

Comhairle Chontae Luimnigh
Limerick County Council

**County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Limerick.**

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BALL DON CHOMHAIRLE**

Draft Budget 2004

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

The Draft Budget for 2004 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and has been circulated to the Members within the prescribed statutory requirements.

The statutory Budget Meeting has been set for Friday, 28th November 2003. This means that the process of adopting a Budget must be completed within the prescribed period of 21 days commencing on that date. The Budget must therefore be adopted by Thursday, 18th December 2003.

This report is presented to the Members to assist in their consideration of the Draft Budget and sets out the background on which it is based.

1. General

In preparing the Draft Budget for 2004, I have endeavoured to distribute available resources on a balanced basis, with a particular emphasis on the Council's core activity areas.

Indeed, the demands received from the various sections far exceeded the resources available.

2. Expenditure Requirements

The estimated Expenditure for 2004 amounts to €98.703m, an increase of €3.373m (3.53%) over the adopted figure for 2003.

3. Employment

In forming the Draft Budget, I have made provision for the continuance of the present level of permanent employees and also for wage, salary and pension increases due in 2004.

4. Local Government Fund

At the time of writing this report, the notification of the level of allocation to the Council for 2004 from the Local Government Fund has not been received. I have therefore included a sum of €19.104m - an increase of 3% over 2003. Some adjustment to this sum may be necessary when the actual allocation is received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

5. Debit Balance

Over the past two years, the Debit Balance on the revenue account has increased to €4.5m. Because of the extremely tight financial situation for 2004, I have not been able to provide any special allocation for this purpose in 2004. However, when the final out-turn figures for 2003 are available, I propose to put in place measures that will lead to the elimination of the debit balance over a number of years.

6. Commercial Valuation

The total estimated Commercial Valuation for the purposes of the Draft Budget is €363,127 - an increase of €4,127 over 2003. The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has indicated that he has decided not to cap the annual rate on valuation for 2004. In forming the Budget, I have allowed for a rate increase of 5.9%. This will bring the rate of 53.6644 for 2004.

7. Commercial Water Charges

In fixing the commercial water charge for 2004, I had to take account of a number of cost factors which impact on this programme:-

- (a) *Universal metering of all non-domestic users by 2006.***
- (b) *Department's Water Services Pricing Policy.***
- (c) *Increased Demands.***
- (d) *Quality Standards.***
- (e) *Limerick Main Drainage Scheme Operational Costs.***

I have therefore increased the commercial charge for 2004 by 10% from €1.05 per M³ to €1.16 per M³, with pro rata increases on all fixed charges.

8. Liability Insurance

Following discussion with the Council's Insurers, I have allowed the same level of premium as demanded for 2003, in 2004. It is anticipated that the advent of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, and the further legislative changes contained in the Civil Liability and Courts Bill 2003 will impact in a positive manner on the numbers and costs of liability claims in the coming years.

9. Value for Money

It has been the policy of the Council for the past number of years to review its operations to ensure maximum value for money. The policy of continuous review will be continued for 2004. In conducting these reviews, the new Financial Management System (Agresso) will be extremely beneficial and utilised to its full potential.

10. Conclusion

Much progress was achieved in 2003 and, particularly, the completion and occupation of the new County Hall at Dooradoyle. I wish to express my appreciation and the appreciation of all staff for the co-operation and assistance of all Members in achieving this progress in 2003. I look forward to continued co-operation next year when, I am confident, further progress can be achieved.

I also wish to extend my thanks to the staff at all levels, both indoor and outdoor, for their commitment during 2003.

The preparation of the Draft Budget 2004 was a substantial undertaking and I wish to record my thanks to all staff involved in the process, particularly the staff in the Finance Section who had the task of bringing all the elements of the Draft Budget together.

Finally, in preparing the Draft Budget, I have attempted to balance available resources and increased demands from all areas of activity.

I recommend the Draft Budget to the Members for adoption.

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Gleeson
County Manager

PROGRAMME GROUP 1

Housing and Building / Tithíocht agus Togail

I am pleased to say that considerable progress has been made on the Council's building programme for 2003. A capital allocation of €16.3m was approved by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government towards the housing programme. To date, 146 houses have been completed, a further 7 once-off purchases have been agreed, making a total of 153 available units. In addition, a further 67 houses are under construction at 10 locations and a further 200 houses are in planning or about to go to construction. Thus far in 2003, a total of 261 houses has been allocated, which is the highest number for many years. The voluntary housing sector continues to provide a large part of the housing need and has had a very successful year, providing 20 units of accommodation, with a further 74 under construction. There are a further 167 units in planning.

During 2003, work was completed on priority list 3 of the major external repairs scheme of Council houses. I have provided a sum of €247,100 to meet the estimated costs of loan charges in 2004, which will allow a fourth and final phase of this programme to proceed. The Council's rented stock is now 1666 and this will continue to grow significantly under the Building Programme. I am proposing to provide €525,000 for maintenance and repair in 2004. As the rented stock increases, the number of houses becoming vacant also increases and it is necessary to put these houses in tenable condition before allocation, and I am proposing to increase the pre-letting repairs allocation to €266,400.

Following the adoption of the Housing Strategy in October, 2001 additional resources were provided towards improving estate management in Council housing estates.

In June 2002 a Housing Services Officer was appointed to deliver the estate management programme. Works in 2003 include, pre-tenancy training programmes for new tenants (nine programmes - 157 tenants), support and liaison with tenant groups, new tenants' handbook, revised tenancy agreement. The development of the programme has resulted in a more proactive approach by the Council to deal with issues of anti social behaviour, breaches of tenancy, illegal dumping etc. Estate improvement and maintenance works have also been carried out as part of the programme, which include the provision of speed ramps in estates, road resurfacing, footpath repairs, fencing etc., in response to requests by tenants.

In addition to continuing the above works it is proposed to issue a tenants newsletter in 2004 and develop further the concept of tenant participation with a view to addressing more effectively presenting difficulties in Council estates.

I am proposing a sum of €164,000 under this heading.

