to Shannon Airport and onto Galway
2. Reduce journey times for traffic having to cross the River Shannon
3. Enhance tourism promotion for the city and surrounding region
4. Improvement in road safety
5. Reduction of traffic moving through Limerick City Centre and thereby enhancing the city for all who use it
6. Improved competitiveness and efficiency for the Mid West and South by increasing economic growth and prosperity opportunities

The tunnel project has delivered for the city centre very positive traffic trends which will benefit the city centre and environs directly. The biggest traffic effect to date being:

- Significant Heavy Good Vehicle displacement out of the City centre
- Network volume reductions in P.C.U. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Reduced by an average of 5% Monday to Friday
- Improved off-peak journey times across the network
- Peak journey time improvements
- Improvements in road safety for cyclists and pedestrians by reducing HGV volumes
- Improvement in air quality by reduced level of exhaust fumes
- Reduction of traffic noise
- More certainty on journey times for traffic travelling through and around Limerick
- Opportunities to deliver further pedestrian enhancement projects in the city centre
- Improvement to residential neighbourhoods by reduction in 'rat running' traffic to avoid traffic delays
- Limerick modern road network and connectivity is a significant asset in attracting investment into Limerick



Making Our City Cleaner, Greener & Healthier

To support the Government's Sustainable Travel Policy, (SmarterTravel) a national competition has been established to deliver outstanding examples of sustainable travel in urban and rural areas.

What is a Smarter Travel Area?

- A geographically-based community, categorised according to population size
- With a travel plan prioritising better mobility management of the population
- Moving away from car-based transport
- Increasing modal share of walking and cycling
- Improving health, and lifestyles, streetscapes and local areas
- Reducing air pollution

Working In Partnership

Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council acknowledge that there is currently a problem with the extent of the existing sustainable transport infrastructure and with travel habits. A serious challenge exists to bring about change to more sustainable modes. In this respect both authorities and the University of Limerick as partners worked together in consultation with all stakeholders in preparing a joint submission to the Department of Transport.

We realise the importance of closely linking these areas as new infrastructure alone is not going to turn a committed car user into a cyclist. Vice versa carrying out cycle training will not increase the number of cyclists if there is no secure bike parking at their journey destination for example.

Overall Key Goals of our Smarter Travel Bid

- To increase cycling modal share by a factor of 4.7
- To decrease car mode share from 51% to 37%
- To increase walking modal share from 31% to 35%
- To increase public transport modal share from 9% to 12%
- 5% of people will suppress one trip per week through e-working
- City Centre: To make it safer for cyclists and increase cycling modal share by a factor of 5
- To reduce the number of short distance car journeys and encourage people to walk and cycle over these distances. Car driver modal share is to be reduced from 44% to 28% in 2020
- To dissuade people from becoming aspiring car owners and showing that smarter travel is a cheap, comfortable and healthy alternative to the car. 74% of mode share will be sustainable modes

Smarter Travel: Tom Mackey, Limerick City Manager, Mayor of Limerick, Kevin Kiely, Professor, Tom Cosgrove, Head of Engineering, University of Limerick, David Naughton, Cathaoirleach, Limerick County Council and Gerry Behan, Limerick County Deputy Manager on the Living Bridge, University of Limerick.



Managing the City's Water Resources

The Water Services Department, incorporating both water and waste water continues to manage a significant capital and revenue programme ranging from the Limerick Main Drainage Civil Engineering Project and ongoing water conservation programme to the Design, Build and Operate contract for the improvement of the Clareville Water Treatment Plant. The efficient provision of water and wastewater services, while ensuring a reduction in the amount of unaccounted for water in the city, remains the priority within this department.

Longterm Safeguarding

The Clareville Water Treatment Plant is now under the operations of a private contractor under a Design, Build and Operate type contract. The commencement date for this contract was April 2007 and this will see the operator in place until April 2027. An increase in capacity from 50MLD to 87MLD is available since April 2010. The strategic development of this water production facility will lead to a doubling of the capacity of the plant in the longer term and safeguards the provision of potable water to the City and County for that period. This increased capacity is predominantly to meet the needs of Limerick County and will be recouped accordingly.

Water Conservation & Distribution

Limerick City Council is committed to the implementation of its five-year Water Services Strategy as approved by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government. The strategy provides for the strategic provision, rehabilitation and maintenance of the water production, distribution and conservation systems within the city area. A proposal for restructuring the infrastructure in public open space to facilitate the elimination of common looped lead mains is with the DEHLG for their approval.

Limerick City Trunk Mains

The development of a new ring water main for the city to support present and future development is being advanced. New ring water mains have been laid along the course of the Southern Ring Road, the Monaleen Road and from Rosbrien to the Dock Road. The provision of a new water main from the Dock Road to Caherdavin including a river crossing will be completed in the coming year.

Over 800 metres of the existing Distribution Water Main were replaced during 2010. Additional valving works were carried out in the city to improve the water supply system and to minimise those areas affected during periods of works or shutdown.

The leakage detection programme in the city mains system continued during the past year with in excess of 500 leaks identified and repaired resulting in additional savings in the supply of water.

Non Domestic Metering Project

The non-domestic metering project is now complete and non-domestic customers are now receiving bills for both water and waste water services based on metered volumes.



(l-r): John Fitzgerald (sub-contractor) and Tim Sheehan

Limerick Main Drainage

This scheme, the largest civil engineering project ever undertaken in the city is now complete. The city now has a modern up to date fully integrated drainage system, which is already providing substantial benefits in the improved quality of the water in the river Shannon and provides adequate capacity for the development of the city and its environs for the foreseeable future.

The rehabilitation of city centre sewers to obtain the maximum benefit from the installation of the Main Drainage Scheme needs to be undertaken as a Phase 2 development of the Limerick Main Drainage Project. A proposal to appoint consultants to advance Phase 2 has now been completed and is awaiting final approval of the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government.

The long term (20 years) operate and maintain contract for the treatment works was awarded to a private contractor in May 2010.

Flood Alleviation

Floodgates are available to prevent against possible flood damage to O'Callaghan Strand and Clancy Strand. The Water Services Department is currently operating a proactive gully cleaning programme whereby all gullies in the city will be cleaned at least once a year.

Public Toilets

There are two new state of the art wheelchair accessible public toilet facilities in Limerick City. The first facility is near the entrance to the People's Park. The second facility has recently been installed on Lower Bedford Row to replace the older model that had been in service for sixteen years.

A third facility is available at Arthur's Quay Shopping centre. Limerick City Council provides for the cost of maintenance and upkeep from within our own resources.

IOMPAR & BONNEAGAR

Ag dul i ngleic le dúshláin iompair na cathrach

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Infheistíocht i Luimneach

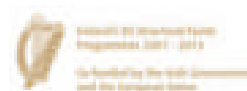
Is éard atá i scéim feabhsúcháin Shráid Liam/ Shráid an tSáirséalaigh a tosaíodh i mí Iúil ná an ceathrú céim de Chlár Lár Cathrach Luimnigh um Spásanna Oscailte Poiblí agus Athmhúnlú na Sráideanna, chomh maith le Céim 2 den Tionscadal Cuarbhealaigh, arna treorú ag Rannóg Iompair agus Bonneagair Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Is é is aidhm don tionscnamh uaillmhianach seo timpeallacht a chruthú i Lár na Cathrach atá cuidiúil do chuairteoirí agus atá tarraingteach do dhaoine cuairt a thabhairt air chun siopadóireacht agus chun gnó a dhéanamh ann agus chun an t-am a chur isteach ann.

Ba éard a bhí i gceist i bhforbairt thionscadal Shráid Liam/Shráid an tSáirséalaigh ná comhairliúcháin fairsing leanúnach le páirtithe leasmhara tábhachtacha agus le gnólachtaí áitiúla agus leis an bpobal cónaithe ar an tsráid. Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh buíoch de pháirtithe leasmhara as ucht an gcomhoibrithe agus na dea-thola a fuair siad le linn an phróisis chomhairliúcháin i bhforbairt scéime a sholáthraíonn rochtain ar dheiseanna dá daoine agus dá fiontair ar fad.

Bronnadh an conradh €4 mhilliún le haghaidh feabhsúcháin sráid-dreacha ar McGinty & O'Shea Teoranta i nGleann Maghair, Co. Chorcaí. Tá mórán tionscadal sráid-dreacha ardiomrá curtha i gcrích ag an gconraitheoir innealtóireachta sibhialta an-taithíoch seo, lena n-áirítear oibreacha Uasghrádaithe Shráid Phádraig agus oibreacha Athbheochana Shráid an Chapail Bhuí i gCathair Chorcaí.

Um a críochnú, cuirfidh an scéim seo ar aghaidh an íomhá chomhaimseartha dhána do Lár Cathrach Luimnigh. Beartaítear go leanfar den téama ar leas coisithe le hoibreacha feabhsúcháin ar shráideanna tábhachtacha eile de réir mar a chuirtear maoiniú breise ar fáil, ag seasamh d'athrú radacach agus do ghnóthú an mhoil nua do Lár na Cathrach.

Arna mhaoiniú ag Rialtas na hÉireann, Ciste Tairisí ERDF agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.



Bóthar Dáileacháin Chnoc an Lisín / Ó Cuanach

Soláthróidh an Bóthar Dáileacháin beartaithe ó Uí Chuanach go Cnoc an Lisín bóthar dáileacháin ardchaighdeán d'iompar daoine agus earraí, go sábháilte agus go compordach, de réir cuspóirí náisiúnta agus áitiúla. Beartaítear go soláthróidh an fhorbairt seo bealach dáileacháin ó thuaidh, bóthar ceangail go Maigh Rois agus uasghráduithe ar Bhóthar Chnoc an Lisín. Mar thoradh air seo, beidh rochtain níos fearr ar phobail, acmhainneacht mhéadaithe forbartha agus brú tráchta laghdaithe i lár na cathrach. Sainithníodh an bóthar dáileacháin mar ghné riachtanach den chóras straitéiseach iompair do Réigiún Luimnigh/Shionainne/Inse. Sainithníodh an gá leis an scéim seo freisin mar ghné thábhachtach d'athnuachan Mhaigh Rois agus tá sé Gníomhaireacht Athbheochana Thuaisceart Luimnigh ag tacú léi. Foilsíodh an Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta agus an tOrdú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh i rith 2010 agus cuirfear éisteacht ó bhéal ar siúl i rith 2011. D'fhógair an tAire Finneran i mí an Mheithimh 2010 go gcuirfí maoiniú €43 milliún ar fáil don scéim seo, mar an chéad chéim de Chlár Athbheochana Luimnigh, clár uailmhianach a ionchorpraíonn 26 tionscadal nua athghiniúna ar fiú €337 iad.

Cuarbhealach: Bóthar Ceangail Bhaile Nua Uí Mhatháin / Atógáil Shráid Uí Sheasnáin

Cuirfidh an Cuarbhealach timpeall cheartlár na cathrach gréasán ardchumais sráideanna ar fáil a éascóidh soghluaisteacht shlán agus éifeachtach na bhfeithiclí agus na gcoisithe ar fud lár na cathrach, chomh maith le soláthar rochtana sláine éasca trí acomhail faoi rialú soilse tráchta d'ardchaighdeán. Éascóidh an cuarbhealach cruthú na limistéar ardtosaíochta do choisithe laistigh de cheartlár na cathrach agus cuideoidh sé le forbairt bhreise na sráideanna coisithe agus na spásanna oscailte, amhail Sráid Uí Chónaill.

Is éard atá i gCéim 1 de na hoibreacha ná tógáil an bhóthair cheangail nua idir acomhal Phlás na hArdeaglaise ar Shráid Mulgrave go dtí tosach Scoil na mBráithre Críostaí ar Shráid Uí Sheasnáin. Folaíonn na hoibreacha freisin atógáil Shráid Uí Sheasnáin, lena n-áirítear soláthar na gcosán feabhsaithe agus na bpointí trasnaithe coisithe rialaithe. Rinne Murphy International Teoranta na hoibreacha sibhialta i gCéim 1 agus rinne Innealtóirí Comhairleach Arup an obair deartha. Tugann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh aitheantas do chomhoibriú agus d'fhoighne iontach na ngnólaigh, na scoileanna agus na gcónaitheoirí ar na sráideanna ar chuir na hoibreacha seo isteach orthu. Tugadh an logainm 'Sráid an Cheoil' ar an tsráid seo tar éis a críochnaithe in 2010 chun halla cleachtaidh Dhuaisbhanna Práis agus Deocán San Eoin a chomórach. Scartáladh an foirgneamh seo le tógáil an bhóthair a éascú. Is ionann luach na n-oibreacha agus €1.5 milliún agus fuarthas páirtmhaoiniú i leith na scéime seo ón Roinn Iompair.

Bealaí Glasa

Éascóidh soláthar na mBealaí Glasa i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh seirbhísí busanna feabhsaithe agus minicíochta ardaithe idir lár na cathrach agus na bruachbhailte, ag ligean do líonta níos mó daoine gluaiseacht ar mhodh níos éifeachtúla. Féadfaidh feithiclí eile iompair phoiblí lena n-áirítear tacsaithe chomh maith le rothaithe úsáid a bhaint as na bealaí agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh aistriú cóir iompair ón ngluaisteán ann de bharr soláthar na mbealaí seo.

Cuireadh oibreacha i gcrích ar Chéim 1 den Bhealach Glas Thoir ar Shráid Mulgrave, ar Chéim 2 den Bhealach Glas Thiar ar Bhóthar Inse láimh leis an Trá agus cuireadh céim 2 de Lána Bus Bhóthar Condell i gcrích, lenar áiríodh raon rothaíochta/siúil ó Thimpeallán Clonmacken go Cé Barrington. Sholáthar an Roinn Iompair maoiniú do na scéimeanna seo agus b'ionann an maoiniú seo agus €3 mhilliún. Soláthraíonn na hoibreacha buslánaí tiomnaithe, cosáin ardchaighdeán, trasrianta peileacánacha, soilsiú sráide feabhsaithe agus athdhromchlú bóthair ar feadh an bhealaigh ar fad.

Treochoimharthaíocht

Tá an clár iarmharach oibreacha ina iarmhairt riachtanach d'athrangú Ghréasán Bóithre Réigiúnacha agus Náisiúnta Chathair Luimnigh tar éis thógáil Chéim 2 de Chuarbhóthar Theas Luimnigh, céim a fholáíonn Tollán Luimnigh. Measann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh go bhfuil an clár oibreacha seo riachtanach maidir le hathródú bainistíochta tráchta ó Lár na Cathrach go dtí an Cuarbhóthar Theas, ag cur ar chumas na scéimeanna beartaithe bainistíochta tráchta agus teorannaithe do choisithe i Lár na Cathrach dul ar aghaidh. Bhí gá le hionadú iomlán treochoimharthaí na Cathrach mar gheall air seo. Ba é príomhchuspóir an chlár oibreacha ná treochoimharthaíocht agus réamh-threochoimharthaíocht laistigh de Chathair Luimnigh a athchóiriú agus/nó a ionadú. Soláthrófar dúshlán sna blianta romhainn de dheasca dhírangú an Ghréasáin Bhóithre Náisiúnta go stádas Bóthair Réigiúnaigh. Mar gheall ar an dírangú, ní bhfaighidh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh cistiú ar son dheisiúchán agus athdhromchlú na mbóithre seo ón Údarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta, Deontais um Bóithre Náisiúnta.



Tollán Luimnigh

D'oscail an Taoiseach, an tUas. Brian Cowen, tionscadal Thollán Luimnigh go hoifigiúil ar an 27 Iúil 2010. Thug an tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta conradh do Direct Route Limerick Teo. i mí Lúnasa 2006 le haghaidh thógáil Chéim 2 den Chuarbhóthar Theas, lena n-áirítear Scéim CPP Thollán Luimnigh (Comhpháirtíocht Phríobháideach Phoiblí).

B'ionann caiteachas iomlán ar thógáil agus ar choimisiúnú an tionscadail seo agus timpeall ar €400m. Ba éard a bhí i gceist sa scéim ná beagnach 10 km de charrbhealach dúbailte ó Ros Uí Bhriain go dtí an Chreatlach, agus chuimsigh sí tollán faoin tSionainn láimh le Bun Leice a bhí 675 m ar fad. Ba é ab aidhm don scéim tolláin idirnasacht a éascú idir na bealaí náisiúnta go léir a thagann chomh fada le Cathair Luimnigh agus sa chathair, lena áiríodh Céim 1 den Chuarbhóthar Theas (M7, N24 & M20) agus an N69 agus an N18. Díriodh an tionscadal freisin ar na buntáistí seo a leanas a fhabhrú do Luimneach agus do Réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair.

1. Rochtain fheabhsaithe ar Aerfort na Sionainne agus ar aghaidh go Gaillimh
2. Agaí turais a laghdú do thrácht ar gá dó dul thar an tSionainn
3. Cur chun cinn na turasóireachta don Chathair agus don réigiún máguaird a fheabhsú
4. Feabhsú ar Shábháilteacht Bóithre
5. Laghdú ar thrácht a théann trí Lár Chathair Luimnigh agus feabhas a chur ar an gCathair do gach duine a mbaineann úsáid aisti mar sin de
6. Iomaíochas agus éifeachtúlacht fheabhsaithe don Mheán-Iarthar agus don Deisceart trí fhás geilleagrach agus deiseanna rathúnais a mhéadú

above left: Official opening of Limerick Tunnel by An Taoiseach Brian Cowen TD.

above right: (back l-r): Anthony Lillis & Patrick Maloney

Middle (l-r): Michael McCarthy, John O'Dwyer, Gerard Hanley, Anthony O'Gorman (contractor) and Patrick Rainsford (contractor)

Front (l-r): Joseph Barry and Brian McNamara

Sholáthar tionscadal an tolláin treochtaí an-dearfach do lár na cathrach a bheidh ar mhaithe le leas díreach an láir agus na bpurlán Is é an éifeacht tráchta is mó go dtí seo:

- Díláithriú suntasach feithiclí earraí troma amach as lár na Cathrach.
- Laghdúithe méide an ghréasáin ar aonaid carr paisinéara (P.C.U.) 10.00r.n. go 4.00i.n. Laghdaithe faoi 5% ar an meán ó Luan go hAoine.
- Agaí turais seachbhuaice feabhsaithe ar fud an ghréasáin.
- Feabhsuithe ar agaí turais buaice.
- Feabhsuithe ar shábháilteacht ar bhóithre do rothaithe agus do choisithe trí líonta feithiclí earraí troma a laghdú.
- Feabhsú ar chaighdeán aeir trí leibhéal laghdaithe múch sceite.
- Laghdú ar thormán tráchta.
- Tuilleadh cinnteachta maidir le hagaí turais do thrácht a théann trí Luimneach agus timpeall Luimnigh.
- Deiseanna le tionscadail fheabhsaithe bhreise a chur ar fáil do choisithe i lár na cathrach.
- Feabhsú ar chomharsanachtaí cónaithe trí laghdú ar thrácht 'cóngar sciuirde' chun moilleanna tráchta a sheachaint.
- Buntáiste mór i leith infheistíocht a mhealladh isteach i Luimneach is ea gréasán bóithre nua-aimseartha agus nascacht Luimnigh.