Under the Integrated Strategy for Homelessness for County Limerick, adopted by the Council in December 2001, a homeless unit consisting of two specialist staff has been established. The unit offers supports to persons who present as homeless or who are in danger of becoming homeless. The service is delivered by a dedicated Community Welfare Officer for homeless persons and an Outreach / Resettlement Worker. In 2003 eighty families' / individuals' cases presented to the Council as homeless and were assisted by the unit. Financial assistance is also given to other service providers who provide accommodation for persons who are homeless under Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1998.

I am proposing a total allocation towards this unit of €369,000, 90% of which can be recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, leaving a net cost to the Council of €36,900.

The Council will continue to implement the Traveller Accommodation Programme for County Limerick, which was adopted in January 2000 and amended in June 2003. The Council has been proactive in the delivery of the Traveller Accommodation Programme and, since its adoption, 84 families have been offered permanent accommodation.

I propose an allocation of €260,400 under this heading, of which €144,400 can be recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, leaving a net cost to the Council of €116,000.

Over the past number of years, the Council has significantly increased the resources allocated to the Disabled Persons and Essential Repair Grants Schemes. During 2003, the Council adopted an Essential Repairs Grant Policy which sets out the terms and conditions of the Scheme. I propose to maintain the present level of expenditure for Disabled Persons Grants at €850,000 and the Essential Repairs Grants at €200,000. This is dependent on a recoupment of two-thirds of this amount from the Department. In the event that the recoupment increases or decreases, this will be reflected in the monies available. Of this allocation, however, it will be necessary to set aside sufficient funds to cater for the most critical applicants.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2

Road Transportation / Boithre

The total expenditure proposed under this programme for 2004 amounts to €30.90m – an increase of €1.857m over the adopted figure for 2003.

NON-NATIONAL ROADS (MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT)

This Estimate provides an increase of €1.077m (5.7%) on the adopted Estimate for 2003. This assumes that grant levels from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will at least be the same in 2004 as in the current year.

ROAD RESTORATION PROGRAMME/ATH-CHÓIRIÚ BÓITHRE

This programme involves major annual grant allocations from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for strengthening and surface dressing of Regional and Local Roads. This Restoration programme commenced in 1995 and is based on multi-annual plans prepared by Local Authorities, which prioritise the schemes having regard to traffic volumes and road surface conditions. Since 1995 there has been a vast improvement in the condition of the non-national road network. However, there are still substantial lengths of unimproved roads, and the current level of investment must be continued. A review of the multi-annual programme was carried out in 2001 and a new programme submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the period 2002 – 2005.

E.U. CO-FINANCE GRANTS/DEONTAIS CO-MHAOINITHE A.E.

This very important programme of grants is continuing for individual road projects which have a significant economic impact under the following headings:

- ***Industry***
- ***Tourism***
- ***Rural Development / Agriculture***
- ***Forestry***

In the current year a grant total of €2,380,000 was received, for the following projects:

- *Castleconnell Village.*
- *L6072 Glensharrold Forestry Road.*
- *R511 Limerick/Fedamore.*
- *R519 Kilfinny Line Road.*
- *R521 St. Ita's Road, Newcastle West to Lacey's Cross.*
- *R522 Cork Bridge, Newcastle West.*
- *R555 Kerry Bridge, Abbeyfeale.*
- *R859 Cement Roundabout – Quinn's Cross Roundabout.*
- *R926 Dooradoyle Road Improvements.*

This programme will continue in 2004.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3

Water and Sewerage / Seirbhísí Sláintíochta

The total budget for Programme Group 3 is €13.498m, which is an increase of €2.041m over the adopted figure for 2003.

PURCHASE OF WATER / FIRE SERVICE - LIMERICK CITY CO.

The Council purchases approximately 3.6 million gallons of water each day from Limerick City Council which it uses to serve Limerick City Environs and surrounding areas, including Castleconnell, Ballyneety, Patrickswell, Mungret and Clarina. A revised arrangement has been negotiated with Limerick City Council in respect of charges for the coming year. This agreement is based on sharing costs, and results in a reduction on the demand for 2004 of over €300,000 on the adopted sum for 2003. A similar arrangement, i.e. cost sharing, has been put in place for the Fire Service, which results in a substantial increase for 2004. The agreements now in place, based on cost sharing, reflect the true costs of providing the service.

SMALL CAPITAL SCHEMES / SCÉIMEANNA MION- CHAIPITIL

I have provided a sum of €155,000 as matching funds for the Small Capital Schemes Programme in 2004. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government funds 75% of the cost of Small Capital Schemes. The amount provided will be sufficient to carry out a total programme under this heading of approximately €600,000 in 2004.

The Small Capital Schemes Programme is an invaluable mechanism for providing critical improvements to the water services infrastructure in the county. The programme, in 2003, extended to a dozen projects including 5.3km length of watermain from Ballyneety to Caherconlish and a 1.3 km length of trunk watermain from the new water supply at Ballybrennan to Bruff.

WATER PRICING POLICY

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has produced a Water Services Pricing Policy, whereby local authorities must implement a comprehensive and transparent system of charging for public water and waste water services to the non-domestic sector. In accordance with the Government's Water Pricing Policy Framework, the following measures should be put in place:-

- ***Collection of capital contributions from all non-domestic users by local authorities in a structured and uniform manner.***
- ***Application of user service charges to non-domestic users for purposes of recovering the full operating costs appropriate to such users.***
- ***Achievement of universal metering of all non-domestic users by 2006.***

The above policy will require local authorities to borrow monies to finance the non-domestic cost element of water services capital schemes and to recover this cost from non-domestic users over a period not greater than 20 years.

In order to comply with the above policy the Council will advance the provision of a universal water metering programme in 2004, and funding of the non-domestic element of major capital schemes to be provided in 2004 and beyond will have to be raised through borrowing.

The costs associated with these borrowings will have to be borne by the Council in the interim.

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT

Limerick County Council received approval to the above project from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2001. The Water Conservation Project has identified the levels of unaccounted for water, including leakage, in various public water supply schemes in the county in order that repairs may be carried out. The project has advanced substantially over recent years with the establishment of the two fully equipped leakage detection crews. The reduction in leakage not only improves the level of service to consumers, but also helps free up capacity to permit development projects to proceed. I have allowed an amount of €295,000 to cover the cost of the leakage detection crews in the coming year.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME / CLÁR UISCE TUAITHE

The Council has received approval from the Department to a Design / Build / Operate project for 22 Group Water Supply Schemes with their own water supply sources. The project will involve the appointment of a contractor who will upgrade the water treatment facilities and operate these for a period of up to 20 years. The project is aimed at improving the water quality of Group Water Supply Schemes in the county. It is anticipated that the project will go to tender in the first quarter of 2004.

I have allowed for a sum of €350,000 in respect of subsidies to Group Water Schemes for 2004. This sum is fully recoupable from the Department.

I have reduced the provision in respect of individual well supplies by €25,000 to €225,000. This reduction is in light of the success of the programme over recent years and the projected reduced demand for the grant. All expenditure under this programme is fully recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

LIMERICK MAIN DRAINAGE

I have provided a sum of €1,150,000 in respect of the County Council's contribution to the running costs of the new Sewage Treatment Plant at Bunlicky for 2004. The running costs of improved treatment facilities throughout the county will become an increasing cost to the Council over coming years.

PROGRAMME GROUP 4

Development Incentives and Controls / Tionscnaimh agus Rialú Forbartha

Activity in the planning and development area continues at a very high level with a significant increase in the number of planning applications received in 2003, by comparison with 2002. The first priority again in 2004 will be to meet our statutory requirements in the determination of planning applications; enforcement of the planning legislation and the review of the County Development Plan within the strict timeframe set out by law.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN / LOCAL AREA PLANS

Considerable progress has been made during 2003 on the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan, with the Working Group and the Forward Planning section putting in a major effort to ensure that the Draft Plan is available for consideration by the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation. This work will continue in 2004 with a major concentration on identifying settlement boundaries for the large number of smaller towns and villages throughout the county, in addition to the continuation of the overall development plan review process.

Work is nearing completion on the preparation of the Croom Local Area Plan and on the review of the Castletroy Local Area Plan. On completion of these plans it is hoped to commence work in early 2004 on further Local Area Plans.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES

A further priority for 2004 will be to continue to promote the initiatives decided on by the Council last December in relation to the provision of adequate water and sewerage services in our small towns and villages. These initiatives have already attracted considerable interest in the current year.

EFFICIENCY

In tandem with the move to County Hall a review of procedures in the Development Control area was carried out. It is hoped to proceed with the implementation of the recommendations of this report early in 2004. This will involve a revision of work practices taking on board the changes in planning legislation and the level of technology available and should lead to increased efficiency. The whole planning and development area will of course also benefit significantly from the move to the new offices which are very conducive to improved efficiencies, teamwork and sharing of available resources.

TECHNOLOGY

There is significant scope for greater use of technology in the planning area, both to cut down on mundane routine tasks, which in turn will increase job satisfaction for the staff in this area, and to ensure that more information and a greater level of service is available through the internet to the applicants and the general public. Recent statistics show that the usage of the Council website continues to grow with over 300,000 hits on web pages each year and planning information being one of the most popular hits. It is clear therefore that there is a very real demand for planning information over the Internet and, during 2004, it is hoped to further extend the level of service available.

CONSERVATION / HERITAGE

There is a reduction in the level of funding being provided for the area of Architectural Conservation with a sum of €100,000 included. Over the five-year period to 2003 a sum of €800,000 will have been drawn down from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and paid out to the owners of protected properties in the county through the Conservation Grant Scheme. Policy in relation to the ongoing addition of properties to the list of Protected Structures however has to take account of the reduction in funding being made available in the form of grants to maintain and restore such properties.

In the Heritage area priority will be given in 2004 to the finalization and implementation of the Heritage Plan and the completion of an Indicative Forestry Strategy.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

It is proposed to finance the following projects from the Development Fund:-

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Glenmore Park, Caherdavin:</i>	<i>€40,000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Shanagolden Recreational Park:</i>	<i>€15,000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sarsfield's Rock Tourism Development:</i>	<i>€15,000</i>

COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE FUNCTION

The total provision under the Community & Enterprise function amounts to €456,800, which is a modest increase on the 2003 allocation. This will allow for the implementation of the Strategy for Economic, Social & Cultural Development and will necessitate the County Council / County Development Board taking the lead role in a number of actions. In addition, a figure of €38,000 has been included on both the Income and Expenditure side in respect of the operations of the Community & Voluntary Forum.

OTHER FUNCTIONS IN PROGRAMME GROUP 4

In addition to the provision under Community & Enterprise, a number of other provisions have been made in this programme. These relate to Tourist Promotion; Urban & Village Renewal; Grants – Tidy Towns / Community Groups; Twinning of Local Authority Areas and the Rural Community Care Network.

PROGRAMME GROUP 5

Environmental Protection / Cosaint na Timpeallachta

The estimated expenditure under this programme for 2004 amounts to €23.583m.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The operation of the Council's programme on waste regulation, minimisation, recycling and disposal is now self-funding in accordance with the adopted Council policy and the EU "polluter pays principle". The full cost recovery principle has enabled the Council to direct state grants, rates and other income towards the provision and development of the Council's other services. There is an increase in expenditure for the on-going development costs of Civic Amenity Centres at Kilmallock and Newcastle West which will become operational in 2004 and the planning costs for the Mungret Civic Amenity Centre expected to be operational in 2005.

Operational costs for the Gortadroma landfill have levelled off in 2003 and this is expected to continue in 2004 reflecting a downturn in waste intake at the facility and the impact of investment at the landfill over the past few years.