Feabhsúcháin Acomhail

Ba éard a bhí i gceist i gCéim 3 den scéim ná baint Thimpeallán Dhroichead na Mainistreach agus cur ar fáil rialú soilse tráchta ag acomhail Dhroichead na Mainistreach/ Shráid an Chláir agus Shráid an Chláir/Shráid Lelia. Folaíonn an scéim cosáin nua in ábhair ardchaighdeán ar Shráid an Chláir, soilsiú poiblí nua, teilifís ciorcaid iata (CCTV), trasrian coisithe agus cur crann láimh le slí isteach na canála

Cuireadh acomhail nua faoi rialú soilse tráchta ar fáil ag:

- Bóthar Condell/Bóthar Shíol Bhroin
- Sráid Uí Sheasnáin Thuaidh/Bóthar na Croise
- Bóthar an Duga/Sráid Uí Chomhraí

Cé go bhfuil baint timpeallán i láithreán lár na cathrach agus a n-ionadú le soilse tráchta conspóideach in amanna, tá sí riachtanach mar a ndéantar breithniú grinn ar ghluaiseacht shlán coisithe soghluaisteachteacht rothaíochta. Éascaíonn soilse tráchta i lárionaid uirbeacha rialú níos éifeachtúla agus níos sláine feithiclí agus gluaiseachtaí coisithe i láithreán a bhfuil ardíon feithiclí iontu. Éascaíonn soilse tráchta inlíochtaí slána agus rialaithe feithiclí agus gluaiseachtaí rialaithe coisithe scartha. Mar gheall ar an láithreán seo in aice le hobair na Pingine, le pobail chónaithe Oileán an Gharráin, Gharraí Eoin, le Coláiste Ealaíne Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh agus le taitneamhachtaí caitheamh aimsire na siúlóidí canála agus na suíomhanna rothaíochta, tá éilimh trasnaithe bóithre ann nach féidir freastal orthu ag Timpeallán Dhroichead na Mainistreach agus aomhal Shráid an Chláir/Shráid Lelia.

Cothabháil Bóithre sa Gheimhreadh

Ba gheimhreadh dúshlánach a bhí sa gheimhreadh in 2010 d'údarais bóithre ar fud na hÉireann mar gheall ar thréimhse shínte sneachta i dtús na bliana agus arís i mí na Nollag. Chuir Cathair Luimnigh a Clár um Sheirbhís Cothabhála Bóithre sa Gheimhreadh i bhfeidhm chun mórbealaí artaireacha agus bóithre riachtanacha a choinneáil ar oscailt le linn aimsir chrua. Ba leor soláthairtí Salainn agus Grin i leith úsáid oibriúcháin i gcónaí agus ní raibh an soláthar ídithe ag am ar bith. Caitheadh breis agus €100,000 ar oibriúcháin an leata salainn agus grin agus rinneadh damáiste arbh ionann agus beagnach €1,000,000 é don ghréasán bóithre i riocht linntreog agus marcanna bóthair damáistithe.

Tógáil i gCúram

Thóg an Chomhairle cúig eastát tithíochta bhreise a bhfuil beagnach 140 teach iontu i gcúram i rith na bliana.

- Páirc Stenson
- Bailtíní Farrans
- Páirc an Teampaill
- Clós Stenson
- Gort na Tiobraide

Plean Straitéise an Mheán-Iarthair

Tosaíodh obair le linn 2010 ar fhorbairt na Straitéise um Pleanáil, Úsáid Talún agus Iompar do Réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair. Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag feidhmiú mar phríomhúdarás thar ceann Chomhairle Contae an Chláir, Chomhairle Contae Luimnigh agus Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, na trí údarás áitiúla eile sa Mheán-Iarthair.

Is é is aidhm do Phlean Straitéiseach an Mheán-Iarthair:

- Eolas a thabhairt maidir le riachtanais straitéiseacha an Réigiúin i leith úsáid talún agus iompair i gcomhair an chéad 30 bliain eile
- Eolas a thabhairt ar phleananna forbartha sa todhchaí.
- Eolas a chur ar fáil i dtaobh athbhreithniú an Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta (NDP) atá le teacht agus an NDP amach anseo, athbhreithniú maidir le Treoirínte Pleanála Réigiúnacha (RPG) agus maidir leis an Straitéis Spáis Náisiúnta (NSS)
- Tacaíocht a thabhairt i dtaobh inbhuanaitheacht thriantán Luimnigh, Shionna, Inse agus na gcomhchathracha forimeallacha
- Cuidiú le maoiniú ón Rialtas Náisiúnta a aimsiú agus a fháil
- Cuidiú le Beartais Náisiúnta, Réigiúnacha agus Áitiúla a cheapadh

Meastar go rachaidh an plean amach le haghaidh comhairliúcháin poiblí i rith 2011 agus go gcuirfear i gcrích é go mall in 2011.

Bainistíocht Imeachtaí

Bhí ar Rannóg Bainistíochta Tráchta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh bainistíocht tráchta agus dúnadh bóthair do roinnt imeachtaí móra a chomhordú i gcomhar leis an nGarda Síochána le linn 2010, lena áiríodh:

- An Chéad Mhór-Rith de chuid Luimnigh
- Mórshiúl Lá Fhéile Pádraig
- Mórshiúl an Bhanna
- River fest
- Cluichí rugbaí i bPáirc Thuamhan
- Cluichí CLG i bPáirc na nGael
- Coirmeacha ceoil i bPáirc Thuamhan

Seachtain na Rothar

Ba é ab aidhm don fheachtas seachtaine i mí an Mheithimh íomhá na rothaíochta i Luimneach a chur chun cinn, mar ghníomhaíocht shláintiúil fóillíochta agus mar rogha níos cliste taistil araon. Ba é buaicphointe na seachtaine ná an Pharáid rathúil Rothar a cuireadh ar siúl tríd an gcathair ar an Domhnach an 19 Meitheamh. Rinne rothaithe de gach aois agus cineál cumais rothaíocht ó Chaisleán Luimnigh go Páirc an Phobail.

Críochnaíodh an pharáid le picnic mhór agus le héagsúlacht siamsaíocht teaghlaigh. Chuir comórtais ealaíne, bréagáide, ceol beo agus preabchaisleáin siamsaíocht ar fáil do dhaoine idir óg agus aosta ar feadh na hoíche.

Imeacht an-rathúil a bhí san imeacht seo le breis agus 800 rothaithe ag freastal air. Leanfaimid de chur chun cinn na rothaíochta sa chathair trí óstáil an imeachta seo ar bhonn bliantúil, ag leanúint dár Straitéis Siúil agus Rothaíochta.



above: Limerick Main Drainage Pumping Station
right: Limerick Main Drainage



Ár gcathair á déanamh níos glaine, níos glaise agus níos sláintiúla

Chun tacú le Polasaí Taistil Inbhuanaithe an Rialtais (Taisteal Níos Cliste), bunaíodh comórtas náisiúnta chun eiseamláirí iontacha de thaisteal inbhuanaithe i gceantair thuaithe agus uirbeacha a sheachadadh.

Cad is Limistéar Taistil Níos Cliste ann?

- Pobal atá bunaithe ar an tíreolaíocht, arna chur i gcatagóir de réir mhéid an daonra
- Le plan taistil a thugann ardtsaíocht do bhainistíocht soghluaisteachta níos fearr an phobail
- Bogadh ar aghaidh ó iompar cairr
- Cion cóir iompair an tsiúil agus na rothaíochta a mhéadú
- Ag cur feabhais ar an tsláinte, ar stíleanna mhaireachtála, ar shráid-dreacha agus ar cheantair áitiúla
- Truailliú aeir a laghdú

Ag obair i gComhpháirtíocht

Tuigean Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus Comhairle Contae Luimnigh go bhfuil fadhb ann faoi láthair maidir le fairsinge an bhonneagair iompair inbhuanaithe reatha agus maidir le nósanna taistil. Tá dúshlán an-mhór ann maidir le cóir iompair níos inbhuanaithe a thabhairt isteach. Ina leith seo, d'oibrigh údarais agus Ollscoil Luimnigh mar chomhpháirtithe i gcomhar leis na páirtithe leasmhara go léir ar ullmhú comhiarratais don Roinn Iompair.

Tuigimid an tábhacht le dlúthnascadh na réimsí seo mar nach féidir le bonneagar nua amháin rothaí a dhéanamh d'úsáideoir tiomanta cairr. Ar an láimh eile, ní mhéadóidh aon tabhairt faoi oiliúint rothaíochta líon na rothaithe mura bhfuil páirceáil dhaingean rothar ag a gceann scríbe, mar shampla.

Eochairchuspóirí Foriomlána ár nIarrachta ar Thaisteal Níos Cliste

- Cion cóir iompair na rothaíochta a mhéadú faoi 4.7
- Cion cóir iompair an chairr a laghdú ó 51% go 37%
- Cion cóir iompair an tsiúil a mhéadú ó 31% go 35%
- Cion cóir iompair an iompair phoiblí a mhéadú ó 9% go 12%
- Seachnóidh 5% de na daoine turas amháin in aghaidh na seachtaine trí ríomhoibriú
- Lár na Cathrach: Sábháilteacht ar bhóithre do rothaithe a fheabhsú agus cion cóir iompair na rothaíochta a mhéadú faoi 5
- Líon na dturas gearr-achair sa charr a laghdú agus daoine a spreagadh le siúl nó rothaíocht thar na hachair seo. Beidh cion cóir iompair an tiománaí cairr á laghdú ó 44% go 28% sa bhliain 2020
- Daoine a dhíspreagadh ó bheith ina n-úinéirí cairr agus a chur in iúl gur rogha mhalairte ón gcarr é taisteal níos cliste, rogha mhalairte atá saor, compordach agus sláintiúil. Beidh 74% den chóir iompair inbhuanaithe

...ag cuidiú le gnólachtaí, le scoileanna agus le daoine aonair siúl, rothaíocht nó iompar poiblí a úsáid in ionad carranna le haghaidh taistil

Acmhainní uisce na cathrach a bhainistiú

Leanann Rannóg na Seirbhísí Uisce, a chuimsíonn idir uisce agus fuíolluisce, orthu i mbun bainistiú ar mhórchlár caipitil agus ioncaim, lena n-áirítear Tionscadal Innealtóireachta Sibhialta Phríomhdhraenáil Luimnigh agus clár leanúnach um chaomhnú uisce, agus an conradh Tógála, Deartha agus Oibrithe le haghaidh fheabhsú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville. Is é tosaíocht na rannóige seo i rith an ama seirbhísí uisce agus fuíolluisce a sholáthar go héifeachtúil agus laghdú a chur ar an méid uisce nach bhfuil cuntas air sa chathair.

Cosaint Fhadtréimhseach

Tá Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville faoi oibríochtaí conraitheora príobháidigh faoi chonradh Tógála, Deartha agus Oibrithe. Ba é dáta tosaithe an chonartha seo ná Aibreán 2007 agus beidh t-oibreoir i bhfeidhm aníos go mí Aibreáin 2027. Tá méadú ar an toilleadh ó 50 MLD aníos go 87 MLD ar fáil ó mhí Aibreáin 2010. Mar gheall ar fhorbairt straitéiseach na háise seo um tháirgeadh uisce, beidh a dhá oiread toillte ag an ionad san fhadtéarma agus cosnóidh sé soláthar uisce inólta chun na cathrach agus an chontae don tréimhse chéanna. Baineann an méadú ar an toilleadh leis an bhfreastal ar Chontae Luimnigh den chuid is mó, agus forchúiteofar é dá réir.

Caomhnú agus Dáileadh Uisce

Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh tiomanta do chur i bhfeidhm a Straitéise Seirbhísí Uisce cúig bliana, arna formheas ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Soláthróidh an straitéis seo soláthar straitéiseach, athshlánú agus cothabháil na gcóras táirgthe, dailte agus caomhnaithe uisce laistigh de limistéar na cathrach. Tá togra maidir le hathstruchtúrú an bhonneagair i spás oscailte poiblí d'fhonn an príomhlíonra luaidhe lúbtha coitianta a dhíchur faoi bhráid an DEHLG lena fhorbairt.

Trúclíonra Chathair Luimnigh

Tá forbairt ar chuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce don chathair, le tacú le forbairt faoi láthair agus amach anseo, á cur chun cinn. Leagadh cuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce feadh chúrsa an Chuarbhóthair Theas, Bhóthar Mhóin an Lín agus idir Ros Uí Bhriain agus Bóthar an Duga. Cuirfear soláthar cuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce idir Bóthar an Duga agus Cathair Dháibhín, lena n-áireofar trasbhealach abhann, i gcrích sa bhliain amach romhainn.

Ionadaíodh níos mó ná 800 méadar den Phríomhphíobán Uisce Dailte atá ann faoi láthair le linn 2010. Tugadh faoi thuilleadh oibreacha comhla sa chathair leis an gcóras soláthair uisce a fheabhsú agus leis an méid ceantar a mbeidh tionchar ag na hoibreacha orthu a laghdú a mhéid agus is féidir.

Leanadh den chlár braite ligin i bpríomhlíonra na cathrach sa bhliain atá i ndiaidh imeacht tharainn. Braitheadh agus cóiríodh de bhreis ar 500 ligean agus bhí coigilteas breise sa soláthar uisce le sonrú dá thoradh.

Tionscadal Méadraithe Tráchtála

Tugadh an tionscadal méadraithe tráchtála chun críche agus tá custaiméirí tráchtála ag fáil billí faoi choinne seirbhísí uisce agus fuíolluisce anois, arna mbunú ar mhéideanna méadraithe.

Príomh-Dhraenáil Luimnigh

Tugadh an scéim seo, an tionscadal innealtóireachta sibhialta ba mhó riamh sa chathair, chun críche. Tá córas nua-aimseartha úrnua lán-chomhtháite draenála sa chathair anois. Tá an córas seo ag dul chun tairbhe cheana féin siocair go bhfuil caighdeán níos fearr uisce sa tSionainn agus cuireann sé ar chumas na cathrach agus an cheantair máguaird freastal ar fhorbairt go ceann i bhfad.

Ní foláir tabhairt faoi athchóiriú na séarach i lár na cathrach, d'fhonn an leas is mó agus is féidir a bhaint as an Scéim Príomhdhraenála, mar fhorbairt Chéim 2 den Tionscadal Príomhdhraenála. Tá togra maidir le ceapadh sainchomhairleoirí chun Céim 2 a chur chun cinn curtha i gcrích agus táthar ag feitheamh ar fhorbairt deiridh na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Bronnadh an conradh fadtéarmach (20 bliain) oibrithe agus cothabhála maidir leis na hoibreacha do chonraitheoir príobháideach i mí na Bealtaine 2010.

Maolú Tuile

Tá geataí tuile ar fáil le cosc a chur ar dhamáiste féideartha tuile do Thrá Uí Cheallacháin agus do Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha. Tá clár réamhghníomhach glanta linteáir i bhfeidhm ag Rannóg na Seirbhísí Uisce san am i láthair agus glanfar gach linteáir sa chathair uair amháin sa bhliain ar a laghad dá dheasca.

Leithris Phoiblí

Tá dhá áis leithris phoiblí nua úrscothacha atá oiriúnach do chathaoir rothaí i gcathair Luimnigh. Is ann don chéad áis gar don bhealach isteach chuig Páirc an Phobail. Tógadh an dara háis le gairid ar Rae Bedford íochtarach in ionad an tseanchinn a bhí ann ar feadh sé bliana déag.

Is ann don tríú háis ag Ionad Siopadóireachta Ché Artúir. Forálann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh don chostas le haghaidh na cothabhála agus an chaomhnaithe as ár gcuid acmhainní féin.

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OUR ENVIRONMENT

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

- 2,449 environmental complaints processed
- Publication of new Litter Management Plan
- Completed audit of the household refuse service subsidy scheme; 3,200 households supported through the waiver scheme
- Work commenced on Phase One, Wetland Creation at the Baggot Estate
- Remediation work at Longpavement landfill site continued
- Introduction of 'Bluetooth' messaging technology and trialling of Variable Message Signs for major events
- Supervised and coordinated the construction of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Southill
- Recycling Quantities:

Glass: 857.53t	Al Cans: 26.81t
Steel: 12.43t	Plastic: 84.06t
WEEE: 515.63t	Textiles: 85.9t
- 32 environmental improvement grants distributed to local groups
- Horse amnesty offered for people who could not care for their horses and 184 horses seized under the Control of Horses Bye Laws
- 644 dog licences issued
- 29 of the 33 Primary Schools and 13 of the 14 Secondary in Limerick City are now registered for the An Taisce Green Schools programme. 25 primary schools and 5 secondary schools have Green Flags
- 15 SEAI workshops were facilitated for primary schools
- Four waste to art workshops were facilitated for Secondary Schools
- The city celebrated fairtrade fortnight and its 5th birthday as a fairtrade city
- The first community gardening workshop was facilitated and additional workshops were hosted on composting and waste prevention
- Two high profile anti-litter awareness events took place in the city centre
- Love Limerick Don't Litter entry in the St Patrick's Day parade in conjunction with St Philomena's Secondary school
- 2,500 Reusable Shopping bags were distributed.
- Christmas Tree recycling was offered to householders



LEADING TO A GREENER LIMERICK

Enforcing and Educating

- 879 on-the-spot litter fines issued
- 200 litter pollution surveys carried out
- 67 Section 55 Notices issued on holding of waste
- 60 fines issued under the presentation of waste bye-laws
- 16 Section 18 Notices issued on disposal of waste
- 11 waste collection permit audits carried out
- 9 waste facility permit audits carried out
- 8 inspections carried out under deco paint regulations
- 4 new waste facility permits issued
- 4 inspections carried out under solvents regulations
- 2 tyre outlet inspections carried out
- 1 road side checkpoint
- 1 industrial air pollution licence issued
- 1 waste facility permit reviewed
- Fly-posting initiative to prevent illegal city centre signage
- Continued inspections under ban on bituminous coal
- Ongoing implementation of water pollution licensing system
- Tier 1 and 2 risk assessment analysis carried out on Island Field

Working with the Community

- The street cleaning team continued to provide a 365 day service including cleaning 420 km of footpath and emptying 192 street litterbins
- Introduction of standard scheduling regime for street cleaning of approach and orbital routes
- Two new mini-mechanical sweepers and a litter bin servicing vehicle added to the street cleaning fleet
- Introduction of GPS, internet-based tracking package for street cleaning vehicles
- New litter bins installed in Moyross
- New bring banks placed in King's Island at the request of King's Island Environmental Group
- New three bin waste management system was successfully introduced for casual traders around the Milk Market
- Introduction of temporary segregated street Litter Bins for use at major events
- Implementation of graffiti and weed control programme
- CCTV, 'No Intoxicating Liquor' and litter signage erected at a number of prominent locations in the city



Overview of Energy Usage in 2010

During the year Limerick City Council consumed 22,824 MWh of energy, consisting of 16,112 MWh of electricity; 6,712 MWh of fossil fuels comprising of 4,753 MWh of natural gas and 1,959 MWh of transport fuels.

45% or almost half of the energy consumed by Limerick City Council was used to provide water services with 34% of all energy use associated with the production of drinking water and 11% of all energy use associated with the treatment of wastewater. 24% or just under a quarter of the energy used in 2010, was used to power public lighting and traffic signalling across Limerick City. 24% of the city council's total energy use was consumed in heating, cooling and equipment use at buildings including City Hall, Grove Island leisure centre, fire stations, depots, museums and library. The remaining 7% of the energy consumed during 2010 was in the form of transport fuel consumed by fleet vehicles involved in transport, road sweeping, upkeep of parks and winter gritting of roads.

Actions Undertaken

The Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including;

- Improvements to the building performance of City Hall with the retrofit of external insulation to the building
- The installation of Limerick City's first solar powered street lamp at the riverside park on Clancy's Strand

In addition contractors operating water services facilities and leisure facilities on behalf of Limerick City Council also undertook initiatives to improve energy performance.