- ***Operational costs for 2004 will amount to €2,204,199.***
- ***The provision of €4,044,900 has been included to cover the cost of infrastructural development which has taken place at the landfill in previous years.***

- **€425,000 is provided for future after care and maintenance.**
- **€546,800 is provided for loan charges.**
- **The local development fund is expected to generate €107,950.**
- **A sum of €134,325 is provided for after care and restoration of the Abbeyfeale landfill which will be completed in 2004.**
- **€428,300 has been provided towards the implementation costs of the Regional Waste Management Plan. All but €115,900 of this will be recouped from the other local authorities participating in the Plan.**
- **€105,000 has been provided towards the Environmental Awareness Programme.**
- **€1,951,800 has been provided towards the costs of new civic amenity centres at Kilmallock and Newcastle West which are under construction and will be operational in 2004 and the cost of purchasing lands and planning for a civic amenity centre at Mungret.**
- **€501,250 has been provided for other recycling facilities including the growing Bring Bank network which now includes receptacles for glass, plastics, drink cans, food cans and newspapers.**
- **A clean up team was established in 2002. A second team will be established from re-deployed refuse collection workers in 2004. An amount of €218,085 has been provided for the two clean-up teams.**

In calculating the income at Gortadroma Landfill it is assumed that 85,000 tonnes of waste will be accepted in 2004, with 1,000 tonnes of this generated by the two clean-up teams. To fund the above programme, the landfill charge will be increased to €190 per ton for 2004. This sum includes the landfill tax of €15 per ton.

LITTER CONTROL

An increased provision of €309,868 has been provided for litter control, reflecting wage increases and the requirements of the Litter Management Plan.

POLLUTION CONTROL

A provision of €699,849 is included for pollution control and the operation of the Environmental Laboratory at €115,000 is slightly lower than last year. These will allow for the existing monitoring services to be maintained and the ongoing implementation of the Phosphorous Regulations, 1998, which commenced last year.

The Council is the contracting authority and one of three lead authorities responsible for advancing the Shannon River Basin Management System project. This project is 100% funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. A sum of €2.0m is included under this heading.

FIRE SERVICE

Limerick County Council has six fire stations in the county with fire cover for the City Environs provided by Limerick City Council. The Council now has a total of 60 retained Fire fighters. A sum of €2,333,263 is provided for salaries, fees, pensions and allowances. An amount of €2,270,000 has been provided for fees to Limerick City Council to provide fire cover in County Limerick, in accordance with the terms of the recent agreement.

An amount of €166,700 has been provided towards the operational costs of the Regional Control Centre.

It is proposed that a joint rostering arrangement for fire officers will be put in place in 2004 with Limerick City Council.

PROGRAMME GROUP 6

Recreation and Amenity / Caitheamh Áiseanna

COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

Contribution Scheme 2004 - Proposed Allocations: Set out on the adjoining page are the proposed allocations to various projects throughout the county. The budget for 2004, at €130,000, remains the same as 2003. There were a number of grant approvals in 2003, such as the Special Olympics World Games, where no allocation is required for 2004. On the other hand, a number of new projects are recommended for approval.

LIBRARIES / LEABHARLANNA

The network of 23 Libraries in the county, and its staff, provides a unique community service throughout the entire county. The service has 18,000 readers, issues over 370,000 books per year and provides an internet service for the public in all main Branch Libraries.

An increase in the salaries and wages bill of €80,000 is included, as provided for in benchmarking, Sustaining Progress and annual increments.

The provision for purchase of books is €354,300 and includes a sum of €46,300 in respect of the school library books, which is recoupable from the Department of Education.

The ongoing computerisation of the library service will be continued with the completion of a database for the Local Studies Collection, facilitating access by the public to this most valuable service.

A €30,000 provision is included in respect of Glin Courthouse / Library renovations.

ARCHIVES / CARTLANNA

In pursuance of Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1994, Limerick County Council has a statutory obligation to preserve and make available to the public its archives.

The Cost of the Archives Service is jointly funded by Limerick County Council and Limerick City Council. The net figure shown in the estimate is €69,650.

This estimate allows for the services of an Archivist to advise the Council on the organisation and the preservation of its Archives and the implementation of a modern records management strategy for all file / series records associated with the various functions of the County Council. It is planned in 2004 to continue the creation of a Records Management Database to allow for a streamlined approach for the administration of all public records.

For the past three years, Limerick County Council, as part of its Archives Service, contributed to a genealogy service run by Limerick City Council. Limerick City Council plan to discontinue the service from December 2003. The savings accrued by the change will allow for a clerical officer to assist the work of the Archivist.

ARTS OFFICE

The estimated 2004 expenditure for the County Arts Office is €173,600. The anticipated income is €54,300.

The County Arts Office Programme will include the following:-

- School Residency Programme, which will allow schoolchildren from primary schools in the county to actively engage with an artist for a minimum period of 4 weeks to a maximum of six months.

- Éigse Michael Hartnett Festival and Éigse Michael Hartnett Award.

- The Writer in Residence Programme will continue in 2004.

- Calendar of exhibitions featuring work of professional artists, communities and marginalised groups.

- Ongoing support for existing festivals in the county.

- Series of concerts in Abington Church.

- Programme of activities and residencies targeting people with special needs.

HORTICULTURE SERVICE

€633,000 has been provided for the Horticulture Service, an increase of €39,200 over 2003.

Contribution Scheme 2004

Proposed Allocations

	2003	2004
University Concert Hall Ltd.	12,700	14,000
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	10,000	10,000
Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum	10,000	14,000
Hunt Museum, Limerick	10,000	10,000
Adare Heritage Trust Ltd.	9,000	9,000
Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick	8,000	9,000
Friarsgate Theatre, Kilmallock	6,300	7,000
Centre for Independent Living, N.C.W.	5,000	6,000
Palatine Museum, Rathkeale	5,000	5,000
Askeaton Civic Trust Heritage Centre	5,000	5,000
As Dúchas Dochas, Newcastle West	5,000	5,000
Restoration of Alton's Cottage, Glenosheen (as an Artist's Residence)	5,000	-
Abbeyfeale Community Leisure Ltd. (Town Park)	5,000	5,000
Special Olympics World Games	5,000	-
St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
St. John's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
Flag Floor Rambling House, Carrickerry	5,000	-
Community Games	4,000	5,000
Athea Motorcycle Project	-	5,000
Ballingrane Church Restoration Fund	4,000	4,000
Limerick Marine Rescue Service	3,000	3,000
Limerick Youth Services, Limerick	2,000	2,000
L.S.P.C.A.	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total	130,000	130,000

PROGRAMME GROUP 7

Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

LAND DRAINAGE

A sum of €279,675 is provided under this heading to meet the Council's obligations on foot of a High Court Order.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

About 1700 applications are dealt with each year, including new applicants and renewals. I have provided a sum of €3,062,000 to meet the cost of the scheme in 2004. This sum is almost fully recouped from the Department of Education and Science.

V.E.C. PENSIONS

The estimated cost of V.E.C. Pensions in 2004 is €1,322,100. This sum is fully recouped from the Department of Education and Science.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES - RATES

The Council adopted a scheme for rates relief on Community Facilities in 1987, which benefits over sixty organisations throughout the county. The estimated cost for 2004 is €70,950.

PROGRAMME GROUP 8

Miscellaneous Services / Seirbhísi Ilnéitheacha

CONTROL OF DOGS ACT, 1986

The estimated cost of this service for 2004 amounts to €146,500, which is an increase of €10,600 over the adopted figure for 2003.

It is estimated that the full cost of the service will be recovered in licence fees.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The reduction under this heading reflects the fall in interest rates during 2003. This sum provides for loan charges on the new County Buildings, O'Toole site at Dooradoyle and Newcastle West Area Offices.

COURTHOUSES

The estimated costs for Courthouse Maintenance in 2004 are €100,450, which is fully recouped from the Court Services Board.

ELECTIONS

Local Elections are due to be held in 2004 and a sum of €35,000 has been provided to cover the costs of holding the Elections.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES

The estimated cost of irrecoverable rates for 2004 is €950,000, an increase of €53,000 over the adopted figure for 2003.

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES

REMUNERATION

This heading includes salaries and employer P.R.S.I. costs for staff not assigned to any of the other eight programme groups. Areas included are Human Resources, Finance and Information Systems. Included also are pension costs for former employees.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS (COMPUTER SERVICES)

The estimated requirement under this heading amounts to €1,040,900, a decrease of €152,700 over the adopted figure for 2003. This sum includes provision for payment of levy and charges to the Local Government Computer Services Board (€150,000) for purchase of digitised maps and software necessary for use with the geographic information system. Also included is a sum of €100,000 to continue the Council's replacement programme for P.C's, €66,000 for supporting the new Financial Management System, €70,000 for Communication Costs, which includes the Government Virtual Private Network (VPN), which will support Limerick County Council's advancement in the eGovernment process.

REVENUE BUDGET - SUMMARY
PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET BY MANAGER	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Local Authority Housing</u>	-	-	-
Maintenance Repair and Improvement	525,000	440,300	84,700
Maintenance Repair/ Pre-letting Repairs	266,400	213,700	52,700
Horticultural Works - Housing Estates	50,000	0	50,000
Loan charges- External Repair Programme	247,100	271,900	-24,800
Estate Management/Ext Paint Sch	164,000	139,700	24,300
Rent Collection	240,800	228,500	12,300
Loan Charges	6,000	6,000	0
Other (Fire Insurance)	128,200	106,000	22,200
Assistance to Homeless Persons(Sec10 Hsg. Act 1988)	369,000	364,000	5,000
<u>Assistance to People Housing Themselves</u>			
Loan Charges - Annuity Loans	1,097,800	1,268,100	-170,300
Loan Charges - Income Related and Convertible Loans	152,700	174,800	-22,100
Loan Charges - Private Sites	8,600	8,500	100
Loan Charges - Shared Ownership Loans	258,680	231,200	27,480
Loan Charges - Shared Ownership Loans(equity)	275,000	211,800	63,200
Housing Finance Agency - Previous Loan Scheme	310,000	326,200	-16,200
Loan Charges - Rental Subsidy	145,600	177,500	-31,900
Other (Fire Insurance & Mortgage Protection Ins.)	117,000	97,000	20,000
<u>Assistance to People Improving Houses</u>			
Loan Charges_ Essential Repair Grants	28,700	29,700	-1,000
Loan Charges _ Disabled Persons Grants	31,100	32,200	-1,100
Loan Charges _Reconstruction Loans & Grants		1,200	-1,200
Disabled Persons Grants	850,000	850,000	0
Essential Repair Grants	200,000	200,000	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	2,051,125	2,210,500	-159,375
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	595,878	570,516	25,362
Traveller Support Services	260,400	240,200	20,200
Other	20,000	25,400	-5,400
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,399,083	8,424,916	-25,833

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

INCOME	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGER	2003	DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Subsidy - Homeless Persons	332,100	327,600	4,500
Subsidy - Social Worker	104,400	115,800	-11,400
Grants - Disabled Persons Grants	566,600	566,700	-100
Grants - Essential Repairs	133,300	133,300	0
Grants - Traveller Accommodation	40,000	40,000	0
Loan Charges Rental Subsidy	145,600	177,500	-31,900
<u>Goods and Services/ Own Resources</u>			
Rents	3,036,000	2,828,200	207,800
Shared Ownership Equity - Rent	255,400	241,800	13,600
Internal receipts - major repairs prog	247,000	271,900	-24,900
Repayments - Shared Ownership	420,000	414,100	5,900
Repayments - Annuity Loans(incl T.R.S)	930,000	920,800	9,200
Insurance	100,000	97,000	3,000
Repayments - Income Related and Convertible Loa	55,000	91,500	-36,500
Repayments - Low Rise Mortgage Scheme	20,000	21,300	-1,300
Repayments - H.F.A. - Previous Loan Scheme	310,000	326,200	-16,200
Reconstruction	20,000	23,500	-3,500
Superannuation	143,500	133,800	9,700
Private Rented Accommodation	52,000	50,500	1,500
Halting Sites E.S.B. / Rents	16,000	16,000	0
Apportionment of Support Income	30,154	53,591	-23,437
Other	30,700	40,300	-9,600
TOTAL INCOME	6,987,754	6,891,391	96,363