ÁR DTIMPEALLACHT

BUAICPHOINTÍ 2010

I dTreo Luimnigh Níos Glaise

- Próiseáladh 2,449 gearán comhshaoil sa bhliain 2010
- Foilsíú Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair nua
- Iniúchadh iomlán ar an scéim fóirdheontais um seirbhís dramhaíola tí; thug 3,200 teaghlach tacaíocht di tríd an scéim tarscaoilte in 2010
- Cuireadh tús le hobair ar Chéim a hAon – is é sin Cruthú Bogaigh ag Eastát Bhagóid
- Leanadh d'obair feabhsúcháin ar láithreán líonta talún an Chosáin Fhada
- Tabhairt isteach teicneolaíocht teachtaireachtaí 'Bluetooth' agus triail a bhaint as Comharthaí Teachtaireachta Inathraithe i leith mórimeachtaí
- Mhaoirsigh agus comhordaigh an rannóg tógáil lonaid Chluichí Ilfheidhmigh (MUGA) sa Chnoc Theas.
- Cainníochtaí Athchúrsála:
- Gloine: 857.53t Cannaí Alúmanaim: 26.81t
- Cruach: 12.43t Plaisteach: 84.06t
- Dramhthrealamh leictreach agus leictreonach: 515.63t
- Teicstílí: 85.9t
- Dáileadh 32 deontas feabhsúcháin an chomhshaoil ar ghrúpaí áitiúla
- Tairgeadh maithiúnas capall do dhaoine nárbh fhéidir leo cúram a thabhairt dá gcuid capall agus urghabhadh 184 capall faoi na Fodhlíthe um Chapail.
- Eisíodh 644 ceadúnas madraí
- Tá 29 as an 33 bunscoil agus 13 as na 14 mheánscoil i gCathair Luimnigh cláraithe do Chlár na Scoileanna Glasa leis an Taisce. Tá Bratacha Glasa ag 25 bunscoil agus ag 5 mheánscoil
- Éascaíodh 15 cheardlann de chuid Údarás Fuinnimh Inmharthana na hÉireann do bhunscoileanna.
- Éascaíodh ceithre cheardlann 'dramhaíl go healaín' do Mheánscoileanna.
- Cheiliúir an chathair an Choicís Chóirthrádála agus a cúigiú breithlá mar Chathair Chóirthrádála.
- Éascaíodh an chéad cheardlann garraíodóireachta pobail agus óstáladh ceardlanna breise ar chosc dramhaíola agus ar mhúiríní.
- Cuireadh dhá imeacht ardiomrá feasachta in aghaidh an bhruscair ar bun i lár na cathrach.
- Iontráil 'Tabhair Grá do Luimneach agus Ná Caith Bruscar' i Mórshiúl Lá Fhéile Pádraig i gcomhar le Meánscoil Filimín.
- Dáileadh 2,500 Mála Siopadóireachta Ath-Inúsáidte.
- Tairgeadh athchúrsáil ar chrainn Nollag do shealbhóirí tí.



above right: viewing of art pieces created by Salesians Secondary School during European Week for Waste Reduction

lower left: Mayor Kevin Kiely and Mrs Mary Mallard, chairperson of St Mary's Residents Association, get recycling off to a start at St. Munchin's new Street Bring Bank

Cur i bhFeidhm agus Oideachas

- Eisíodh 879 fíneáil bhruscair ar-an-láthair
- Rinneadh 200 suirbhé i dtaca le truailliú bruscair
- Eisíodh 67 fógra faoi Alt 55 ar shealúchas dramhaíola
- Eisíodh 60 fíneáil faoin tíolacadh fodhlíthe bruscair
- Eisíodh 16 fhógra faoi Alt 18 ar Dhiúscairt dramhaíola
- Rinneadh 11 iniúchadh ar chead bailithe dramhaíola
- Rinneadh 9 n-iniúchadh ar chead ionad dramhaíola
- Rinneadh 8 n-iniúchadh faoi na Rialacháin um Phéinteanna Maisiúla
- Eisíodh 4 chead ionad dramhaíola nua
- Rinneadh 4 iniúchadh faoi Rialacháin um Thuaslagóirí
- Rinneadh 2 iniúchadh ar asraon bonn
- 1 seicphointe cois bóthair
- Eisíodh ceadúnas aerthruaillithe tionsclaíoch amháin
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chead ionad dramhaíola amháin
- Tionscnamh um fógraíocht mhídhleathach le comharthaíocht mhídhleathach i lár na cathrach a chosc
- Iniúchtaí leanúnacha faoi na Rialacháin um Thoirmeasc ar ghual biotúmanach
- Cur i bhfeidhm leanúnach ar chóras ceadúcháin um Thruailliú Uisce
- Rinneadh anailís Measúnaithe Riosca Leibhéal 1 agus 2 ar Ghort an Oileáin

Ag obair leis an bpobal

- Lean an fhoireann glantacháin sráide de sheirbhís 365 lá a sholáthar, lena n-áirítear glanadh 420 km de chosáin agus folmhú 192 bosca bruscair sráide.
- Tabhairt isteach an chórais sceidealaithe chaighdeánaigh le haghaidh glantachán sráide na gcuarbhealach agus na mbealach isteach.
- Cuireadh dhá Inneall Glanta Sráide Mhionmheicniúla agus Feithicil Seirbhísithe Boscaí Bruscair le cabhlach an ghlantachán sráide.
- Tabhairt isteach GPS (córas suite domhanda), pacáiste rianaithe idirlíon-bhunaithe d'fheithicilí glantachán sráide
- Suiteáladh Boscaí Bruscair Nua i Maigh Rois
- Cuireadh bainc nua 'fág anseo' isteach in Oileán an Rí ar iarratas Ghrúpa Comhshaoil Oileán an Rí
- Tugadh córas nua bainistíochta dramhaíola 3 bhosca bruscair isteach go rathúil do chorrthrádáil timpeall Mhargadh an Bhainne.
- Tabhairt isteach Boscaí Bruscair Scagtha Sráide Sealadacha le húsáid ag mórimeachtaí.
- Cur i bhfeidhm an chlár srianta fiaíil agus graifítí
- Suiteáladh CCTV, comharthaí 'Cosc ar Dheochanna Meisciúla' agus comharthaíocht bruscair i bpríomhláithreán sa chathair.



Launch of Fairtrade Fortnight by Deputy Mayor Cllr Michael Hourigan & Dolores O'Meara, chair of Limerick Fairtrade Committee



Mayor Kiely with Amy Walsh & Cian McGrath, of Naíonra na nÓg Caherdavin, at launch of Street Smart Cart Cleaning Up Initiative

Forbhreathnú ar Úsáid Fuinnimh in 2010

D'ídigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 22,824 MWh d'fhuinneamh in 2010. Ba éard a bhí san fhigiúr seo ná 16,112 MWh de leictreachas agus 6,712 MWh de bhreoslaí iontaise a d'fholáigh 4,753 MWh de ghás nádúrtha agus 1,959 MWh de bhreoslaí iompair.

Úsáideadh 45% nó beagnach leathchuid den fhuinneamh a d'ídigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh sa bhliain 2010 chun seirbhísí uisce a sholáthar. Bhí 34% den úsáid fuinnimh ar fad bainteach leis an táirgeadh uisce ólacháin agus bhí 11% den úsáid fuinnimh ar fad bainteach leis an gcóireáil fuíolluisce. Úsáideadh 24% nó níos lú ná an ceathrú cuid den fhuinneamh a ídíodh in 2010 chun soilsiú poiblí agus soilse tráchta ar fud Chathair Luimnigh a chumhachtú. Ídíodh 24% d'úsáid fuinnimh na Comhairle Cathrach i dtéamh, i bhfuarú agus in úsáid trealaimh i bhfoirgnimh, amhail Halla na Cathrach, ionad fóillíochta Oileán an Gharráin, stáisiún dóiteáin, iostaí, iarsmalanna agus leabharlann. Bhí an 7% eile den fhuinneamh a ídíodh le linn 2010 i riocht breosla iompair ídithe ag feithiclí cabhlaigh a bhí bainteach le hiompar, le scuabadh bóithre, le cothabháil páirceanna agus le leathadh grin ar bhóithre sa gheimhreadh.

Gníomhartha ar Tugadh Fúthu

Thug Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi raon tionscnaimh in 2010 chun ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú, lenar áiríodh:

- Feabhsúcháin ar fheidhmíocht fhoirgneamh Halla na Cathrach le hiarfheistiú an inslithe sheachtraí ar an bhfoirgneamh.
- Suiteáil an chéad lampa sráide grianchumhachta i Luimneach ag an bpáirc cois abhann ar Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha.

Chomh maith leis na tionscnaimh thuas, thug conraitheoirí ag oibriú áiseanna seirbhísí uisce agus áiseanna fóillíochta thar ceann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi thionscnaimh le feidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú.



06

**POLICY
DEVELOPMENT &
FUTURE PLANNING**



left: Catherine Street/Thomas Street Junction
top: Turlogh McNamara & Barney McMahon at the opening of the new Greyhound Stadium, Greenpark
above: TD John Gormley, Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government at the official opening of The Milk Market

SHAPING LIMERICK'S DEVELOPMENT

A considerable scope of work was achieved during the year, which included:

- Review of the City Development Plan 2004-2010
- Publication of first Draft City Development plan 2010-2016
- On going consultation for the Draft City Development Plan 2010-2016
- Publication of additional updated drafts of the City Development Plan 2010-2016
- Publication of the Retail Strategy
- Ongoing work on the review of the Housing Strategy
- Participation in the Mid West Regional Planning Guidelines
- Participation in Mid-West Area Strategic Planning (MWASP)
- Adoption of Limerick City Council City Development Plan 2010-2016
- Planning applications published online

Significant planning permissions issued in 2010 included:

- Development of cinema at Ennis Road
- Development of commercial unit and courtyard, putting green, snooker club and a cinemaette, an international sports museum and associated offices at Parnell Street
- 22 units on the Ballysimon Road
- Redevelopment of Parkway Shopping Centre including a private medical facility
- Development of medical centre on the Island Road
- Development of sixty bedroom centre of excellence for dementia care on the Dock Road
- Development of five storey office/residential development at Broad Street
- Event licences granted for concert at Thomond Park

Development levies in the amount of €800,374.37 were collected during the year.

...we want to see an improved quality of life for current and future generations of Limerick citizens



Advancing & Promoting the Economic Potential of Our City

- Development of Draft Limerick City Council Pilot Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property
- Limerick Regeneration Agency: The Department continues to work with the Regeneration Agencies in identifying suitable sites for redevelopment
- Limerick City Council (Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2010
- National Spatial Strategy Gateways & Hubs European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Grant Scheme -
 - further supplementary application was made to the National Spatial Strategy Gateways & Hubs European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Grant Scheme to extend the scope of the enhancement works to Limerick City Centre to include remodelling of John's Square, Limerick
- Advancement of specific actions from the City Centre Strategy
- City Centre Strategy, Georgian Quarter: progression of plans for pilot demonstration project
- Parks Atlantic Project, Interreg IVB Territorial Atlantic Area Programme. An E.U. funded transnational cooperation project to capitalise on the value of urban and suburban parks and enhance their contribution to sustainable urban development
- Marketing of Limerick City Centre for Christmas:
 - Focused marketing campaign for city centre for Christmas period promoting city businesses
 - Animation of streets with trees, carol singing and Christmas related entertainment activities
- Creative Limerick, Connect to the Grid: through this initiative Limerick City Council in conjunction with landlords and the creative sector has successfully continued to further occupy vacant retail units that are between lettings
- Derelict Sites: continued to enforce legislation

Property Management

The Property Management Unit continued to advance a significant number of matters under this area of responsibility including settlement of outstanding CPO compensation claims, land acquisitions/disposals, evaluation of strategic land holdings/opportunities, leases, licences, requests for wayleaves, putting in place legal documentation (Deed of Charge) for drawdown of Access II funding for artists apartment in John Square and the Art Gallery, land ownership queries, queries on rights of way, adverse possession issues, perfection of legal title on land, collection of rents owing, site inspections, maintenance of sites, Part V, trespass/squatters etc.

Working in Partnership

In 2006 Limerick City Council received funding from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government to pilot a community safety scheme to deal with low level anti-social behaviour within local authority housing estates.

The Limerick City Community Safety Partnership (LCCSP) was then formed as a partnership project between Limerick City Council, An Garda Síochána and the HSE.

In 2007, six Community Coordinators were employed by LCCSP to strengthen the links between communities and the partnership agencies and to

- Increase Community Safety
- Improve the Environment
- Promote Community Spirit

Since 2007 the Community Co-Ordinators have been working in different communities across Limerick City, namely Ballynanty, Lee Estate, Assumpta Park, Garryowen, Watergate, Sarsfield Park, Janesboro, Kennedy Park, Rathbane and Glasgow Park.



opposite page: Official Opening of Limerick's new Greyhound Stadium by Minister Brendan Smith TD

above: TD John Gormley, Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government with Cllr Mary Jackman and Mayor Maria Byrne at the official opening of The Milk Market

above right: Occupy Space

lower right: St Munchin's Family Resource Centre



Snapshot of 2010: co-ordination projects

Transition Year Students take a Walk down 'Safety Street'

In Autumn 'Safety Street' was held at the Limerick Institute of Technology. This was an interactive safety centre for transition year students in all secondary schools in Limerick City. 'Safety Street' was an expo of realistic safety situations which students were invited to navigate through, followed by discussions with representatives from Limerick City Council, HSE and An Garda Síochána.

Scenarios included 'Short Dark Alley v Long Bright Way Home' (focusing on personal safety), 'Life after Drugs' (tales from a recovering addict), and 'That's not Anti-Social Behaviour' (focusing on the impact of anti-social behaviour).

This project was very successful with 400 students passing through Safety Street over the course of three days. It highlighted various personal and community safety issues, encouraged young people to consider that they have choices and that they should be aware of the consequences of their choices. The initiative attracted very positive local and national media press, including a very positive segment on TV3 news.

Schools Internet Safety Programme

Children from Galvone National School, Queen of Peace National School, St. Munchin's Family Resource Centre after school club, St. John's Girls School and St. John the Baptist Boys School took part in the programme, which focused on cyber bullying and appropriate information sharing when using the internet and social networking sites. The Community Co-Ordinators were assisted in developing the programme by the National Centre for Technology in Education who provided interactive resources for use in the programme.

Students learn to 'Take Action'

Another programme being run in schools is our Active Citizenship programme called Take Action. This programme aims to promote civic engagement for children by providing information on local and national governments, as well as empowering them to exercise their rights to participate.

Each week we have been visiting classes to encourage children to think about their rights and responsibilities, the different types of communities that exist, and how they can get involved.

The programme is highly interactive and practical, with the children taking part in a mock election by completing mock ballot papers and putting them into a specially constructed ballot box. They learned how important it is for adults to exercise their right to vote. In Queen of Peace National School, Cllr. Orla McLoughlin called into the class to explain the work of local councillors.

For the final session of this worthwhile programme in Queen of Peace children were invited to attend a special meeting in the Council Chambers. There they were greeted by Mayor Maria Byrne, and representatives from Limerick City Council's Housing, Environment and Roads Department were in attendance also to discuss their role. The children were given an opportunity to ask these representatives questions, thereby learning more about the functions of Limerick City Council.



FORBAIRT BEARTAIS & PLEANÁIL DON TODHCHAÍ

BUAICPHOINTÍ 2010

Forbairt Luimnigh á Múnú

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

- Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach 2004-2010
- Foilsiú chéad Dréachtphlean Forbartha na Cathrach 2010-2016
- Comhairliúchán leanúnach ar Dhréachtphlean Forbartha na Cathrach 2010-2016
- Foilsiú na ndréachtaí nuashonraithe breise de Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach 2010-2016
- Foilsiú na Straitéise Miondíola
- Obair leanúnach ar an athbhreithniú ar an Straitéis Tithíochta
- Rannpháirtíocht i dTreoirínte Réigiúnacha Pleanála an Mheán-Iarthair
- Rannpháirtíocht i bPleanáil Straitéiseach an Mheán-Iarthair (MWASP)
- Glacadh le Plean Forbartha Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2010-2016
- Foilsíodh iarratais pleanála ar líne

Áirítear leis na ceadanna móra pleanála a eisíodh sa bhliain 2010:

- Forbairt na pictiúrlainne ar Bhóthar na hInse
- Forbairt ar aonad tráchtála, ar chlós, ar phlásóg amais, ar chlub snúcair agus ar mhionphictiúrlann, ar mhúsaem spóirt idirnáisiúnta agus ar oifigí bainteacha i Sráid Parnell.
- 22 aonad ar Bhóthar Bhéal Átha Siomoin
- Athfhorbairt Ionad Siopadóireachta Bhealach na Páirce, rud a d'fholaigh áis liachta phríobháideach
- Forbairt na liachtlainne ar Bhóthar an Oileáin
- Forbairt ionaid bharr feabhais seasca seomra leapa do chúram néaltraithe ag Bóthar an Duga
- Forbairt oifig cúig stór/forbairt chónaithe sa tSráid Leathan.
- Deonú ceadúnais imeachtaí le haghaidh ceolchoirme i bPáirc Thuamhan

Bailíodh tobhaigh forbartha de €800,374.37 in 2010.

...ba mhaith linn
cáilíocht beatha
fheabhsaithe a fheiceáil
do ghlúine shaoránach
Luimnigh faoi láthair
agus sa todhchaí



Cumas gilleagrach ár gcathrach á chur chun tosaigh agus á chur chun cinn

- Forbairt ar Threoirscéim Dreasachta Miondíola Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh um Áitreabh Folaíoch
- Gníomhaireacht Athghiniúna Luimnigh: Leanann an Rannóg Forbartha Geilleagraí dá hobair leis na Gníomhaireachtaí Athghiniúna ar láithreáin oiriúnacha i leith athfhorbartha a shainaithint
- Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2010 (Bóthar Dáileacháin Ó Cuanach/Chnoc an Lisín)
- Scéim Deontas Thairseach agus Mhol na Straitéise Spáis Náisiúnta um Chiste Forbraíochta Réigiúnaí na hEorpa (ERDF): cuireadh iarratas breise forlíontach isteach ar Scéim Deontas Thairseach agus Mhol na Straitéise Spáis Náisiúnta um Chiste Forbraíochta Réigiúnaí na hEorpa (ERDF) ionas go bhfolófaí athmhúnlú Chearnóg Eoin, Luimneach, i raon na n-oibreacha feabhsúcháin ar Lár Cathrach Luimnigh
- Dul chun cinn gníomhartha ar leith ó Straitéis Lár na Cathrach
- Straitéis Lár na Cathrach, an Ceantar Seoirseach, dul chun cinn pleananna do threoirthionscadal taispeántais
- Tionscadal Páirceanna an Atlantaigh, Clár Interreg IVB um Cheantar Críche an Atlantaigh, tionscadal trasnánáisiúnta á mhaoiniú ag an AE is ea é le leas a bhaint as luach na bpáirceanna uirbeacha agus fo-uirbeacha agus lena bpáirt i bhforbairt uirbeach inbhuanaithe a fheabhsú
- Margaíocht Lár Cathrach Luimnigh, feachtas margaíochta Nollag a bhí dírithe ar na nithe seo a leanas:
 - feachtas margaíochta fócasaithe i leith lár na cathrach le linn thréimhse na Nollag a chuir gnólachtaí cathrach chun cinn
 - maisiú na sráideanna le crainn, le canadh carúl agus imeachtaí siamsaíochta bainteach le Nollaig
- Luimneach na Cruthaitheachta – Nascadh leis an Eangach: tríd an tionscnamh seo, d'éirigh le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, i gcomhar le tiarnaí talún agus le hearnáil na cruthaitheachta, leanúint d'áitiú na n-aonad folamh miondíola nach bhfuil á ligean.
- Láithreáin Thréigthe – leanúint de chur i bhfeidhm na reachtaíochta um Láithreáin Thréigthe

Bainistíocht Réadmhaoine

Lean an tAonad Bainistíochta Réadmhaoine den Rannóg Forbartha Geilleagraí de dhul chun cinn líon mór saincheisteanna faoin réimse seo freagrachta le linn 2010, lena áiríodh socrú éilimh chúitimh amuigh d'ordú ceannaigh éigeantaigh (CPO), fáil/diúscairt talún, measúnú ar dheiseanna/ar ghabháiltais talún straitéiseacha, léasanna, ceadúnais, iarratais ar cheadanna slí, bunú cáipéisíocht dlí (Gníomhas Muirir) ar íostarraingt mhaoiniú Access II maidir le hárásán ealaíontóirí i gCearnóg Eoin agus leis an Dánlann Ealaíne, iarratais úinéireachta talún, iarratais ceart slí, saincheisteanna seilbhe codarsna, cur i gcrích an teidil dlí ar thalamh, bailiú cíosanna dlí, iniúchtaí láithreán, cothabháil láithreán, Cuid V, foghail/suiteoirí, srl.