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET BY MANAGEI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Road Upkeep</u>			
National Primary Roads	1,126,700	978,000	148,700
National Secondary Roads	373,300	540,000	-166,700
Non National Roads Maintenance & Improvement	20,126,288	19,049,000	1,077,288
Public Lighting - Maintenance	828,000	765,800	62,200
Public Lighting - Repairs Damaged Lights	20,000	20,000	0
Public Lighting - New Lights	65,000	63,500	1,500
<u>Road Improvements</u>			
Local Improvement Schemes(Incl admin)	295,500	296,200	-700
<u>Road Traffic</u>			
Parking	165,200	115,600	49,600
School Wardens	134,900	110,400	24,500
Safety and Education	2,700	2,700	0
Road Safety Campaign	12,700	12,700	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	4,501,404	4,195,800	305,604
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	2,192,281	1,966,729	225,552
Motor Taxation	1,056,900	926,600	130,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,900,873	29,043,029	1,857,844

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

INCOME	BUDGET BY MANAGER	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Road Fund - Upkeep	17,442,000	15,996,600	1,445,400
Motor Taxation Recoupment	0	926,600	-926,600
Other (L.I.S. Road Safety)	262,900	262,900	0
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Parking fees/Fines	169,575	240,000	-70,425
Contributions to Local Improvement Schemes	32,600	36,000	-3,400
Superannuation	508,200	474,100	34,100
Motor tx refunds	40,000		40,000
Apportionment of Support Income	80,445	138,039	-57,594
Other	97,400	81,300	16,100
TOTAL INCOME	18,633,120	18,155,539	477,581

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE			
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET BY MANAGEI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Water Supply</u>			
Water Supply	3,939,500	3,205,700	733,800
Water Conservation	295,000	300,000	-5,000
Loan Charges Metering prog	30,000	49,000	-19,000
Loan Charges Major Cap	300,000	163,300	136,700
Water Purchase (Limerick Corporation)	1,574,000	1,885,200	-311,200
Water Purchase (Other Local Authorities)	218,000	210,000	8,000
Revenue Collection	336,200	293,500	42,700
<u>Sewerage</u>			
Operation and Maintenance	2,243,600	2,010,300	233,300
Limerick Main Drainage	1,150,000	300,000	850,000
Public Conveniences - Maintenance	51,800	62,000	-10,200
<u>Water & Sewerage</u>			
Small Schemes Capital Contribution/ Matching Funds	155,000	150,000	5,000
<u>Private Installations</u>			
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	225,000	250,000	-25,000
Subsidy to Group Schemes	350,000	250,000	100,000
Group Schemes Administration	192,000	175,000	17,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	1,480,200	1,376,200	104,000
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	957,618	775,773	181,845
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,497,918	11,455,973	2,041,945

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE

INCOME	BUDGET BY MANAGI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Group Schemes - Administration Grant	192,000	175,000	17,000
Group Schemes - Subsidy	350,000	250,000	100,000
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	225,000	250,000	-25,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Water Charges (5.22 per 1000 gallons)	3,961,030	3,663,500	297,530
Shannon Estuary Scheme- Recoupment from A.A.I	357,600	313,700	43,900
Fluoridation - Mid Western Health Board	38,430	36,600	1,830
Superannuation	146,000	136,100	9,900
Water Connections	155,320	141,200	14,120
Apportionment of Support Income	23,770	38,499	-14,729
Other	59,000	59,000	0
TOTAL INCOME	5,508,150	5,063,599	444,551

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGI	2003	DECREASE
<u>Planning</u>			
Development Plan	50,000	50,000	0
Planning fee refunds	40,000	40,000	0
<u>Building control/Health & Safety</u>	386,400	390,800	-4,400
<u>Industrial Development</u>			
Industrial Promotion	1,300	1,300	0
County Enterprise Board/ Soft Supports	234,500	195,000	39,500
<u>Other Development</u>			
Tourist Promotion	55,000	53,500	1,500
Contribution to Regional Authority	95,600	90,800	4,800
Contribution to Regional Assembly	44,125	48,000	-3,875
<u>Renewal Programmes</u>			
Urban and Village Renewal	100,000	94,000	6,000
Loan Charges Urban & Village Renewal	311,800	341,300	-29,500
Grants - Tidy Towns/Community Groups	26,000	25,500	500
<u>Representational Functions (Sec.5 of 1991 Act)</u>			
	5,000	5,000	0
<u>Promotion of Interest of the Local Community (Sec.6)</u>			
	15,000	15,000	0
<u>Director of Community & Enterprise</u>			
Director of Community &Enterprise Function	310,800	298,000	12,800
Dir of Comm &Ent Operational Costs	131,000	131,000	0
Rural Community Care Network	15,000	15,000	0
Community & Voluntary Forum	38,000	38,000	0
<u>Twinning of Local Authority Areas</u>			
	40,000	40,000	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration and Overheads	2,235,100	2,209,300	25,800
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	317,055	297,686	19,369
Contribution to General Council of Co. Co.	13,900	13,500	400
Contribution to L.A.M.A.	3,400	3,300	100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,468,980	4,395,986	72,994

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

INCOME	BUDGET BY MANAGI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
County Enterprise Board	234,500	195,000	39,500
Community & Voluntary Forum	38,000	38,000	0
Conservation Grant	100,000	250,000	-150,000
Heritage Officer grant	14,200	13,000	1,200
<u>Goods And Services</u>			
Planning Fees	700,000	560,000	140,000
Income Trial Hole	200,000	130,000	70,000
Enforcement/objections	19,000		19,000
Superannuation	135,400	126,300	9,100
Apportionment of Support Income	6,590	10,621	-4,031
Commencement Notices	50,000	50,000	0
Misc Planning(dev plans & copies perms)	27,000	24,000	3,000
TOTAL INCOME	1,524,690	1,396,921	127,769