Ag obair i gComhpháirtíocht

Fuair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh cistiú in 2006 ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le scéim sábháilteachta pobail a threorú chun dul i ngleic le hiompar frithshóisialta íseal-leibhéil laistigh d'eastáit thithíochta an údarais áitiúil.

Bunaíodh Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteacht Pobail Chathair Luimnigh (LCCSP) ina dhiaidh sin mar thionscadal comhpháirtíochta idir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, an Garda Síochána agus an HSE.

Fostaíodh seisear Comhordaitheoirí Pobail ag an LCCSP in 2007 chun na naisc idir pobail agus na gníomhaireachta comhpháirtíochta a neartú agus chun

- Sábháilteacht Pobail a Mhéadú
- An Comhshaoil a Chur Chun Feabhais
- Spiorad Pobail a Chur Chun Cinn

Ón mbliain 2007 ar aghaidh, bhí Comhordaitheoirí Pobail ag obair i bpobail dhifriúla ar fud Chathair Luimnigh, amhail Baile Uí Neachtain, Eastát Uí Laoi, Páirc Assumpta, Garraí Eoin, Watergate, Páirc an tSáirséalaigh, Baile Shínéad, Páirc Uí Chinnéide, an Ráth Bhán agus Páirc Ghlaschú.

Léargas ar 2010: tionscadail chomhordaithe

Siúlann Daltaí na hIdirbhliana síos ‘Sráid Sábháilteachta’

Cuireadh ‘Sráid Sábháilteachta’ ar siúl in Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh i mí Lúnasa. Ionad idirghníomhach sábháilteachta a bhí anseo do dhaltaí Idirbhliana sna meánscoileanna go léir i gCathair Luimnigh. Aonach de chúinsí sábháilteachta réalaiócha ba ea ‘Sráid Sábháilteachta’ ar iarradh ar dhaltai a mbealach a aimsiú tríthi. Reáchtáladh plé ina dhiaidh sin le hionadaithe ó Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ón HSE agus ón nGarda Síochána.

D’fholaigh cásanna na nithe seo a leanas; ‘Caolsráid Dhorcha Ghairid v Bealach Abhaile Geal Fada’ (ag díriú ar shábháilteacht phearsanta), ‘Saol i ndiaidh Drugaí’ (scéalta ó andúileach drugaí bisithe), agus ‘Ní Iompar Frithshóisialta é sin’ (ag díriú ar an tionchar atá ag iompar frithshóisialta).

Bhí an-rath ar an tionscadal seo. Chuaigh 400 dalta scoile trí Shráid Sábháilteachta le linn na trí lá. Leag sé béim ar shaincheisteanna éagsúla sábháilteachta pearsanta agus pobail, spreag sé daoine óga a thuiscint go bhfuil roghanna acu agus gur cheart go mbeidís eolach ar iarmhairtí a gcuid roghanna. Fuair an tionscnamh seo dea-phoiblíocht sna meáin chumarsáide áitiúla agus náisiúnta, amhail mír an-dearfach ar nuacht TV3.

Clár Scoileanna um Shábháilteacht ar an Idirlíon

Ghlac páistí ó Scoil Náisiúnta na Gallmhóna, Scoil Náisiúnta Bhanríon na Síochána, club iarscoile Ionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Naomh Mainchín, Scoil Cailíní Naomh Eoin agus Scoil Buachaillí Eoin Baiste páirt sa chlár. Dhírigh an clár ar chibearbhulaíocht agus ar chomhroinnt na faisnéise oiriúnaí le linn úsáid an idirlín agus láithreáin líonraithe shóisialta. Chuidigh an tIonad Náisiúnta do Theicneolaíocht san Oideachas leis na Comhordaitheoirí Pobail i bhforbairt an chlár trí acmhainní idirghníomhacha a fhorbairt le haghaidh úsáide sa chlár.

Foghlaimíonn daltaí ‘Beart a Dhéanamh’

Clár eile atá á reáchtáil faoi láthair i scoileanna is ea ár gclár saoránachta gníomhaí dar teideal ‘Déan Beart’. Is é is aidhm don chlár seo ná comhpháirteachas poiblí a chur chun cinn do pháistí trí fhaisnéis ar rialtais áitiúla agus náisiúnta a sholáthar, agus iad a chumasú lena gcearta rannpháirtíochta a chleachtadh.

Bhíomar ag tabhairt cuairte ar ranganna gach seachtain chun spreagadh a thabhairt do pháistí machnamh a dhéanamh ar a gcearta agus ar a bhfreagrachtaí, ar na cineálacha difriúla pobail atá ann, agus ar an dóigh a bhféadfaidís a bheith rannpháirteach.

Is clár an-idirghníomhach praiticiúil é seo ina nglacann páistí páirt i dtoghchán bréige. Déanann siad é seo trí bhréagpháipéir bhallóide a chomhlíonadh agus a chur isteach i mbosca ballóide a rinneadh go speisialta. D’fhoghlaim siad chomh tábhachtach is atá sé do dhaoine fásta a gceart vótála a chleachtadh. I Scoil Náisiúnta Bhanríon na Síochána, d’iarr an Comh. Orla McLaughlin ar an rang obair na gcomhairleoirí áitiúla a mhíniú.

Don seisiún deireanach den chlár fiúntach seo i Scoil Náisiúnta Bhanríon na Síochána, tugadh cuireadh do dhaltai freastal ar chruinniú speisialta i Seomraí na Comhairle. Bheannaigh an Méara Maria Byrne dóibh ansin, agus bhí ionadaithe ó Rannóg Tithíochta, Comhshaoil agus Bóithre Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i láthair freisin lena ról a phlé. Tugadh deis do na leanaí ceisteanna a chur ar na hionadaithe seo d’fhonn níos mó eolais a fháil faoi fheidhmeanna Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

...AG OBair LE CHÉILE AR
MHaithe LE CATHAIR NÍOS
SLÁINE AGUS NÍOS TAITNEAMHAÍ

07

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

Keeping the city safe from fires and responding to emergencies

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

- The service successfully attended 1,433 incidents. Of this number, 1,086 were fire incidents. The average turnout time was 1 minute and 28 seconds
- Training courses were provided for staff in the following areas: Cardiac First Responder, Hazardous Materials, Aerial Ladder Platform Operator, Compartment Firefighting Techniques Refresher, Swift Water Rescue Technician, and various Senior and Junior Officer Training Courses and Seminars
- All operational crews undertook and completed three days of intensive training to respond to incidents in the Limerick Tunnel
- The duty roster system was consolidated and all firefighters and junior officers now operate on the 9/15 split shift system
- Health and Safety awareness and competency was enhanced by the conduct of Safety Information Sessions which were attended by Senior & Junior officers and firefighters, respectively
- The service's Safety Statement was reviewed and updated
- An open-plan office project was completed consolidating the technical and administrative areas of the Operations, Fire Prevention and Major Emergency Management departments in the main Fire Station building
- Service and maintenance contracts were put in place for fire engineering equipment, pumps, fire lockers and winches
- The programme of pre-fire planning was expanded for high risk premises within the service's operational area
- The programme of fire station upgrading and maintenance continued with the installation of new gas boilers to supply the central heating system in the main fire station building
- New personal protective equipment was purchased to improve the safety of personnel responding to water-related incidents
- A development committee was established to review and implement a suite of national Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)
- Approval was received from the DoEHLG for the purchase of a new water tanker and tenders were received and evaluated for the purchase of two new Water Tenders
- A recruitment competition to recruit firefighters was completed



KEEPING THE CITY SAFE FROM FIRES & RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Major Emergency Management

Continually enhancing Limerick City Council's capacity to respond to a major emergency.

Achievements during 2010 include:

- The update and issue of the Major Emergency Plan Appendices
- Completion of both onsite co-ordination and information management training courses
- The development of a Major Emergency Management Training Plan
- The development of a Local Co-ordination Centre Activation Plan and the provision of access for visitors from other agencies
- The development of a procedure for responding to the scene of a major emergency with required onsite co-ordination centre equipment
- Successfully implementing the response and co-ordination function of the inter-agency onsite Co-ordination Group (OSG) and the associated information management system during the severe cold weather event in January and proceeding to the recovery phase upon the threat subsiding
- Successfully implementing the response and co-ordination function of the Crisis Management Team (CMT) and the associated information management system during the period of flood risk and subsequent period of severe cold weather in November and December
- The introduction of an SMS based mobilisation and information sharing system which has been successfully used to coordinate crisis management team activities



Civil Defence

Through the Local Authority and Emergency Services, the Civil Defence respond to emergency relief and support to ensure the operation of vital services and the maintenance of public life.

Volunteers train in such areas as Manual Handling, Cardiac First Response, Occupational First Aid, Emergency First Response, Instructional Methods, Communications Level 1 & 2, Basic Auxiliary Fire Service, Map Reading, GPS, Pump Operation, Road Traffic Accident, Basic Search & Rescue, VHF Marine Radio Licence, Communication Instructors, Kayaking and Coxswain, - Level 2 Certificates.

The Civil Defence also participate in many community based events around the city during the year.

FIRE PREVENTION, BUILDING CONTROL & DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

Activity Area

Output 2010

1	Building Control (Fire Safety) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire Safety Certificate Applications Assessed & determined. 54 - Commencements Notices Received & Validated. 86 	
2	Use & Fire Safety Management of Buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During Performance Inspections 37 - Planning Referrals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part M of the Building Regulations - Part B of the Building Regulations Other Activities Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspections of existing buildings 229 - Giving Advice on Fire Safety Matters 55 - Investigating complaints - Pre-Fire Safety Cert meetings 8 - Fire Safety Notices served 4 	
3	Licensing of Public Assembly Buildings	98%
4	Premises Storing Dangerous Substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspections & Witnessing Tests 2 	
5	Premises under the Seveso Directive & Various Other Legislation Explosive Act 1875	2 no. Seveso Sites in city* 2 no. premises
6	Miscellaneous Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Planning - Sporting Events 15 - Fire Works Displays 2 - Outdoor Events 6 - Pre-Fire Planning 0 - Community Fire Safety - Talks to Schools & other groups 4 - National Fire Safety Week Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaflets dropped into 12 schools. Various activities as per DoE Guidelines. - National Community Smoke Alarm Scheme. 	
7	Building Control – Non-Fire (Parts - A,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N) Inspections.	58
8	Dangerous Structures & Places LG (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. of structures 22 - No. of Inspections 30 - No. of Notices served 22 	
9	Performance Indicators <p>Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority (12.5% to 15%) of Commencement Notices required.</p>	49%
10	Operational Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organising the Clothing Contract for Operational Staff. - Safety Procedures Implemented. - Safety Information sessions compiled and presented. - Safety Statement Revised. - Formation of Open Plan Office Environment. 	
11	Statistical Returns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistical Returns for Building Control and Fire Prevention are made to DoE on a half yearly basis. *Seveso Sites – Two lower tier sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Fuel Terminal, Courtbrack Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick. - Gouldings Fertilizers, Dock Road, Limerick. 	

COSC DÓITEÁIN, RIALÚ TÓGÁLA & STRUCHTÚIR CHONTÚIRTEACHA

Réimse Gníomhaíochta

Toradh 2010

1	Rialú Tógála (Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin) - Iarratais ar Dheimhniú um Shábháilteacht ó Dhóiteáin Líon na n-Iarratas a ndearnadh measúnú orthu agus a deimhníodh - Fuarthas Fógraí um Thosach Feidhme agus dearbhaíodh iad a bheith bailí	54 86
2	Úsáid agus Bainistíocht Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin ar Fhoirgnimh - I Rith Cigireachtaí Feidhmíochta - Tarchur Pleanála - Cuid M de na Rialacháin Foirgníochta - Cuid B de na Rialacháin Foirgníochta Ar na gníomhaíochtaí eile tá siad seo a leanas: - Cigireachtaí ar fhoirgnimh atá ann faoi láthair - Comhairle i dtaca le hábhair a bhaineann le sábháilteacht dóiteáin - Imscrúduithe ar ghearáin - Réamhchruinnithe Deimhnithe um Shábháilteacht ó Dhóiteáin - Líon na bhFógraí um Shábháilteacht ó Dhóiteáin a seirbheáladh	37 229 55 8 4
3	Ceadúnú foirgneamh ina gcuinníonn daoine	98%
4	Áitribh ina stóráiltear substaintí contúirteacha - Cigireachtaí agus tástálacha finnécata	2
5	Áitribh faoi Threoir Seveso agus faoi reachtaíocht éagsúil eile An tAcht um Phléascán, 1875	Líon na Láithreán Seveso sa Chathair: 2* Líon áitreabh: 2
6	Gníomhaíochtaí Ilghnéitheacha - Pleanáil Imeachtaí - Imeachtaí Spóirt - Taispeáintí Tinte Ealaíne - Imeachtaí Lasmuigh - Pleanáil Réamh-dhóiteáin - Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin Pobail - Cainteanna le scoileanna agus le grúpaí eile - Imeachtaí i rith Sheachtain Náisiúnta um Shábháilteacht Dóiteáin - Scéim Pobail Náisiúnta na nAláram Deataigh	15 2 6 0 4 Tugadh dáileáin do 12 scoil. Gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla de réir threoirlínte an DoE.
7	Rialú Tógála – Neamhthine (Codanna – A,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N) Cigireachtaí.	58
8	Struchtúir agus Ionaid Chontúirteacha, an tAcht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta), 1964 - Líon struchtúr - Líon Cigireachtaí - Líon na bhFógraí a seirbheáladh	22 30 22
9	Táscairí Feidhmíochta Foirgnimh a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu mar chéatadán d'fhoirgnimh nua a cuireadh in iúl don Údarás Áitiúil (12.5% go 15%) maidir le Fógraí um Thosach Feidhme a bhí ag teastáil.	49%
10	Táscairí Oibriúcháin - An Conradh Éadaigh a eagrú don Fhoireann Oibriúcháin. - Níosanna Imeachta um Shábháilteacht a Chur i bhFeidhm. - Seisiúin Eolais ar Shábháilteacht a chur i dtoll a chéile agus i láthair. - Ráiteas Sábháilteachta a Athbhreithniú - Cruthú de Thimpeallacht Oifig Phlean Oscailte.	
11	Tuairisc Staitistiúil - Cuirtear Tuairisc Staitistiúil ar Rialú Tógála agus Tuairisc ar Chosc Dóiteáin ar fáil don Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar bhonn leathbhliantúil. *Láithreáin Seveso – Dhá láithreán íos-sraithe - Comhchríochfort Breosla, Ascaill na Cúirte Brice, An Cuarbhóthar Theas, Luimneach. - Gouldings Fertilizers, Bóthar an Duga, Luimneach.	



SEIRBHÍSÍ DÓITEÁIN & TARRTHÁLA

BUAICPHOINTÍ 2010

- Thug an tseirbhís aire do 1,433 de theagmhais go rathúil ón 1 Eanáir go dtí an 1 Nollaig 2010. Chuir an líon seo 1,086 teagmhas dóiteáin san áireamh. Ar an meán thóg sé 1 nóiméad 28 soicind chun daoine a ullmhú agus a eagrú (amhail an 1 Nollaig 2010).
- Cuireadh cúrsaí oiliúna ar fáil don fhoireann sna réimsí seo a leanas: An Chéad Fhreagróir Cairdiach, Ábhair Ghuaiseacha, Oibríteoir Ardán an Dréimire Aerga, Cúrsa Athnuachana ar Theicnící Comhrac Dóiteáin Urrainne, Teicneoir Tarrthála Mearuisce, agus Seimineáir agus Cúrsaí Oiliúna éagsúla d'Oifigigh Shinsearach agus Shóisearacha.
- Thug na foirne oibriúcháin go léir faoi thrí lá d'oiliúint dhian, a chríochnaigh siad, chun ullmhú ar fheagairt do theagmhais i dTollán Luimnigh.
- Comhdhlúthaíodh córais an uainchláir dhualgas agus oibríonn na Comhraiceoirí Dóiteáin agus na hOifigigh Shóisearacha go léir faoin gcóras sealaíochta scoilte 9/15.
- Cuireadh feabhas ar fheasacht agus inniúlacht Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta trí sheoladh na Seisiún Eolais Sábháilteachta ar fheastail Oifigigh Shinsearach agus Shóisearach agus Comhraiceoirí Dóiteáin faoi seach orthu.
- Athbhreithníodh agus nuashonraíodh Ráiteas Sábháilteachta na seirbhíse.
- Cuireadh tionscadal oifig phlean oscailte i gcrích.

- Chomhdhlúthaigh sé seo réimsí teicniúla agus riaracháin na nOibríochtaí, Cosc Dóiteáin agus rannóga Bainistíochta Mórreigeandála i bpríomhfhoirgneamh an Stáisiúin Dóiteáin.
- Cuireadh conarthaí seirbhíse agus cothabhála i bhfeidhm i leith fearais innealtóireachta dóiteáin, caidéal, locar dóiteáin agus crangaidí.
 - Leathnaíodh an clár um pleanáil réamhdhóiteáin chun áitribh atá go mór i mbaoil laistigh de limistéar oibriúcháin na Seirbhíse a chur san áireamh.
 - Leanadh ar an gclár um chothabháil agus uasghrádú an Stáisiúin Dóiteáin le suiteáil coirí nua gáis chun an córas téimh lárnaigh laistigh de phríomhfhoirgneamh an Stáisiúin Dóiteáin a sholáthar.
 - Ceannaíodh trealamh cosanta pearsanta nua le sábháilteacht an phearsanra a fheagraíonn do theagmhais a bhaineann le huisce a fheabhsú.
 - Bunaíodh coiste forbartha le sraith náisiúnta Treoirilínte Buan-Nós Imeachta Oibre (SOGanna) a athbhreithniú agus a chur i bhfeidhm.
 - Fuarthas faomhadh ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil i leith Tancaer Uisce nua a cheannach agus fuarthas agus measúnaíodh tairiscintí i leith dhá Thancaer Uisce a cheannach.
 - Cuireadh comórtas i gcrích le Comhraiceoirí Dóiteáin a earcú.



AG COINNEÁIL NA CATHRACH SLÁN Ó DHÓITEÁIN AGUS AG FREAGAIRT D'ÉIGEANDÁLAÍ

Bainistíocht Móréigeandála

Cumas Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh freagairt do mhóréigeandáil á fheabhsú go leanúnach.

Áirítear iad seo a leanas ar na nithe a baineadh amach in 2010:

- Nuashonrú agus eisiúint Aguisíní an Phlean Móréigeandálaí.
- Cur i gcrích na gcúrsaí oiliúna ar chomhordú ar an láithreán agus ar bhainistíocht eolais araon.
- An fhorbairt ar Phlean Oiliúna Bainistíochta Móréigeandálaí.
- An fhorbairt ar Phlean Gníomhachtúcháin an Lárionaid Chomhordaithe Áitiúil agus soláthar na rochtana do chuairteoirí ó ghníomhaireachtaí eile.
- An fhorbairt ar nós imeachta i leith freagartha ar láthair Móréigeandála le fearas riachtanach lonaid Chomhordaithe ar an láithreán.
- Cur i bhfeidhm rathúil na feidhme freagartha agus comhordaithe den Ghrúpa idirghníomhaireachta Comhordaithe ar an Láithreán (OSG) agus den chóras bainteach bainistíochta eolais le linn na haimsire crua i mí Eanáir, agus ar aghaidh go dtí an chéim athshlánaithe tar éis dheireadh na bagartha.
- Cur i bhfeidhm rathúil na feidhme freagartha agus comhordaithe den Fhoireann Bainistíochta Géarchéime (CMT) agus den chóras bainteach bainistíochta eolais le linn thréimhse an riosca tuile agus ar aghaidh go dtí thréimhse na haimsire crua i mí na Samhna agus na Nollag.
- Baineadh úsáid rathúil as tabhairt isteach córas roinnte eolais agus slógaidh SMS-bhunaithe i gcomhordú ghníomhaíochtaí na Foirne Bainistíochta Géarchéime.