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGER	2003	DECREASE
Waste Disposal			
Abbeyfeale Landfill Aftercare	134,325	58,300	76,025
Gortadromma - Operation and Provision of Landfill	2,204,199	2,314,100	-109,901
Gortadromma - Local Development Fund	107,950	146,050	-38,100
Gortadromma - Loan Charges	546,800	538,160	8,640
Gortadromma - Aftercare & Rehabilitation	425,000	460,000	-35,000
Gortadromma-Development Works	4,044,900	6,220,115	-2,175,215
Other Waste Costs	511,105	440,500	70,605
Waste Management Plan	428,300	267,800	160,500
East Limerick Planning Costs	2,235	38,200	-35,965
Environmental Awareness	105,000	97,000	8,000
Recycling initiatives	501,250	507,000	-5,750
Recycling Centres- New Developments	0	227,990	-227,990
Civic Amenity Sites Development costs	1,951,800	777,160	1,174,640
Clean Up Operations& Abandoned vehicles	218,085	119,230	98,855
Landfill Levy	1,200,000	2,200,000	-1,000,000
Traveller Management Costs	52,000	51,000	1,000
Refuse Collection		2,493,300	-2,493,300
<u>Burial Grounds</u>			
Loan Charges- Mungret Burial Ground	99,600	99,600	0
Burial Ground Upkeep & Imp & Grants	412,800	412,800	0
Improvement - County Wide			0
<u>Safety of Structures and Places</u>			
Civil Defence	161,050	161,050	0
Water Safety	59,900	45,600	14,300
Derelict sites	10,000	19,000	
<u>Fire Protection</u>			
Salaries, Fees, Pensions and Allowances	2,333,263	1,955,990	377,273
Buildings and Equipment	300,000	277,000	23,000
Development Work	10,000	10,000	0
Fees to Other Local Authorities	2,270,000	1,247,800	1,022,200
Regional Control Centre	166,700	160,300	6,400
Training Programme	100,000	98,000	2,000
Insurances - Equipment & Personal Accident	29,100	24,200	4,900
Occupational Health System	15,450	15,000	450
Major Emergency Planning	35,000	35,500	-500
Miscellaneous	150,000	148,000	2,000
<u>Pollution Control</u>			
Pollution Control & Equipment	699,849	737,400	-37,551
Operation of Laboratory & Provision of Equipment	115,000	123,000	-8,000
Litter Control	309,868	298,600	11,268
Shannon river Basin	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Pensions Environmental	68,400	61,940	6,460
Admin Salary	45,800	43,000	2,800
Emergency Planning	20,000	34,900	-14,900
Insurance - P.L.	65,000	65,000	0
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,673,098	1,818,063	-144,965
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,582,827	26,847,648	-3,264,821

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

INCOME	BUDGET BY MANAGI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Civil Defence	112,750	112,750	0
Shannon River Basin-	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Anti Litter Initiative	15,000		15,000
White Goods Hazardous	9,000		9,000
Recycling Grants Operational Costs	30,000		30,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Refuse Collection Wheeled Bins		2,493,300	-2,493,300
Refuse Disposal Charges	14,700,000	14,225,659	474,341
Landfill Levy	1,200,000	2,200,000	-1,000,000
Waste Court Awards	5,000		5,000
TSF Fees /C1 Fees	2,500	3,700	-1,200
Waste Collection Permits	36,000	51,000	-15,000
Waste Permits Appl	8,000	14,800	-6,800
Waste Plan	312,400	163,800	148,600
Compost Cones	40,000	40,000	0
Abandoned Vehicles	2,400		2,400
Packaging Regs Fees	500		500
Civic Amenity Centre Fees	25,000		25,000
Hire of Shredder	5,000		5,000
Litter - fines etc	39,000	29,000	10,000
Burial Fees - Mungret	100,000	100,000	0
Burial Fees - Other	100,000	100,000	0
Fire Fees	100,000	73,000	27,000
Fire Safety Certs	400,000	300,000	100,000
FireLicence sec 2481	25,000	19,000	6,000
Course Expenses	10,000	2,000	8,000
Derelict Sites	5,000	5,000	0
Pollution Licence Fees	186,450	69,700	116,750
Water Pollutond court	5,000	5,000	0
Superannuation	149,000	139,000	10,000
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	85,090	169,675	-84,585
TOTAL INCOME	19,708,090	22,316,384	-2,608,294

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET BY MANAGE	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Swimming Pools</u>			
Contributions	18,000	18,000	0
Askeaton Pool- Loan Charges	40,000	40,000	0
<u>Libraries</u>			
Archive Service	69,650	94,800	-25,150
Operation	1,929,200	1,803,100	126,100
Purchase of Books	354,300	339,300	15,000
Library Improvement Works Programme	0	11,200	-11,200
<u>Community Employment Schemes</u>			
	259,000	355,500	-96,500
<u>Other Recreational and Amenity</u>			
Horticultural Service	633,000	593,800	39,200
Special Amenity Works	49,000	40,000	9,000
Grants_ Sli na Slainte	3,500	3,500	0
Contributions	130,000	130,000	0
Arts Activities	173,600	166,500	7,100
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Insurance P.L	65,000	65,000	0
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	284,396	265,901	18,495
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,008,646	3,926,601	82,045

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

INCOME	BUDGET BY MANAGI	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Grant - Community Employment Schemes	249,000	325,000	-76,000
Grant - School Library Scheme	46,300	46,300	0
Grant - Library Digitisation	18,000		18,000
Grant - Arts Act	54,300	60,000	-5,700
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Library Fines	24,000	9,400	14,600
Superannuation	83,200	77,600	5,600
Apportionment of Support Income	2,050	3,971	-1,921
TOTAL INCOME	476,850	522,271	-45,421

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGRICULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGER	2003	DECREASE
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Pensions - County Committee of Agriculture	0	12,200	-12,200
Land Drainage	279,675	247,500	32,175
Loan Charges - Limerick Harbour Comm	12,400	12,400	0
<u>Education</u>			
Vocational Education Committee/Stat Deman	37,000	34,000	3,000
V.E.C. Pensions	1,322,100	1,200,000	122,100
Higher Education Grants	3,062,000	3,062,000	0
V.E.C. Rental	30,000		30,000
<u>Health and Welfare</u>			
Mid-Western Health Board - Expenses	100,000	90,000	10,000
Rates Abatement - Community Facilities	70,950	48,900	22,050
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	375,275	341,900	33,375
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,289,400	5,048,900	240,500

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGR, EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

INCOME	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGI	2003	DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Recoupment - V.E.C. Pensions	1,322,100	1,200,000	122,100
Recoupment - Higher Education Gr	3,045,750	3,045,750	0
V.E.C.Rental Income	30,000		30,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Recoupment - Loan Limk Harbour Comm.	12,400	12,400	0
Apportionment of Support Income	19,125	32,623	-13,498
TOTAL INCOME	4,429,375	4,290,773	138,602