Cosaint Shibhialta

Trí na Seirbhísí Éigeandála agus tríd an Údarás Áitiúil, freagraíonn an Chosaint Shibhialta d'fhóirithint agus do thacaíocht éigeandála chun oibriú na seirbhísí rithábachtacha agus cothabháil an tsaoil phoiblí a chinntiú.

Ar na réimsí a n-oiltear na deonaigh iontu, tá Láimhsíú Sábháilte, an Chéad Fhreagra Cairdiach, Garchabhair Oibre, an Chéad Fhreagra Éigeandála, Modhanna Teagaisc, Cumarsáid Leibhéal 1 agus 2, Seirbhís Chúnta Dóiteáin Bhunúsach, Léamh Léarscáileanna, Córas Suite Domhanda, Oibriú Caidéil, Timpiste Tráchtá Bóthair, Cuardach agus Tarrtháil (Bunúsach), Ceadúnas Rada Farraige an VHF, Teagascóirí Cumarsáide, cadhcáil agus liagóir, – Teastais do Leibhéal 2.

Glacann Cosaint Shibhialta páirt i mórán imeachtaí pobalbhunaithe thart faoin gcathair le linn na bliana freisin.

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COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

Economic Development

The Joint Limerick City/County Economic Development Committee met on a number of occasions in 2010, and oversaw the establishment of the following subgroups and preparation of associated workplans:

- Education and Training
- Tourism
- Enterprise
- Infrastructure Development
- Renewable Energy

November 2010 saw the fulfilment of a priority action for the Joint City/County Economic Development Committee, with the launch of the limerick.ie website. A Website Co-ordinator was appointed to this project in 2010. The project has been funded through the co-operative efforts of agencies represented on Limerick City and County Development Boards and by LEDP Limerick.

The Economic Development Committee was one of four committees nationally who were invited to submit a project under Innovation Funding to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in October, 2010. The project sought funding in respect of Limerick City of Sport 2011.

Pride of Place

The Annual Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards is an initiative of the Local Authority all-island Steering Forum, which recognises the selfless work, being done all over the island of Ireland, by local community and voluntary groups to create caring, viable, vibrant and visible communities. The forum is hosted by Co-operation Ireland, a charity which has been involved in promoting peace-building activities North and South for the past 30 years.

Judging of the Pride of Place (Cities) Competition 2010 took place in July. The groups nominated to take part were:

- Southside Adult Education Network, Childers Road
- Southill Area Centre, O'Malley Park
- The Northside Learning Hub, Killeely
- ALJEFF Treatment Services, Fairgreen
- St. Mary's Park Housing Estate

The All-Island Pride of Place Awards ceremony took place on Saturday 13th November 2010 and all of the above groups were represented. In keeping with the success of previous years for Limerick City entries, The Northside Learning Hub and St. Mary's Park groups both were awarded runner-up prize in their respective categories.



Many Issues
Many Solutions

Limerick City Council
is working hard to
coordinate efforts



clockwise from top left: Comhairle na nÓg, Africa Day & Parents Expo

National Recreation Week

October's National Recreation Week was amongst other things, to highlight the importance of recreation for young people. To mark the initiative the Northside Learning Hub in Kileely ran a 'Haunted Hub' interactive event with children and young people. Limerick City Comhairle na nÓg also ran a creative arts workshop for young people aged between 15 and 20 years.

Celebrating Diversity

The European Commission designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. To mark Social Inclusion Week, Limerick City Council organised a wide range of information and entertainment events for young and old.

The Limerick Integration Working Group (IWG) operates under the Social Inclusion Measures Committees of both Limerick City and County Development Boards. The IWG was established with the aim of bringing together

statutory, community and voluntary bodies to address integration needs of migrant and host communities in Limerick. 2010 saw the launch of 'Integrating Limerick' - Limerick City and County Integration Plan 2010 - 2012. The plan contains a number of actions under five thematic areas aimed at enhancing the lives of all who live and work in Limerick, challenging discrimination where it occurs and celebrating the diversity that is now part of everyday life in the city and county. Following receipt of an invitation, an application for funding was submitted to the Office of the Minister for Integration for the following projects:

- Language Fair
- Intercultural Week
- Strengthening Limerick Interfaith Network
- Ethnic Women's Forum Training

Africa Day

The Community and Enterprise Department facilitated the Irish Aid division of the Department of Foreign Affairs in staging Africa Day at City Hall on 30th May, 2010.

The event was very successful with people of Irish and African backgrounds experiencing African food, music and dance.



Youth

Limerick City Comhairle na n-Óg is a local youth council, which gives young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. Limerick City Development Board, with the support of key partner Limerick Youth Service, is responsible for the delivery of the Comhairle na n-Óg programme as part of implementing the National Children's Strategy at local level.

The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs has urged each Comhairle to increase their focus on decision making structures with a view to understanding the issues which affect them both locally and nationally.

Main activities during the year:

- Participation in Dáil Na n-Óg National Youth Parliament in Croke Park
- Questions and Answers Evening with representatives from state agencies and political representatives
- Creative Arts Workshop
- Liaison with Doras Luimní on One World Week
- Comhairle na n-Óg Annual General Meeting

Community & Voluntary Forum

The fifth Limerick City Community and Voluntary Fair took place at City Hall in September. The colourful event provided an opportunity to experience the changing face of Limerick, affirm existing communities, support regeneration, welcome new communities and let people know what is on offer in the city. It offered an occasion to celebrate the people of Limerick as 'One Community with Many Voices' through music, dance, exhibitions, culture, costumes, performances, sport, fun and great food.

Limerick City Children's Services Committee

Since its inception, the Limerick City Children's Services Committee (CSC), has been directed in its thinking, planning and strategising by the National Agenda for Children's Services and the need to provide effective service coordination for Children's Services in Limerick. The original work plan of the CSC was developed in line with the Limerick Regeneration Agencies' Master Plan.

Work continued during 2010 in relation to the following:

- Development of the Limerick Assessment of Need System (including a Sharing Information System and a Common Assessment Framework, CAF). Training in the CAF was



developed and delivered to over 75 participants. An external project evaluator has been appointed and the evaluation has begun

- Funding has been secured from Atlantic Philanthropies and Limerick Regeneration for the first three strands of the CSC Research Framework project. Fieldwork portion of research has been completed. A draft report should be available early in 2011
- A Restorative Practice Programme sub-group has been formed to develop and implement a pilot programme in Restorative Practice across the health, justice and education sectors
- A consortium was formed to develop an expression of interest for the new National Early Years Access Initiative, to be managed by Pobal. This initiative will fund a maximum of 13 innovative local inter-agency demonstration projects nationwide. In October, 2010 the Consortium was informed that it was successful in the initial round and requested to submit a full application

Limerick City of Learning

Limerick City Development Board reaffirmed its commitment to the City of Learning Framework through the endorsement of a revised committee representative structure. A Lifelong Learning Facilitator has been assigned on a part-time basis to co-ordinate the work of this committee in 2011.

FÁS (EGA) Internship Framework

The need for an Internship Programme arose in response to the layoffs which occurred in the Mid-West Region in 2009 when a major multi-national computer manufacturer decided to close down its manufacturing operations in the region. The need for a flexible training programme to assist persons made redundant to gain new skills through structured work experience in sectors which have current and future employment potential was identified by the Mid-West Task Force. The government secured funds from the European Globalisation Adjustment (EGA) Fund to help employees made redundant in Limerick re-train and re-skill to find new jobs and careers.

The Community and Enterprise Department has co-ordinated the Internship Programme within Limerick City Council. This programme provides a training intervention combining certified training modules in addition to periods of structured workplace learning. Six Interns commenced work placement for a period of six months in December 2010 with a number of additional Interns due to commence in 2011.



opposite page:

Cllr Tom Shortt taking part in cafe style discussion with Comhairle na nÓg Group

Official opening of CARL House on the Ennis Road by Minister for Health Mary Harney TD

this page (clockwise from top left):

Official opening of Southill Area Centre Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Natasha Dundon tries out the new basketball court at the launch of the Limerick Southside RAPID Programme

Intercultural Week arts & crafts workshop at The Hunt Museum

Mayor of Limerick welcomes six former Dell workers who began their internship programme with Limerick City Council.

'Men's Shed Southill' group with visiting instructor Tim Lee (front) of Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, Washington, at the AK Ilen Wooden Boat Building School, LEDP Roxboro

Limerick City Childcare Committee

In 2010, Limerick City Childcare Committee were funded through the National Childcare Investment Programme, which involved co-ordinating a variety of actions under the following headings:

- Local Implementation of the National Childcare Investment Programme, which involved the implementation of:
 - Support to Parent and Toddler Groups
 - Support to the Childminding Sector
 - A training grant scheme
 - Community Childcare Subvention Scheme, available through Community Based Childcare services to parents availing of certain social welfare payments, a GP card or medical card
- Local Implementation of ECCE, including:
 - Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme, also known as the Free Preschool Year
 - Childcare Education and Training Scheme, which replaced payments made by FÁS and the VEC to parents to access childcare while availing of full time training
 - Supporting the implementation of Síolta
 - Supporting the Limerick Northside Síolta Network
- Supporting the national objective of developing quality childcare including:
 - Professional Development
 - May Day Training
 - School Age Childcare Professional Development
 - Providers Networks
 - Employers HR support
 - Men in Childcare Network
- Supporting Parents in Accessing Quality Childcare including:
 - Organising and supporting parents networks
 - Parents newsletter
 - Support parents to understand the value of reading to and with children
- Developing our own effectiveness and standards as a service provider including:
 - Publication of LCCC newsletter
 - Promotion of LCCC Resource Library
 - Improving committee and staff effectiveness
- Participating on City level structures to ensure integration of childcare issues in cross cutting policy areas including:
 - Identifying gaps in educational opportunities for Level 6-8 for full time staff
 - Collaborative networks
 - Social Inclusion measures
- Implementation of Framework for Action and Development of Certificate of Inclusive practice in Early Years in partnership with Mary Immaculate College.

In 2010, there were a number of very successful actions which are outlined below:

1. **Parents Expo:** on 9th October 2010, LCCC held an event for Parents in Thomond Park Stadium to support networking and accessing information. 35 information stands were available with information ranging from childcare, to public health nurses, to parent support programme, first aid, family resource centres, Limerick City and County Sports Partnerships, children's resources, City Enterprise Board etc. Workshops were made available on Parents in enterprise, getting children active, first aid information and stress management. There were also children's activities including facepainting and storytelling to ensure that the event was accessible to all parents, and an interpreter was available for a group of parents with hearing difficulties. 150 parents and children attended the event, and evaluations showed that there was a large interest in such an event taking place on an annual basis.
2. **School Age Childcare:** A School Age Childcare Conference was held in November. The focus of the conference was to support and encourage the inclusion of school age children in the decision making and planning processes within their services. This was attended by 60 participants which included a mixture of both practitioners and students, and each participant received a selection of resources relating to each workshop.
3. **Once Upon a Time: Learning Together:** Limerick City Childcare Committee, Limerick City Library and Limerick City Adult Education Services, VEC, collaborated to produce a resource for parents to support early literacy and numeracy with children. This includes simple examples of how everyday activities can be used to support parents to engage with their children and make learning fun for both, breaking down barriers to early education. This was launched to parents at the Parents Expo and childcare providers at storytelling sessions in LCCC library.
4. **National Early Years Access Initiative:** Limerick City Childcare Committee worked collaboratively with Limerick City CSC, PAUL Partnership, SIE, and Mary Immaculate College to submit an application to the NEYAI. This proved to be a very positive exercise in collaboration highlighting a variety of needs for children, parents and services which will hopefully lead to additional collaboration in the future.
5. **Relationship with Síolta Co-ordinators:** LCCC staff built very positive relationships with the Síolta Co-ordinator working in the area, which has led to potentially applying a more strategic approach to planning around the needs of services relating to Síolta in the future.
6. **Training Grant Scheme:** 14 applicants applied to the Training Grant scheme in 2010 which was a 100% increase on 2009 figures. The applications for the scheme ranged from FETAC level 5 to Level 8 distance learning with NUI Galway. Total approved €6000.



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Forbairt Gheilleagrach

Lean Comhchoiste Forbartha Geilleagraí Chathair/Chontae Luimnigh dá chuid oibre in 2010. Cuireadh an coiste seo ar bun in 2009 tar éis fhoilsiú na moltaí ó Thuarascáil Indecon in 2008 agus tar éis fháil na dTreoirínte ar bhunú na gCoistí Forbartha Geilleagraí ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Bhuaill an Coiste le chéile ar roinnt ócáidí in 2010, rinne sé maoirseacht ar bhunú na bhfoghruip a leanas agus ar ullmhú pleananna oibre bainteacha:

- Oideachas agus Oiliúint
- Turasóireacht
- Fiontar
- Forbairt Bonneagair
- Fuinneamh In-athnuaite

Comhlíonadh gníomhaíocht ardtosaíochta Chomhchoiste Forbartha Geilleagraí na Cathrach/an Chontae i mí na Samhna 2010, i.e. seoladh an láithreáin ghréasáin limerick.ie. Ceapadh Comhordaitheoir Láithreán Gréasáin don tionscadal seo in 2010. Tá an tionscadal á mhaoiniú ag iarrachtaí comhoibríocha na ngníomhaireachtaí a ionadaítear ar Bhoird Forbartha Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh agus ag Comhpháirtíocht Fhorbairt Fiontar Luimnigh.

Bhí an Coiste Forbartha Geilleagraí ar cheann de na ceithre Choiste sa tír ar iarradh orthu tionscadal faoi Chistiú Nuálaíochta a chur faoi bhráid na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2010. D'iarr an tionscadal ar chistiú i leith Chathair Luimnigh na Spórt 2011.

Mórtas Ceantair

Is éard atá sna Dámhachtainí Bliantúla Mórtas Ceantair de chuid Co-operation Ireland ná tionscnamh Fóram Stiúrtha uile-Éireann an Údarais Áitiúil. Aithníonn siad an obair neamhleithleach atá á déanamh ar fud oileán na hÉireann ag grúpaí pobail áitiúil agus deonacha chun pobail chomhbhácha, inmharthana, bheoga agus shofheicthe a chruthú. Tá an fóram á óstáil ag Co-operation Ireland. Is carthanas é seo a bhfuil baint aige le cur chun cinn gníomhaíochtaí um chothú síochána ó Thuaidh agus ó Dheas le tríocha bliain anuas.

Reáchtáladh moltóireacht ar Chomórtas Mórtas Ceantair (Cathracha) 2010 i mí Iúil. Ar na grúpaí a ceapadh chun páirt a ghlacadh ann, bhí:

- Gréasán Oideachais Aosaigh an Deiscirt, Bóthar Childers.
- Ionad Cheantar an Chnoic Theas, Páirc Uí Mháille
- Lárionad Foghlama an Tuaiscirt, Cill Liaile
- Seirbhísí Cóireála ALJEFF, Faiche an Aonaigh
- Eastát Tithíochta Pháirc Mhuire

Cuireadh searmanas Dhámhachtainí Mórtas Ceantair Uile-Éireann ar siúl ar an Satharn 13 Samhain 2010 agus rinneadh ionadaíocht do na grúpaí go léir thuasluaite. Ag leanúint de rath iontrálacha Chathair Luimnigh sna blianta roimhe sin, bronnadh dámhachtainí don dara háit ina gcatagóirí faoi seach do ghrúpa Lárionaid Foghlama an Tuaiscirt agus do ghrúpa Pháirc Mhuire.

above: Pop Award Northside Learning Hub



Community CoOrdinator Initiatives:

Environmental Event March,
Sexton Street

Pike Avenue clean-up

Children's traffic club

Active Citizenship Initiative



Seachtain Náisiúnta um Chaitheamh Aimsire

Ar aidhmeanna Sheachtain Náisiúnta um Caitheamh Aimsire a bhí ar siúl mí Dheireadh Fómhair, bhí béim a leagan ar thábhacht caitheamh aimsire i measc daoine óga. Leis an tionscnamh seo a shonrú, reáchtáil Láirionad Foghlama an Tuaiscirt i gCill Liaile 'Láirionad Siúil', imeacht idirghníomhach le leanaí agus leis an aos óg. Reáchtáil Comhairle na nÓg de Chathair Luimnigh ceardlann ealaíon cruthaitheach do dhaoine óga idir 15 bliana agus 20 bliain d'aois.

Ilchineálacht á Ceiliúradh

D'ainmnigh an Coimisiún Eorpach 2010 mar Bhliain na hEorpa um Dhul i nGleic le Bochtaineacht agus le hEisiaimh Sóisialta. Le Seachtain um Chuimsiú Sóisialta a shonrú, d'eagraigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh réimse leathan imeachtaí eolais agus siamsaíochta do chách.

Feidhmíonn Grúpa Oibríthe Lánpháirtíochta Luimnigh (IWG) faoi na Coistí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta i mBoird Forbartha Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh. Bunaíodh IWG leis an aidhm comhlachtaí reachtúla, pobail agus deonacha

a thabhairt le chéile chun dul i ngleic le riachtanais lánpháirtíochta na bpobal imirceach agus óstaigh i Luimneach. Seoladh 'Integrating Limerick' in 2010. Plean Lánpháirtíochta 2010-2012 do Chathair agus do Chontae Luimnigh é seo. Is éard atá sa Plean roinnt gníomhaíochtaí faoi 5 réimse théamacha, dírithe ar shaol na ndaoine go léir a chónaíonn agus a oibríonn i Luimneach a fheabhsú, ar dhul i ngleic le hidirdhealú mar a dtarlaíonn sé agus ar ilchineálacht a cheiliúradh, ilchineálacht atá ina cuid lárnach de ghnáthshaol na cathrach agus an chontae anois. Tar éis cuireadh a fháil, cuireadh iarratas ar mhaoiniú faoi bhráid Oifig an Aire Lánpháirtíochta i leith na dtionscadal seo a leanas:

- Aonach Teanga
- Seachtain Idirchultúir
- Gréasán Idirchreidimh Luimnigh á Nearthú
- Oiliúint Fhóram na mBan Eitneach

Lá na hAfraice

D'éascaigh an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontraíochta rannóg Chúnaimh Éireann de chuid na Roinne Gnóthaí Eachtracha i Lá na hAfraice a eagrú ag Halla na Cathrach ar an 30 Bealtaine 2010. Imeacht an-rathúil a bhí anseo ina raibh daoine a bhfuil cúlraí Éireannacha agus Afracacha acu ag baint taitnimh as bia, ceol agus damhsa na hAfraice.

An Óige

Is comhairle óige áitiúil í Comhairle na nÓg de Chathair Luimnigh a thugann an deis do dhaoine óga baint a bheith acu le forbairt na seirbhísí áitiúla agus na mbeartas áitiúil. Tá Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh, le tacaíocht óna chomhpháirtí tábhachtach, Seirbhís Óige Luimnigh, freagrach as seachadadh chlár Chomhairle na nÓg mar chuid de chur i bhfeidhm na Straitéise Náisiúnta Leanaí ag an leibhéal áitiúil.

Mhol Oifig an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige do na Comhairlí go léir a gcuid béime ar struchtúir chinnteoireachta a mhéadú, d'fhoill tuiscint a fháil ar na saincheistanna a chuireann isteach orthu go háitiúil agus go náisiúnta araon.

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

- Rannpháirtíocht i nDáil na nÓg – Parlaimint Náisiúnta don Óige i bPáirc an Chrócaigh
- Seisiún Tráthnóna Ceistanna agus Freagraí le hionadaithe ó ghníomhaireachtaí stáit agus le hionadaithe polaitíochta
- Ceardlann na nEalaíon Cruthaitheach
- Idirchaidreamh le Doras Luimní ar Sheachtain Aon-Domhain
- Cruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil Chomhairle na nÓg

Fóram Deonach & Pobail

Cuireadh an cúigiú Aonach Pobail agus Deonach de chuid Chathair Luimnigh ar siúl ag Halla na Cathrach i mí Mheán Fhómhair. Sholáthar an imeacht corraitheach seo an deis íomhá athraithe Luimnigh a fheiceáil, pobail atá ann a dhaingniú, tacú le hathghiniúint, fáilte a chur roimh phobail nua agus gach a bhfuil ar fáil sa chathair a chur in iúl do dhaoine. Thairg sé ócáid arbh fhéidir muintir Luimnigh a cheiliúradh mar Phobal Amháin le Mórán Guthanna inti trí cheol, damhsa, taispeántais, cultúr, feistis, léirithe, spórt, spraoi agus trí bhia den chéad scoth.

Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh

Ó cuireadh ar bun é, bhí Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí (CSC) Chathair Luimnigh á dhíriú ag an gClár Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Leanaí ina smainteoireacht, ina phleanáil agus ina straitéisí ar an ngá le comhordú éifeachtach do Sheirbhísí Leanaí a chur ar fáil i Luimneach. Forbraíodh bunphlean oibre an CSC ar aon dul le Máistirphlean Ghníomhaireachtaí Athghiniúna Luimnigh.

Leanadh den obair le linn 2010 i ndáil leis na nithe seo a leanas:

- Forbairt ar Chóras Measúnaithe Riachtanais Luimnigh (lena n-áirítear Córas Roinnte Eolais agus Comhchreat Measúnaithe). Forbraíodh oiliúint sa Chomhchreat Measúnaithe agus cuireadh ar fáil í do bhreis agus 75 rannpháirtí. Ceapadh meastóir seachtrach tionscadal agus tá an measúnú ar siúl.

- Fuarthas maoiniú ó Atlantic Philanthropies agus Athghiniúint Luimnigh do na chéad trí chéimeanna de thionscadal Chreat Taighde an Choiste Seirbhísí Leanaí. Tá an chuid oibre allamuigh curtha i gcrích. Ba cheart go mbeadh dréachtphlean ar fáil go luath in 2011.
- Cuireadh foghrúpa an Chláir um Chleachtadh Aisíroch ar bun le triailchlár um Chleachtadh Aisíroch a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm sna hearnálacha sláinte, ceartais agus oideachais.
- Cruthaíodh cuibhreannas, a bheidh á stiúradh ag Pobal, le léiriú spéise don Tionscnamh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta a fhorbairt. Maoineoidh an tionscnamh seo 13 thionscadal áitiúla nuálacha taispeána idirghníomhaireachta ar a mhéad ar fud na tíre. Cuireadh in iúl don Chuibhreannas gur éirigh leis sa bhabhta deireanach i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2010 agus iarradh air iarratas iomlán a chur isteach.

Cathair Léinn Luimnigh

In 2010, d'athdhaingnigh Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh a thiomantas do Chreat na Cathrach Léinn tar éis dó tacú le struchtúr athbhreithnithe ionadaíoch coiste. Ceapadh Éascaitheoir don Fhoghlaim ar Feadh an tSaoil ar bhonn páirtaimseartha le hobair an choiste seo a chomhordú in 2011.

Creat Intéirneachta FÁS (EGA)

Tháinig an gá le Clár Intéirneachta chun cinn mar fhreagairt ar na leaganacha as foirne a tharla i Réigiún an Mheán-larthair in 2009 nuair a shocraigh monaróir mór ilnáisiúntach ríomhairí a oibríochtaí monaraíochta a dhruidim sa réigiún. D'aithin Tascfhórsa an Mheán-larthair an gá le clár oiliúna solúbtha a chuideodh le daoine a ndearnadh iomarcaíocht orthu scileanna nua a ghnóthú trí thaithí oibre struchtúrtha in earnálacha a bhfuil acmhainneacht fostaíochta acu faoi láthair nó a mbeadh an acmhainneacht seo acu sa todhchaí. Fuair an rialtas cistí ón gCiste Eorpach um Choigeartú don Domhandú (EGA) chun cuidiú le fostaithe a ndearnadh iomarcaíocht orthu i Luimneach athoiliúint agus scileanna nua a ghnóthú chun poist agus gairmeacha nua a fháil.

Chomhordaigh an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontraíochta an Clár Intéirneachta laistigh de Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Soláthraíonn an Clár seo ionchur oiliúna a chomhcheanglaíonn modúil dheimhnithe oiliúna, comh maith le tréimhsí struchtúrtha foghlama sa láthair oibre. I mí na Nollag 2010, chuir seisear Intéirneach tús le socrúchán oibre ar feadh tréimhse sé mhí, agus tá líon Intéirneach sa bhreis le tosú in 2011.

Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh

Bhí Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh (LCCC) á maciú ag an gClár Náisiúnta Infheistíochta sa Chúram Leanaí in 2010. Mar gheall ar an gClár seo, chomhordaigh an Coiste réimse gníomhaíochtaí faoi na teidil seo a leanas:

- Cur i bhfeidhm áitiúil an Chláir Náisiúnta Infheistíochta sa Chúram Leanaí, rud a bhain le cur i bhfeidhm iad seo a leanas
 - Tacaíocht do Ghrúpaí Tuismitheoirí agus Mamailíneach
 - Tacaíocht don earnáil Chúram Leanaí
 - Scéim deontas oiliúna
 - Scéim Fóirdheontais um Chúram Leanaí Pobail, atá ar fáil trí sheirbhísí Cúram Leanaí Pobalbhunaithe do thuismitheoirí ag baint úsáid as íocaíochtaí leasa shóisialaigh áirithe, as cárta dochtúra ghinearálta nó as cárta leighis
- Cur i bhfeidhm áitiúil Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige, lena n-áirítear:
 - An Scéim um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige, nó mar is fearr aithne, an Bhliain Shaor Réamhscoile
 - An Scéim Oideachais agus Oiliúna um Chúram Leanaí, a tháinig isteach in áit íocaíochtaí a bhí tugtha ag FÁS agus ag an gCoiste Gairmoideachais do thuismitheoirí chun rochtain a fháil ar chúram leanaí le linn dóibh oiliúint lánaimseartha a fháil.
 - Tacú le Sólta a chur i bhfeidhm
 - Tacú le Gréasán Luimnigh Thuaidh Shíolta
- Tacú leis an gcuispóir náisiúnta ar Cúram Leanaí Ardchaighdeán a Fhorbairt, lena n-áirítear:
 - Forbairt Ghairmiúil
 - Oiliúint May Day
 - Forbairt Ghairmiúil Chúram Leanaí ar Aois Scoile
 - Líonraí Soláthraithe
 - Tacaíocht Acmhainní Daonna d'Fhostóirí
 - Fir sa Líonra Cúram Leanaí
- Tuismitheoirí a Thacú maidir le Rochtain a Fháil ar Chúram Leanaí Ardchaighdeán, lena n-áirítear:
 - Líonraí Tuismitheoirí a Eagrú agus a Thacú
 - Nuachtlitir Tuismitheoirí
 - Tacú le tuismitheoirí an luach a bhaineann le léamh do leanaí agus leo a thuiscint
- Ár n-éifeachtacht agus ár gcaighdeán féin mar sholáthraí seirbhíse a fhorbairt, lena n-áirítear:
 - Foilsiú Nuachtlitir LCCC
 - Cur Chun Cinn Leabharlann Acmhainní LCCC
 - Feabhsú Éifeachtúlacht Coiste agus Foirne.
- Páirt a ghlacadh i struchtúir ag leibhéal na cathrach le comhtháthú saincheistanna a bhaineann le cúram leanaí i réimsí leithne beartas, lena n-áirítear:
 - Aithint na n-easnamh i ndeiseanna oideachais i leith Leibhéal 6-8 do bhaill lánaimseartha den fhoireann
 - Gréasáin Chomhoibritheacha
 - Bearta Cuimsithe Shóisialta

- Cur i bhfeidhm an Chreata um Ghníomhaíocht agus Forbairt an Teastais ar Chleachtas Uileghabhálach sna Luathbhlianta, i gcomhpháirtíocht le Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál.

Leagtar amach thíos roinnt gníomhaíochtaí rathúla a tugadh fúthu in 2010:

1. **Aonad Trádála do Thuismitheoirí:** Reáchtáil an LCCC ócáid do thuismitheoirí i staidiam Pháirc Thuamhan ar an 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2010 chun tacú le líonrú agus le rochtain ar fhaisnéis. Bhí 35 seastán eolais ar fáil le heolas ar na topaicí seo a leanas: Cúram Leanaí, Altraí Sláinte Phoiblí, Clár Tacaíochta Tuismitheoirí, Garchabhair, Ionaid Acmhainní do Theaghlach, Comhpháirtíochtaí Spóirt Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh, acmhainní do leanaí, Bord Fiontar Cathrach, srl. Cuireadh ceardlanna ar fáil ar Thuismitheoirí i bhFiontraíocht, Leanaí a Dhéanamh Gníomhach, Eolas ar Gharchabhair agus Bainistíocht Struis. Ar na gníomhaíochtaí do leanaí a cuireadh ar fáil, bhí péinteáil aghaidhe agus scéalaíocht le cinntiú go raibh an ócáid inrochtana do na tuismitheoirí go léir, agus soláthraíodh ateangaire do ghrúpa tuismitheoirí a bhfuil fadhbanna éisteachta acu. D'fhreastail 150 duine ar an ócáid, idir thuismitheoirí agus leanaí, agus léiríodh sna meastóireachtaí go raibh an-suim in eagrú ócáide den chineál seo ar bhonn bliantúil.
2. **Cúram Leanaí ar Aois Scoile:** Reáchtáladh Comhdháil Cúram Leanaí ar Aois Scoile ar an 13 Samhain 2010. Ba é ab aidhm don Chomhdháil tacaíocht agus spreagadh a thabhairt do chuimsiú leanaí ar aois scoile sna próisis chinnteoireachta agus phleanála laistigh dá seirbhísí. D'fhreastail 60 rannpháirtí ar an gComhdháil, idir chleachtóirí agus scoláirí, agus fuair na rannpháirtithe go léir roinnt acmhainní a bhaineann leis an gceardlann. Bhí rogha ann páirt a ghlacadh in dhá cheardlann as ocht gcinn acu.
3. **Fadó fadó: Ag Foghlaim Le Chéile:** D'oibrigh Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh, Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh agus Seirbhísí Oideachas Aosaigh Chathair Luimnigh agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais le chéile chun acmhainn do thuismitheoirí a tháirgeadh a thacaíonn le luathlitearthacht agus luathuimhearthacht i bpáistí. Cuirtear san áireamh anseo samplaí ar an dóigh a bhféadtar gnáthimeachtaí lae a úsáid chun tacú le tuismitheoirí dul i dteagmháil lena bpáistí agus spraoi a chur leis an bhfoghlaim, rudaí a chabhraíonn le luathoideachas. Seoladh é seo do thuismitheoirí ag an Aonach Trádála do Thuismitheoirí agus do sholáthraithe cúram leanaí ag seisiúin scéalaíochta i leabharlann LCCC.



left: Roches Street Traders
right: Chamber Ireland Awards
below: Mario's Gelato Store, George's Quay



4. **Tionscnamh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta:** D'oibrigh Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh i gcomhar le Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh, le Comhpháirtíocht PAUL, leis an SIE agus le Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál chun iarratas a chur faoi bhráid an Tionscnaimh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta. Cleachtadh iontach dearfach i gcomhoibriú a bhí anseo, ag leagan béime ar éagsúlacht riachtanas do leanaí, do thuismitheoirí agus do sheirbhísí. Táthar ag súil go mbeidh tuilleadh comhoibrithe ann sa todhchaí de bhar an chleachtaidh seo.

5. **Comhchaidreamh le Comhordaitheoirí Síolta:** Thóg foireann Choiste Chúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh caidrimh an-dearfach le Comhordaitheoirí Síolta a bhí ag obair sa cheantar in 2010. Mar gheall air seo, is féidir cur chuige níos straitéisí a chur i bhfeidhm i leith pleanála ar riachtanais na seirbhísí atá bainteach le Síolta san am atá le teacht.
6. **Scéim Deontas Oiliúna:** Chuir 14 iarratasóir isteach ar an Scéim Deontas Oiliúna in 2010. Sheas sé seo do mhéadú 100% ar fhiigiúirí 2009. Cuireadh iarratais isteach ar an scéim ó leibhéal 5 FETAC go Cianfhoghlaím leibhéal 8 le hOllscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh. B'ionann an méid iomlán a ceadáíodh agus €6,000.

PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION

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Joe Molloy in the People's Park

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

The Parks Department continued to maintain 380 acres of greens and open spaces in Limerick including grass cutting, verge cutting, litter picking and weed control, improving city parks and floral displays which increase our city's popularity as a place to live in, visit and invest.

Parks & Green Spaces

- Limerick City Council voted to update the parks bylaws following a public consultation period
- A new play area was created in Clare Street Park through the installation of a new piece of equipment
- The May Music in the Parks brought a variety of music and bands to the People's Park and Arthur's Quay Park over four Saturdays

Four successful family days were held including a Halloween Hunt, Christmas Treasure Hunt, Christmas Puppet Show and a Christmas present making day where members of the public got an opportunity to plant and take home a Christmas hyacinth.

- Parks staff and other sections initiated a winter bird feeding programme during the severe frost
- Park Rangers received a talk on birds in the park and bird boxes were installed in the trees to encourage bird nesting
- Planting also featured as part of the event and three beds were planted as 'growing food'

Floral Displays

- The Parks Department received a record number of compliments on their spring and summer flower displays throughout the city particularly for the new flower tiers displayed throughout the summer on O'Connell Street, Bedford Row and Thomas Street
- The Bridges in Bloom project was expanded and additional flower baskets were provided in Cruises Street and the Market Quarter
- The daffodil planting programme continued in Caherdavin, Arthur's Quay Park and Garryglass

Trees

- Tree planting took place in Georgian Village, Corbally and Shelbourne Park
- Pruning took place in Carey's Road, Merville Drive, Corbally and Casement Avenue as part of the annual tree maintenance programme

Safety

A new personal alarm device system was piloted in the parks

Greening the Parks Project

The Parks Department started a Local Authority Prevention Demonstration project pilot in 2010 which includes rainwater harvesting, composting and using biodegradable pots in the Nursery

responsive and effective
maintenance and
management of our
city's burial grounds



back (l-r): John Hayes and Flan Haskett
front (l-r): Patrick O'Grady and Mick Wilson

Cemeteries

In 2010 an exciting historical initiative was launched in Mount Saint Lawrence - the Mount Saint Lawrence interpretative heritage panels. Ten stone hand carved panels in Irish and English now line the main path into the cemetery explaining the history of the graveyard and highlighting features of interest including graves of prominent Limerick people. An explanatory leaflet is also available.

Maintenance and enhancement works were carried out throughout the year including maintenance of pathways, removal of refuse, weed control and grass cutting.

Burials

- Mount Saint Oliver	190
- Mount Saint Lawrence Extension	69
- Mount Saint Lawrence	82

Sport and Recreation

Municipal Golf Course

Following redevelopment and upgrade works to Rathbane Municipal Golf Course, the course was re-opened by the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Kevin Kiely in June 2010. The redevelopment works included construction of 25 new bunkers, rebuilding of tee boxes incorporating a new irrigation system, construction of a short game facility including a chipping and new putting green, realignment of the 9th hole to incorporate a lake and new practice greens.

Great Limerick Run

The streets of Limerick were filled with runners, joggers and walkers from far and wide for the first Great Limerick Run in May of 2010. Some 6,000 participants took part and had a choice between doing a full marathon, a half marathon or a 10 km run or walk. The route was carefully designed to incorporate the many sporting and historic highpoints in Limerick including the city centre Georgian architecture, the world famous University of Limerick, King Johns Castle, The Treaty Stone and Thomond Park. The Community and Enterprise Department facilitated the co-ordination of Limerick City Council's public service support for this highly successful event.

Skateboard Park

Two new CCTV cameras which monitor the Steamboat Quay Skatepark and the surrounding area were installed and have been fully operational since August 2010. The cameras are compatible with the existing Garda CCTV system and are linked directly to Henry Street Garda Station. The installation of the CCTV facilitates the safer enjoyment of the skatepark and complements patrols by the Gardaí, the City Council's Park Rangers and Environmental Inspectors of the waterfront areas.



European Mobility Week

'Travel Smarter Live Better' was the theme of 2010 European Mobility Week (EMW). To celebrate EMW, the Community & Enterprise Department organised a series of free events over the week, aimed at assisting people to increase their physical activity by walking or cycling culminating with on-street family entertainment and a fitness and health exhibition at Bedford Row on the final day.

Special Olympics Ireland

Approximately 1,900 Special Olympics athletes participated in the four day residential games, held in Thomond Park and other venues across the city and county. The Community and Enterprise Department provided financial and other support.

Skyfest

The National Lottery Skyfest lit up the skies over our majestic treaty city in March - King John's Castle provided the backdrop for the main fireworks display, as part of the national St. Patrick's Festival celebrations.

Limerick: European City of Sport

In June a delegation from The European Capital Cities of Sport Association (ACES) designated Limerick as a European City of Sport – one of seven cities throughout Europe which will be Cities of Sport in 2011. The formal presentation of the award was made to the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Maria Byrne at a ceremony in Brussels in November 2010.

The designation provides a significant opportunity for the city to;

- Attract more visitors
- Attract more sports events
- Secure more conferences
- Enhance the image of the city
- Employ sport as a key tool for regeneration and social inclusion
- Create major new sporting products for the city
- Create a positive lasting sporting legacy for the city

Designation of Limerick as a City of Sport was achieved through the successful collaborative efforts of Limerick City Council and Shannon Development.

Limerick Sports and Recreation Action Plan

Limerick City Council and Limerick City Sports Partnership developed a plan which details in one document, the proposed activities which will be carried out by both organisations for the period 2010 to 2012.

The Plan is focused on the following three key areas;

- Facilities
- Communication and Information
- Participation and Social Inclusion

above left: Cyclist Mark Dempsey giving Deirdre Crowe, Limerick City Council, some tips during European Mobility Week

above right: Teddy Bear's Picnic, People's Park

above: May Music in the Park lunchtime concerts

PÁIRCEANNA, SPÓRT & CAITHEAMH AIMSIRE

Limistéir choiteann chathrach Luimnigh a athrú agus áiteanna dea-dheatha a chruthú don phobal.

BUAICPHOINTÍ 2010

Rannóg na Bpáirceanna

Lean Rannóg na bPáirceanna dá cothabháil ar 380 acra a chuimsíonn plásóga agus spáis oscailte i Luimneach, rud a chuir bearradh féir, bearradh ciúmhaise, piocadh bruscair agus sránadh fiailí san áireamh, agus a chuir feabhas ar pháirceanna cathrach agus ar thaispeántais bhláthacha a mhéadaíonn an t-éileamh ar ár gcathair mar áit a bhféadann daoine cuairt a thabhairt air agus cónaí agus infheistiú ann.

Páirceanna agus Spáis Ghlasa

- Vótáil Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh fodhlíthe na bpáirceanna a leasú chun dáta tar éis tréimhse chomhairliúcháin phoiblí
- Cruthaíodh áit súgartha nua i bPáirc Shráid an Chláir trí phíos nua trealaimh a shuiteáil
- Thug Ceol sa Pháirc um Bealtaine éagsúlacht ceoil agus bannaí do Pháirc an Phobail agus do Pháirc Ché Artúir thar cheithre Shatharn

Ar na himeachtaí a cuireadh ar siúl le linn ceithre lá rathúla do theaghligh, bhí Tóraíocht Oíche Shamhna, Tóraíocht Taisce na Nollag, Dráma Puipéad na Nollag agus lá déanta bronnantas na Nollag ina bhfuair baill den phobal an deis hiasaint Nollag a chur agus a thabhairt abhaile leo.

- Chuir foireann na bpáirceanna agus rannóga eile tús le clár cothaithe éan an gheimhridh le linn an tseaca chrua
- Tugadh caint do Mhaorí Pháirceanna ar éin sa pháirc agus suiteáladh boscaí d'éin sna crainn chun neadú éan a spreagadh
- Cuid de e v+ a ba ea cur plandaí agus cuireadh trí cheapach mar 'bhia fáis'

Taispeántais Bhláthacha

- Fuair Rannóg na bPáirceanna an líon is mó moltaí riamh maidir lena dtaispeántais bhláthacha san earrach agus sa samhradh ar fud na cathrach, go háirithe na sraitheanna nua bláthanna a bhí á dtaispeáint i rith an tsamhraidh i Sráid Uí Chonaill, i Rae Bedford agus i Sráid Thomáis
- Leathnaíodh an tionscadal 'Droichid faoi Bhláth' agus cuireadh tuilleadh ciseáin bhláthanna ar fáil i Sráid Cruises agus i gCeathrú an Mhargaidh
- Leanadh den chlár cuir lusanna an chromchinn i gCathair Dháibhín, i bPáirc Ché Artúir agus sa Gharraí Glas

Crainn

- Cuireadh cur crann ar siúl i Sráidbhaile na Seoirseach, sa Chorrbaile agus i bPáirc Shíol Bhroin
- Cuireadh prúnáil ar siúl ar Bhóthar Uí Chiardha, i gCéide Melville sa Chorrbaile agus in Ascaill Mhic Asmaint, mar chuid den Chlár bliantúil Cothabhála Crann

Sábháilteacht

Treoraíodh córas nua gaireas aláirim phearsanta sna páirceanna

Tionscadal Glasaithe na bPáirceanna

Chuir Rannóg na bPáirceanna tús le tionscadal treorach um Thaispeántas Coisc an Údaráis Áitiúil in 2010, tionscadal a fholáionn bailiú báistí, múiríní agus úsáid potaí in-bhith-dhíghrádaithe sa Phlandlann.



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na cathrach

above right: Children's playpark, the People's Park

above left: Rathbane Municipal Golf Course

above: Sarsfield Bridge in bloom

left: Conor Hayes of Clarina Estate at the Skateboard
Park, Steamboat Quay

Reiligi

Seoladh tionscnamh corraitheach staire i gCnocán San Labhrás in 2010 – is é sin painéil oidhreacht léirmhínte Chnocán San Labhrás. Líneáiltear an príomhchosán isteach sa reilig le deich bpainéal cloiche lámhshnoite i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla anois. Míníonn siad stair na reilige agus leagann siad béim ar ghnéithe inspéise, amhail uaigheanna daoine tábhachtacha ó Luimneach. Tá dáileán mínitheach ar fáil freisin.

Ar na hoibreacha cothabhála agus feabhsúcháin ar tugadh fúthu le linn na bliana bhí cothabháil cosán, tógáil bruscair, smachtú fiailí agus baint féir.

Adhlacthaí

- Cnocán San Oilibhéar:	190
- Síneadh Chnocán San Labhrás:	69
- Cnocán San Labhrás:	82

Spórt agus Caitheamh Aimsire

Galfchúrsa na Cathrach

Tar éis oibreacha athfhorbartha agus uasghrádaithe ar Ghalffchúrsa Cathrach na Rátha Báine, d'athoscail Méara Luimnigh, an Comh. Kevin Kiely an cúrsa i mí an Mheithimh, 2010. I measc na n-oibreacha athfhorbartha, bhí tógáil 25 gaiste gainimh nua, atógáil na dtí-bhoscaí chun córas nua uisciúcháin a chur san áireamh, tógáil áis ghearr-imeartha chun plásóg amais agus plásóg smitín a chur isteach, athailíniú an 9ú poll chun plásóga cleachtaidh nua agus loch a ionchorprú.

Mór-Rith Luimnigh

Bhí sráideanna Luimnigh dubh le reathaithe, le bogshodairí agus le siúlóirí ó i gcéin is i gcógar le haghaidh na chéad imeachta de Mhór-Rith Luimnigh i mí na Bealtaine 2010. Ghlac thart faoi 6,000 rannpháirtí páirt inti agus bhí rogha acu idir maratón iomlán, leathmharatón nó rith nó siúlóid 10 km a dhéanamh. Pleanáladh an bealach go cúramach chun mórán buaicphointí spóirt agus staire i Luimneach a ionchorprú, lena áiríodh ailtireacht Sheoirseach lár na cathrach, Ollscoil Luimnigh atá cáiliúil ar fud an domhain, Caisleán Luimnigh, Cloch an Chonartha agus Páirc Thuamhan. D'éascaigh an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontraíochta comhordú na tacaíochta seirbhíse poiblí ó Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar mhaithe leis an imeacht an-rathúil seo.

Clós do Chláir Scátála

Suiteáladh dhá cheamara slándála CCTV nua a dhéanann faireachán ar Chlós Scátála Ché na nGalbhád agus ar an gceantar máguaird agus tá siad ar siúl go hiomlán ón 31 Lúnasa 2010. Tá na ceamaraí comhoiriúnach le córas reatha CCTV na nGardaí agus tá siad ceangailte go díreach le Stáisiún Gardaí Shráid Anraí. Éascaíonn suiteáil na n-áiseanna CCTV taitneamh níos sláine an Chlóis Scátála agus comhlánaíonn sí patróil na nGardaí, patróil Mhaoir Pháirce na Comhairle Cathrach agus patróil na gCigirí Comhshaoil ar na limistéir éadan uisce.

Seachtain Soghluaisteachta na hEorpa

Ba é téama Sheachtain Soghluaisteachta na hEorpa 2010 (EMW) ná 'Taisteal Níos Cliste Mair Níos Fearr'. Le Seachtain Soghluaisteachta na hEorpa a chomóradh, d'eagraigh an Roinn Pobail agus Fiontraíochta sraith imeachtaí saora ar fud na seachtaine. Ba é ab aidhm di cuidiú a thabhairt do dhaoine lena ngníomhaíocht choirp a mhéadú trí shiúl nó rothaíocht. Cuireadh deireadh leis na himeachtaí le siamsaíocht teaghlaigh ar an tsráid agus taispeántas sláinte agus aclaíochta i Rae Bedford ar an lá deireanach.

Cluichí Oilimpeacha Speisialta Éireann

Bhí timpeall ar 1,900 lúthchleasaí de chuid na gCluichí Oilimpeacha Speisialta páirteach sna cluichí cónaithe ceithre lá a cuireadh ar siúl i bPáirc Thuamhan agus in ionaid eile ar fud na cathrach agus an chontae. Sholáthair an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontraíochta tacaíocht airgid i measc a cuid tacaíochta eile.

Skyfest

Shoilsigh Skyfest an Chranncuir Náisiúnta na spéartha os cionn ár gcathrach conartha maorga i mí an Mhárta mar chuid de cheiliúradh Lá Fhéile Pádraig ar fud na tíre – cúlra an phríomhthaispeántais tinte ealaine ba ea Caisleán Luimnigh.

Luimneach Cathair Spóirt na hEorpa

D'ainmnigh dealagáideacht ó Chumann Phríomhchathracha Spóirt na hEorpa (ACES) Luimneach mar Chathair Spóirt na hEorpa – ceann amháin de na seacht gcathair ar fud na hEorpa a bheidh ina gCathracha Spóirt in 2011. Bronnadh an dámhachtain go foirmiúil ar Mhéara Luimnigh, an Comh. María Byrne ag searmanas sa Bhruiséal i mí na Samhna, 2010.

Tugann an t-ainmniú seo deis iontach don chathair chun:

- Tuilleadh cuairteoirí a mhealladh
- Tuilleadh imeachtaí spóirt a mhealladh
- Tuilleadh comhdhálacha a fháil
- Íomhá na cathrach a fheabhsú
- Úsáid a bhaint as spóirt mar uirlis thábhachtach le haghaidh athghiniúna agus cuimsiú sóisialta
- Táirgí nua spóirt a chruthú don chathair
- Leagáid spóirt a bheidh dearfach agus fadtéarmach a chruthú don chathair

Baineadh ainmniú Luimnigh mar Chathair Spóirt amach de bharr iarrachtaí comhoibritheacha rathúla Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus Fhorbairt Shionainne.

Plean Gníomhaíochta Spóirt agus Caitheamh Aimsire Luimnigh

D'fhorbair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Chathair Luimnigh plean a leagann amach i ndoiciméad amháin na gníomhaíochtaí molta a bheidh á ndéanamh ag an dá eagraíocht le linn na tréimhse ó 2010 go 2012. Tá an Plean dírithe ar na trí réimse thábhachtacha seo a leanas:

- Áiseanna
- Cumarsáid agus Faisnéis
- Rannpháirtíocht agus Cuimsiú Sóisialta

...D'fhreastail breis
agus 20,000 duine ar
shearmanas tionscnaimh
chluichí oilimpeacha
speisialta éireann i bpáirc
thuamhan I luimneach

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

CULTURAL & SPORTING

The Committee met on five occasions during 2010. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

1. Presentation on the Great Limerick Run
2. Presentation on Special Olympics Ireland Games 9th - 13th June, 2010
3. Presentation on the Limerick Sports and Recreation Action Plan 2010-2012
4. Presentation on Limerick City Gallery of Art Phase II
5. Presentation on Limerick City of Sports
6. Presentation on the Future of Limerick Soccer

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

- To adopt the Limerick Sports and Recreation Action Plan 2010-2012
- As European City of Sport for 2011 sets up a committee of officials and Councillors that will work to assist and encourage those groups or organisations interested in bringing festivals, cultural or sporting events to Limerick
- Approval of grants for 2010 under the Arts Act €13,100

SOCIAL POLICY & HOUSING

The Director of Service provided reports, reviews were completed and discussions took place on the following issues:

- Review of Housing Capital Expenditure 2009
- Overview of the Housing Functions 2009
- Report on Social Intervention Grants 2010
- Report on the Capital Grant Allocations 2010
- Report on Housing Construction Programme 2010
- Report on the Joint Homelessness Action Plan

- Report on Limerick City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
- Joint Housing Strategy
- Report on the Housing Construction Programme 2010
- Brendan Kenny CEO Regeneration Agency attended and spoke at each SPC meeting on the progress of the Regeneration Programme

The following policies were adopted by Limerick City Council:

- Housing Construction Programme 2010
- Social Intervention Grants 2010
- Additional funding sought and provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to Grant Schemes
- Mid West Homelessness Action Plan
- Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy Document

Presentations took place on the following:

- Energy Efficiency Programme
- Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009

THE ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT & FUTURE PLANNING

The Committee met on four occasions in 2010. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Creative Limerick
- Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009
- Draft Mid-West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022
- Limerick City Draft Development Plan 2010-2016
- Report by Professor Des McCafferty on: Facing the Challenge of Change. A spatial Perspective on Limerick
- Unicef Child Friendly City
- Proposed Retail Strategy



Violet Despard and her granddaughter Amy Despard of John Nash Sheltered Housing, Richmond Terrace, Henry St.



- Shannon Development strategy to promote Limerick
- Mid-West Housing Strategy
- Update on Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010
- Conservation Grant allocation 2010

ENVIRONMENT

The members met on five occasions in 2010. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Sustainable Timber Policy
- Mount Saint Lawrence Information Panels Project
- Alternative Energy Sources for Limerick city
- Shannon River Basin Management Plan 2009 - 2015
- Control of Horses Bye-Laws
- Cleansing Division Services
- Public Parks Bye-Laws
- Public Parks Sustainability Project
- Environment Improvement Initiative Grants 2010
- Baggot Estate Wetlands scheme
- National Spring Clean 2010
- Waste Management Packaging Regulations 2007
- Litter Management Plan 2010 – 2013
- Mink Control Policy
- Park Canal
- Report on Autumnal Vegetation

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

- Adoption of the Limerick City Council Public Parks Bye-Laws
- Approval of the Environment Improvement Initiative Grants 2010
- Extension of the Horse Amnesty throughout the city
- Adoption of the Limerick City Council Litter Management Plan 2010 – 2013

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

The committee met on four occasions during 2010. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of topics including:

- Infrastructure Projects
- Urban Traffic Control
- Common Lead Water Services
- Bus Rapid Transport, Light Rail, and Park and Ride Study
- Green Routes
- Public Lighting
- Orbital Route
- Coonagh/Knockalisheen distributor Road
- City Centre re-modelling
- Water pressure and loss of water through leaks
- Extinguishments of rights of way
- Taking in charge of roads and services
- Declaring roads to be public
- Public lighting

The following recommendations were made to City Council for approval:

- Reports on various notices of motion
- Roads Programme for 2010
- Recommendations on extinguishments
- Recommendations on taking in charge of estates, roads and services
- Recommendation on the replacement of lead water piping
- Recommendation on Green Routes
- Recommendation on the Orbital Route
- Recommendations on the naming of the new roadway between Mulgrave Street and Sexton Street

COISTÍ UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA

COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH CULTÚIR AGUS SPÓIRT

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile cúig huaire sa bhliain 2010. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna, lena áiríodh:

1. Cur i láthair ar Mhór-Rith Luimnigh
2. Cur i láthair ar Chluichí Oilimpeacha Speisialta Éireann: 9-13 Meitheamh 2010
3. Cur i láthair ar Phlean Gníomhaíochta Spórt agus Caitheamh Aimsire Luimnigh, 2010-2012
4. Cur i láthair ar Dhánlann Ealaíne Chathair Luimnigh Céim II
5. Cur i láthair ar Chathair Luimnigh na Spórt
6. Cur i láthair ar Thodhchaí an tSacair i Luimneach

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

- Glacadh le Plean Gníomhaíochta Spórt agus Caitheamh Aimsire Luimnigh, 2010-2012
- Mar Chathair Spóirt na hEorpa 2011, coiste oifigeach agus Comhairleoirí a bhunú a oibreoidh chun cuidiú agus spreagadh a thabhairt do na grúpaí nó do na heagraíochtaí a mbeadh spéis acu i bhféilte nó in imeachtaí spóirt nó cultúir a thabhairt go Luimneach
- Ceadú deontas in 2010 faoin Acht Ealaíon: €13,100

AN COISTE UM BEARTAS SÓISIALTA AGUS UM BEARTAS STRAITÉISEACH TITHÍOCHTA SÓISIALTA

Sholáthair an Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí tuarascálacha, cuireadh athbhreithniúcháin i gcrích agus pléadh na saincheisteanna seo a leanas:

- Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Caipitiúil Tithíochta 2009
- Léargas Ginearálta ar na Feidhmeanna Tithíochta 2009
- Tuarascáil ar Dheontais um Idirghabháil Shóisialta 2010
- Tuarascáil ar Leithdháilt na nDeontas Caipitil 2010

- Tuarascáil ar an gClár Tógála Tithe 2010
- Tuarascáil ar Chomhphlean Gníomhaíochta Easpa Dídine
- Tuarascáil ar Straitéis Iompraíochta Frithshóisialta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh
- Comhstraitéis Tithíochta
- Tuarascáil ar an gClár Tógála Tithe 2010
- Bhí Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin na Gníomhaireachta Athbheochana Brendan Kenny i láthair agus labhair sé ag gach cruinniú de chuid an Choiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha ar dhul chun cinn Chlár na hAthbheochana

Ghlac Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh leis na beartais a leanas:

- Clár Tógála Tithe 2010
- Deontais um Idirghabháil Shóisialta
- Iarradh ar mhaoiniú breise agus fuarthas é ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil i ndáil le Scéimeanna Deontais
- Plean Gníomhaíochta Easpa Dídine an Mheán-lathair
- Doiciméad Straitéise Iompraíochta Frithshóisialta

Rinneadh cur i láthair ar na hábhair seo a leanas:

- Clár um Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh
- Acht na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2009

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

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile ceithre huaire sa bhliain 2010. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna, lena áiríodh:

- Luimneach na Cruthaitheachta
- An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009
- Treoirínte Pleanála Réigiúnacha an Mheán-lathair 2010-2022
- Dhréachtphlean Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh 2010-2016



Comhairle na nÓg Group
outside council chambers
at City Hall

- Tuarascáil leis an Oll. Des McCafferty ar: Ag dul i nGleic le Dúshlán an Athraithe. Dearcadh Spásúil ar Luimneach
- Cathair de chuid Unicef atá Neamhdhíobhálach do Leanaí
- Straitéis Miondiola Bheartaithe
- Straitéis Fhorbairt Shionainne chun Luimneach a chur chun cinn
- Straitéis Tithíochta an Mheán-Iarthair
- Tuairisc ar an mBille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2010
- Leithdháileadh an Deontais Chaomhantais 2010

AN COISTE UM BEARTAS STRAITÉISEACH COMHSHAOIL

Bhuail na baill le chéile cúig huaire sa bhliain 2010. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus réachtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna, lena n-áiríodh:

- Beartas um Adhmad Inbhuanaithe
- Tionscadal na bPainéal Eolais do Chnocán San Labhrás
- Foinsí Fuinnimh Eile do chathair Luimnigh
- Plean Bainistíochta Abhantrach na Sionainne 2009-2015
- Fodhlíthe um Rialú Capall
- Seirbhísí na Rannóige Glantacháin
- Fodhlíthe um Páirceanna Poiblí
- Tionscadal Inbhuanaitheachta Páirceanna Poiblí
- Deontais an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil 2010
- Scéim Bogach Eastát Bhagóid
- Glantachán Náisiúnta Earraigh 2010
- Rialacháin um Bainistiú Dramhaíola (Pacáistiú) 2007
- Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair 2010-2013
- An Beartas um Rialú Minceanna
- Canáil na Páirce
- Tuarascáil ar Fhásra Fómhair

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

- Glacadh le Fodhlíthe um Páirceanna Poiblí Chathair Luimnigh
- Glacadh le Deontais an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil 2010

- Forleathnú an Mhaithiúnais Chapall ar fud na cathrach
- Glacadh le Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2010-2013

COISTÍ UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA IOMPAIR AGUS BONNEAGAIR

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile ceithre huaire sa bhliain 2010. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus réachtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan ábhar, lena n-áiríodh:

- Tionscadail Bhonneagair
- Rialú Tráchtá Uirbigh
- Seirbhísí Coitianta Uisce Luaidhe
- Staidéar ar Luathiompar Bus, ar larnród Éadrom agus ar Pháirceáil agus Taisteal.
- Bealaí Glasa
- Soilsiú Poiblí
- Cuarbhealach
- Bóthar Dáileacháin Chnoc an Lisín/Ó Cuanach
- Athmhúnlú Lár na Cathrach
- Brú uisce agus caillteanas uisce mar gheall ar ligean
- Múchadh ceart slí
- Tógáil bóithre agus seirbhísí i gcúram
- Bóithre a dhearbhu don phobal mór
- Soilsiú poiblí

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

- Tuairiscí ar Fhógraí Tairisceana éagsúla
- Clár Bóithre don bhliain 2010
- Moltaí faoi mhúchadh
- Moltaí faoi thógáil eastát, bóithre agus seirbhísí i gcúram
- Moladh faoi ionadú píobán uisce luaidhe
- Moladh faoi Bhealaí Glasa
- Moladh faoin gCuarbhealach
- Moltaí faoi ainmniú an bhóthair nua idir Sráid Mulgrave agus Sráid Uí Sheasnáin

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Year Ended 31st December, 2010

Income and Expenditure Review

Revenue Expenditure Review

Revenue expenditure for the year amounted to €85,264,228 before transfers. Transfer to reserves amounted to €7,017,434, giving a total expenditure figure for 2010 of €92,281,662. This total expenditure figure exceeded the budgeted expenditure by €3,880,299. The details of the additional expenditure over adopted budget are set out in the report to Council under Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, which was circulated to the April Council Meeting. Income exceeded budget by €3,937,933 leading to a revenue surplus for 2010 of €57,634. This when added to the opening surplus of €260,191 gives an accumulated surplus at 31 December 2010 of €317,825.

Payroll continues to be the most significant cost with a total payroll cost in 2010 of €31,511,813 (excludes VEC Pensions). This represented a decrease of 9.5% (€3,316,605) on the payroll cost in 2009 (€34,828,418). In 2009 payroll costs (excluding VEC pension) represented 38.3% of total expenditure. This decreased to 34.1% in 2010 which is still a significant percentage of overall expenditure. The difference in payroll costs between 2010 and 2009 is mainly due to (1) reductions in the rate of pay for public servants by on average 8% with the introduction of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009, and (2) the introduction of measures that continued to control payroll costs in 2010 including the non-renewal of temporary contracts, non-filling of vacancies that arose in 2010 and reductions in overtime and allowances.

Expenditure is summarised by main area of expenditure as follows:

	2010 €	%		2009 €	%
Payroll	31,511,813	34.1%		34,828,417	38.3%
Operational expenses	35,790,255	38.8%		34,270,858	37.7%
Administration expenses	5,825,088	6.3%		6,252,746	6.9%
Establishment expenses	2,928,266	3.2%		2,658,374	2.9%
Financial expenses	8,408,903	9.1%		8,232,59	9.1%
Miscellaneous	799,903	0.9%		1,076,181	1.2%
Transfer to reserves	7,017,434	7.6%		3,591,650	4.0%
Total Expenditure	92,281,662	100.0%		90,910,822	100.0%

Income Review

Revenue income for the year amounted to €92,339,296. This represented an increase of 1.5% on the total income in 2009 (€90,992,609). The following table summarises the main income sources:

	2010 €	%		2009 €	%
Grants & Subsidies	21,817,465	24%		19,216,279	21%
Contributions from other local authorities	10,881,012	12%		11,069,754	12%
Goods & Services	18,957,298	21%		19,341,476	21%
	51,655,775	57%		49,627,509	55%
Local Government Fund	8,656,666	9%		9,833,037	11%
Rates	30,542,193	33%		30,298,778	33%
Pension Related Deduction	1,484,662	1%		1,233,285	1%
	92,339,296	100%		90,992,609	100%

A number of income areas performed ahead of budget in 2010 resulting in a surplus income over budget. In particular the non-principal private residence charge, fire charges and housing related income contributed to a favourable outturn versus budget. I would like to commend the significant effort by staff in these sections to generate additional income. The benefit of other increases in income such as VEC Pensions, Accommodation of Homeless Persons, additional road grants and Higher Education Grants would be cancelled by similar increases in expenditure.

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Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account

The total of Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account in 2010 was €5,803,112 (excludes loan reserves). Below find an extract of the largest of these transfers:

	2010 €
Insurance (Self-Insurance)	1,838,425
RAS Ringfence (per Departmental Circular)	691,988
Newtown Mahon Link Road	550,000
Housing Grants - Limerick City Council contribution	469,692
Capital Replacement Fund - Waste Water Treatment Plant	400,000
Belltable Refurbishment	378,304
Road Resurfacing Fund due to bad weather in late 2010	344,910
Contribution to DoEHLG funded housing maintenance	299,855
Munster Regional Control Centre Capital Balance Adjustment	-128,584
Limerick City Council contribution to House Purchase Legal Fees	126,325
Funding Historical Civic Trust Works	111,653
Fund re Economic Dev / Strategic Area Dev	100,000

Balance Sheet Review

The Balance Sheet presented shows that Limerick City Council had Fixed Assets of €988,521,330 and Work In Progress of €10,377,382 as at 31 December 2010. A full breakdown of these figures is set out in notes 1 & 2 to the AFS.

Appendix 5 of the AFS sets out a summary of the Capital expenditure and income for 2009/2010. Capital income amounted to €74.3m in 2010 an increase of €5.2m on the 2009 figure of €69.1m. Grants account for 81% of total capital income in 2010, while loan financing for water services of €4.9m accounting for 6.6%.

Government Debtors have held steady at €1.38m at 31 December 2010, compared to €1.46m at 31 December 2009. This is mainly due to timely payment of current claims by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Collection percentages for all other areas of debt including Commercial Rates and Water were under constant pressure during 2010 mainly due to the ongoing economic downturn and level of vacancy in Limerick City.

Summary

The revenue surplus for 2010 is €57,634. As a result the accumulated revenue surplus at the end of 2010 is increased to €317,825 compared to €260,191 at the end of 2009. The retention of a cumulative surplus for a sixth year is a very positive reflection of the efforts of the elected members to address the historic financial situation of Limerick City Council, and is also reflective of the continuous efforts of the staff of Limerick City Council in achieving better value for money and increasing overall efficiencies during these challenging economic times.

Income & Expenditure Account Statement

For Year Ending 31st December 2010

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

Expenditure by Division	Gross Expenditure 2010 €	Income 2010 €	Net Expenditure 2010 €	Net Expenditure 2009 €
Housing & Building	14,265,482	14,308,542	(43,060)	1,142,138
Roads Transportation & Safety	9,527,185	6,305,161	3,222,024	4,355,842
Water Services	14,625,633	9,678,049	4,947,584	4,173,404
Development Management	4,339,776	1,126,540	3,213,236	3,029,995
Environmental Services	17,998,445	7,488,240	10,510,205	11,536,141
Recreation & Amenity	5,763,971	408,853	5,355,118	5,743,051
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	10,294,087	10,189,291	104,797	(176,922)
Miscellaneous Services	8,449,648	2,151,098	6,298,549	7,888,013
Total Expenditure/Income	85,264,228	51,655,775		
Net cost of divisions to be funded from Rates & Local Government Fund			33,608,453	37,691,663
Rates			30,542,193	30,298,778
Local Government Fund			8,656,666	9,833,037
General Purpose Grant			1,484,662	1,233,285
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			7,075,068	3,673,437
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(7,017,434)	(3,591,650)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			57,634	81,787
General Reserve at 1st January 2010			260,191	178,404
General Reserve at 31st December 2010			317,825	260,191

Balance Sheet

At 31st December 2010

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.

	2010 €	2009 €
Fixed Assets	319,641,933	297,911,247
Operational	654,544,804	628,358,935
Infrastructural	6,156,531	6,112,658
Community	8,178,061	8,153,809
Non-Operational		
	988,521,330	940,536,649
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	10,377,382	81,115,999
Long Term Debtors	16,647,300	16,734,838
Current Assets		
Stocks	243,692	264,997
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	7,592,775	8,373,666
Bank Investments	23,291,650	6,535,240
Cash at Bank	-	1,279,234
Cash in Transit	-	-
Urban Account	-	-
	31,128,118	16,453,137
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	1,279,876	-
Creditors & Accruals	10,402,273	11,829,250
Urban Account	-	-
Finance Leases	-	-
	11,682,148	11,829,250
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	19,445,969	4,623,888
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	25,612,289	25,824,454
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable Deposits	500,694	519,011
Other	724,104	-
	26,837,087	26,343,465
Net Assets	1,008,154,895	1,016,667,908
Represented by		
Capitalisation Account	988,521,331	940,536,650
Income WIP	9,659,997	79,750,894
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	317,825	260,191
Other Balances	9,655,743	(3,879,827)
Total Reserves	1,008,154,895	1,016,667,908

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AIRGEADAIS

Don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2010

Athbhreithniú ar Ioncaim agus Caiteachas

Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Ioncaim

B'ionann €85,264,228 agus caiteachas ioncaim na bliana roimh aistrithe. B'ionann an t-aistriú go cúlchistí agus €7,017,434; b'ionann an tsuim iomlán chaiteachais do 2010 agus €92,281,662 dá thairbhe. Sháraigh an tsuim iomlán chaiteachais seo an caiteachas buiséadaithe faoi €3,880,299. Leagtar amach na sonraí faoin méid caiteachais a ghabh thar an mbuiséad ar glacadh leis sa tuarascáil don Chomhairle faoi Alt 104 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil, 2001, a scaipeadh ag cruinniú mhí Aibreáin de chuid na Comhairle. Sháraigh an t-ioncam an buiséad faoi €3,937,933; bhí barrachas €57,634 don bhliain 2010 dá thairbhe. Is ann do bharrachas carntha €317,825 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010 nuair a chuirtear an barrachas leis an mbarrachas tosaigh €260,191.

Is é an párolla an costas is suntasaí mar is gnách; ba é costas iomlán párolla na bliana 2010 €35,511,813 (gan pinsin an Choiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh). Ba laghdú 9.5% (€3,316,605) é seo ar chostas párolla na bliana 2009 (€34,828,418). B'ionann costais phárolla na bliana 2009 (gan pinsin an Choiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh) agus 38.3% den chaiteachas iomlán. Tháinig laghdú air seo anuas go 34.1% in 2010, atá ina chéatadán suntasach den chaiteachas iomlán. Tháinig an difríocht i gcostais phárolla idir 2010 agus 2009 mar gheall ar na nithe seo a leanas go háirithe: (1) laghduithe 8% ar an meán ar an ráta pá i gcás fostaithe sa tseirbhís phoiblí tar éis thabhairt isteach Acht na mBeart Éigeandála Airgeadais ar Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2) 2009; agus (2) tabhairt isteach na mbeart a lean den rialú costas párolla sa bhliain 2010, lenar áiríodh neamh-athnuachan na gconarthaí sealadacha, neamhlíonadh na bhfolúntas a tháinig aníos in 2010 agus laghduithe ar ragobair agus ar liúntais.

Déantar achoimre ar an gcaiteachas de réir príomhréimse caiteachais mar seo a leanas:

	2010 €	%	2009 €	%
Párolla	31,511,813	34.1%	34,828,417	38.3%
Costais Oibriúcháin	35,790,255	38.8%	34,270,858	37.7%
Costais Riaracháin	5,825,088	6.3%	6,252,746	6.9%
Costais Bhunaíochta	2,928,266	3.2%	2,658,374	2.9%
Costais airgeadais	8,408,903	9.1%	8,232,59	9.1%
Nithe ilghnéitheacha	799,903	0.9%	1,076,181	1.2%
Aistrithe go cúlchistí	7,017,434	7.6%	3,591,650	4.0%
Caiteachas Iomlán	92,281,662	100.0%	90,910,822	100.0%

Athbhreithniú Ioncaim

B'ionann €92,339,296 agus ioncam na bliana. Méadú 1.5% ba ea seo ar an ioncam iomlán in 2009 (€90,992,609). Déanann an tábla seo a leanas achoimriú ar na príomhfhoinsí ioncaim:

	2010 €	%	2009 €	%
Deontais agus Fóirdheontais	21,817,465	24%	19,216,279	21%
Ranníocaíochtaí ó údarais áitiúla eile	10,881,012	12%	11,069,754	12%
Earraí agus Seirbhísí	18,957,298	21%	19,341,476	21%
	51,655,775	57%	49,627,509	55%
Ciste Rialtais Áitiúil	8,656,666	9%	9,833,037	11%
Rátaí	30,542,193	33%	30,298,778	33%
Laghduithe Pinsinbhunaithe	1,484,662	1%	1,233,285	1%
	92,339,296	100%	90,992,609	100%

D'éirigh níos fearr le roinnt réimsí ioncaim ná mar a rabhthas ag súil leo de réir bhuiséad na bliana 2010 agus b'ioncam a ghabh thar an mbuiséad ba thoradh air seo. Chuir an táille ar áit chónaithe phríobháideach neamhphríomha, táillí dóiteáin, chomh maith le hioncam titíocht-bhunaithe, le dea-thoradh nach rabhthas ag súil leis sa bhuiséad. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil mar gheall ar an móriarracht a rinne na baill foirne i ndáil leis na nithe thuas d'fhonn ioncam breise a chruthú. Dhéanadh méadú ar an ioncam, mar shampla, Pinsin an Choiste Ghairmoideachais, Cóiríocht do Dhaoine gan Dídean, deontais bhreise bhóithre agus Deontais Ardoideachais cealú ar mhéaduithe dá samhail sa chaiteachas.

...BARRACHAS CARNTHA A CHOIMEÁD SÉ BLIANA AS A CHÉILE... IS COMHARTHA É MAIDIR LE HIARRACHTAÍ LEANÚNACHA FHOIREANN CHOMHAIRLE CATHRACH LUIMNIGH AR LUACH NÍOS FEARR AR AIRGEAD A BHAI NT AMACH AGUS AR ÉIFEACHTÚLACHTAÍ FORIOMLÁNA A FHEABHSÚ LE LINN NA HAIMSIRE EACNAMAÍOCHTA DÚSHLÁNAÍ SEO

Aistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil

B'ionann iomlán na nAistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil in 2010 agus €5,803,112 (gan cúlchistí iasachta san áireamh). Tá sliocht as na cinn ba mhó de na haistrithe seo thíos.

	€
Árachas (Féin-Árachas)	1,838,425
Cur i leataobh RAS (de réir Ciorclán Roinne)	691,988
Bóthar Ceangail Bhaile Nua Uí Mhatháin	550,000
Deontais Tithíochta – ranníocaíocht Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh	469,692
Ciste um Ionadú Caipitil – Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce	400,000
Athchóiriú Belltable	378,304
An Ciste um Athdhromchlú Bóthair de bharr na drochaimsire go mall sa bhliain 2010	344,910
Ranníocaíocht do chothabháil tithe arna maoiniú ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil	299,855
Coigeartú Caipitil larmhéid d'Airmheán Réigiúnach Rialaithe na Mumhan	-128,584
Ranníocaíocht Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh do Tháillí Díl i leith Ceannach Tí	126,325
Oibreacha na nIontaobhas Sibhialta Staire a Mhaoiniú	111,653
An Ciste um Fhorbairt Gheilleagrach / um Fhorbairt Limistéir Straitéisigh	100,000

Athbhreithniú ar an gClár Comhardaithe

Tugann an Clár Comhardaithe a sholáthraítear le fios go raibh Sócmhainní Seasta ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh dar fiú €988,521,330 agus Obair idir Lámha dar fiú €10,377,382 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010. Leagtar amach briseadh síos iomlán na bhfigiúirí seo i Nótaí 1 agus 2 den AFS.

Leagtar amach in Aguisín 5 achoimre ar chaiteachas caipitil agus ar ioncam do 2009/2010. B'ionann ioncam caipitil agus €74.3 milliún in 2010; méadú €5.2 milliún ar fhiúir na bliana 2009 (€69.1 milliún). B'ionann deontais a fuarthas agus 81% den ioncam iomlán caipitil in 2010, agus b'ionann maoiniú trí mheán iasachtaí ar sheirbhísí uisce (€4.9m) agus 6.6%.

D'fhan Féichiúnaithe Rialtais ar an leibhéal céanna ar €1.38m amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010, i gcomparáid le €1.46m amhail an 31 Nollaig 2009. Tharla sé seo mar gheall ar íocadh tráthúil na n-éileamh reatha ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil go háirithe. Bhí céatadán bhailiúcháin i leith na réimsí eile fiachais, lena n-áirítear Rátaí Tráchtála agus Uisce, faoi bhrú seasmhach le linn 2010, go háirithe mar gheall ar an gcor chun donais eacnamaíoch leanúnach agus an leibhéal folúntais i gCathair Luimnigh.

Achoimre

B'ionann an barrachas ioncaim don bhliain 2010 agus €57,634. Mar thoradh air seo, bhí méadú ar an mbarrachas carntha ioncaim ag deireadh 2010 aníos go €317,825, i gcomparáid le €260,191 ag deireadh 2009. Dea-chomhartha is ea barrachas carntha a choimeád sé bliana as a chéile i ndáil le hiarrachtaí na mball tofa dul i ngleic le cás stairiúil airgeadais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, agus is comhartha é freisin maidir le hiarrachtaí leanúnacha fhoireann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar luach níos fearr ar airgead a bhaint amach agus ar éifeachtúlachtaí foriomlána a fheabhsú le linn na haimsire eacnamaíochta dúshlánaí seo.

Ráiteas an Chuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais

Don Bhliain dar Críoch an 31 Nollaig 2010

Tugtar an t-ioncam agus an caiteachas go léir a bhaineann le hioncam le chéile i Ráiteas an Chuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais. Taispeántar an barrachas/(easnamh) don bhliain do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

Caiteachas de réir Rannóige	Oll- Chaiteachas 2010 €	Ioncam 2010 €	Glan- Chaiteachas 2010 €	Glan- Chaiteachas 2009 €
Tithíocht agus Tógáil	14,265,482	14,308,542	(43,060)	1,142,138
Bóithre, Iompar agus Sábháilteacht	9,527,185	6,305,161	3,222,024	4,355,842
Seirbhísí Uisce	14,625,633	9,678,049	4,947,584	4,173,404
Bainistíocht Forbartha	4,339,776	1,126,540	3,213,236	3,029,995
Seirbhísí Comhshaoil	17,998,445	7,488,240	10,510,205	11,536,141
Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht	5,763,971	408,853	5,355,118	5,743,051
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	10,294,087	10,189,291	104,797	(176,922)
Seirbhísí Ilghnéitheacha	8,449,648	2,151,098	6,298,549	7,888,013
Caiteachas/ioncam iomlán	85,264,228	51,655,775		
Glanchoisteachas mhaoiniú na Rannóg ó Rátaí agus Ciste Rialtais Áitiúil			33,608,453	37,691,663
Rátaí			30,542,193	30,298,778
Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil			8,656,666	9,833,037
Deontas Ilfheidhme			1,484,662	1,233,285
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don Bhliain roimh Aistrithe			7,075,068	3,673,437
Aistrithe ó/(go) Cúlchistí			(7,017,434)	(3,591,650)
Barrachas/(Easnamh) iomlán don bhliain			57,634	81,787
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 1 Eanáir 2010			260,191	178,404
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010			317,825	260,191

Clár Comhardaithe

Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010

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

	2010 €	2009 €
Sócmhainní Seasta	319,641,933	297,911,247
Oibríochtúil	654,544,804	628,358,935
Bonneagar	6,156,531	6,112,658
Pobal	8,178,061	8,153,809
Neamh-oibríochtúil		
	988,521,330	940,536,649
Obair ar Siúl agus Réamhchostais	10,377,382	81,115,999
Féichiúnaithe Fadtéarmacha	16,647,300	16,734,838
Sócmhainní Reatha		
Stoic	243,692	264,997
Féichiúnaithe Trádála agus Réamhíocaíochtaí	7,592,775	8,373,666
Infheistíochtaí Bainc	23,291,650	6,535,240
Airgead sa Bhanc	-	1,279,234
Airgead faoi Bhealach	-	-
Cuntas Uirbeach	-	-
	31,128,118	16,453,137
Dlíteanas Reatha (Suimeanna atá dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin)		
Rótharraingt Bhainc	1,279,876	-
Creidiúnaithe agus Fabhrúithe	10,402,273	11,829,250
Cuntas Uirbeach	-	-
Léasanna Airgeadais	-	-
	11,682,148	11,829,250
Glansócmhainní Reatha/(Dlíteanas)	19,445,969	4,623,888
Creidiúnaithe (Suimeanna nach bhfuil dlite go ceann bliain amháin ar a luaithe)		
Iasachtaí Iníoctha	25,612,289	25,824,454
Léasanna Airgeadais	-	-
Éarlaisí In-aisíoctha	500,694	519,011
Eile	724,104	-
	26,837,087	26,343,465
Glansócmhainní	1,008,154,895	1,016,667,908
Á n-ionadú ag		
Cuntas Caipitlithe	988,521,331	940,536,650
Ioncam ar Obair idir Lámha	9,659,997	79,750,894
Sain-chúlchiste Ioncaim	-	-
Cúlchiste Ginearálta Ioncaim	317,825	260,191
Iarmhéideanna Eile	9,655,743	(3,879,827)
Cúlchistí Iomlána	1,008,154,895	1,016,667,908

PERSONNEL RETIREMENTS

Scor Pearsanra



Brian Kelly, Superintendent



Marie Ryan, School Warden



Anthony Halvey, Gardener



Flan Brennan, Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Donal McCarthy
Firefighter

Eugene Cahill
Pump Attendant

Thomas Keane
Assistant Supervisor

Thomas O'Regan
Foreman

Thomas Keogh
Porter

Gerard Reynolds
Station Officer

Bridget Mulcahy
Assistant Staff Officer

Patrick Dromey
Director of Service

Thomas Healy
Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Seamus Ryan
Senior Engineer

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