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET BY MANAGER	ADOPTED 2003	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Provision of Accomodation</u>			
Loan Charges	2,169,200	2,276,100	-106,900
<u>Financial Management</u>			
Rate Collection	472,900	510,250	-37,350
Irrecoverable Rates	950,000	897,000	53,000
Rate Refunds	180,000	75,000	105,000
Bank Charges/ Overdraft Interest	106,000	102,000	4,000
Valuation Listing Fees	75,000	75,000	0
<u>Elections</u>			
Register of Electors	86,000	49,500	36,500
Local Elections	35,000		35,000
<u>Administration of Justice - Consumer Protection</u>			
Residential homes	2500		2,500
Courthouses	100,450	149,900	-49,450
Control of Dogs Act 1986	146,500	135,900	10,600
Vets Milk & Dairies, Slaughter Houses,	234,557	251,400	-16,843
Coroners	95,000	104,600	-9,600
Pounds / Wandering Horses	165,198	134,700	30,498
<u>Property Damage</u>			
Malicious Damage	2,000,000	30,000	1,970,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	607,016	418,982	188,034
Sundry Debtors	63,500	63,500	0
Insurance P.L.	65,000	65,000	0
Other			
<u>Chairman's Allowance</u>			
Chairman's Allowance	30,000	28,800	1,200
<u>Entertainment and Associated Expenses</u>			
	30,000	20,000	10,000
<u>Expenses of Members of Local Authorities</u>	230,000	190,000	40,000
<u>Members Representational Allowance</u>	421,300	302,900	118,400
<u>S.P.C Chairs Allowances</u>	25,400	25,400	0
<u>S.P.C External Members Expenses</u>	10,000	26,000	-16,000
<u>Representation at Conferences</u>	242,550	248,900	-6,350
<u>Expenses of Members Attending Conferences Abroad</u>			
	13,000	6,350	6,650
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,556,071	6,187,182	2,368,889

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

INCOME	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGER	2003	DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Court Services	100,450	149,900	-49,450
Malicious Injuries	2,000,000	30,000	1,970,000
Dept of Agriculture Grant(Abattoirs)	206,300	216,400	-10,100
Dept of Environment Control of Horses Members Salary	148,000	119,700	28,300
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Control of Dogs Act 1986	146,500	135,900	10,600
Veteninary Fees (Abattoir)	26,000	35,000	-9,000
Superannuation	71,300	66,500	4,800
Agency Work	63,500	63,500	0
Apportionment of Support Income	12,274	6,852	5,422
Other	70,000	77,500	-7,500
TOTAL INCOME	2,844,324	901,252	1,943,072

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ADOPTED	INCREASE/
	BY MANAGE	2003	DECREASE
1. Remuneration - including Superannuation and Social Welfare Contributions of Officers Better Local Government	3,442,000	3,086,400	355,600
2. Travelling and Removal Expenses	80,000	97,000	-17,000
3. Office Accommodation and Requisites	1,468,900	1,348,600	120,300
4. Computer Services	1,040,900	1,193,600	-152,700
5. Legal Expenses	200,000	180,000	20,000
6. Insurance	123,900	115,350	8,550
7. Membership subscriptions to Outside Bodies	7,000	6,000	1,000
8. Partnership Projects	92,900	87,600	5,300
9. Audit	35,000	33,000	2,000
10. Staff Recruitment and Development	171,000	127,500	43,500
11. Arbitration Scheme	70,000	49,500	20,500
12. Staff Training	271,000	131,000	140,000
13. Other Expenses			0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,002,600	6,455,550	547,050
INCOME			
Partnership Recoupment	61,400	48,900	12,500
Grant Phase 2 F.M.S	0	139,700	-139,700
Contributions to Superannuation	153,600	143,272	10,328
Other Income	44,500	122,000	-77,500
TOTAL INCOME	259,500	453,872	-194,372

<i>PROGRAMME GROUPS</i>		2004 ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	INCOME 2004 ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	EXPENDITURE 2003 ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €	INCOME 2003 ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €
1 HOUSING & BUILDING									
1.1.	LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING	1,996,500		3,900,500		1,770,100	1,688,350	3,664,109	3,618,000
1.2.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES	2,365,380		2,033,300		2,495,100	2,088,240	2,106,500	2,218,830
1.3.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES	1,109,800		719,900		1,113,100	1,107,400	723,500	652,200
1.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,927,403		334,054		3,046,616	2,669,183	397,282	352,255
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 1		8,399,083	-	6,987,754	-	8,424,916	7,553,173	6,891,391	6,841,285
2 ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY									
2.1.	ROAD UPKEEP	22,539,288		17,442,000		21,416,300	22,862,300	15,996,600	17,442,000
2.2.	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	295,500		295,500		296,200	296,200	298,900	301,590
2.3.	ROAD TRAFFIC	315,500		169,575		241,400	241,400	241,900	132,000
2.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	7,750,585		726,045		7,089,129	7,151,904	1,618,139	1,702,900
TOTAL PROGRAMME 2		30,900,873	-	18,633,120	-	29,043,029	30,551,804	18,155,539	19,578,490
3 WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE									
3.1.	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	6,692,700		4,512,380		6,106,700	5,973,700	4,155,000	3,610,200
3.2.	PUBLIC/SEWERAGE SCHEMES	3,600,400		59,000		2,522,300	2,062,100	35,000	35,000
3.3.	PRIVATE INSTALLATION	767,000		767,000		675,000	750,000	675,000	750,000
3.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,437,818		169,770		2,151,973	1,875,890	198,599	188,100
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 3		13,497,918	-	5,508,150	-	11,455,973	10,661,690	5,063,599	4,583,300
4 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS									
4.1.	LAND USE PLANNING	476,400		1,069,000		480,800	484,000	990,000	1,355,900
4.2.	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	235,800		234,500		196,300	195,000	195,000	195,000
4.3.	OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION	632,525				653,100	649,600		
4.4.	REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS	5,000				5,000	5,000		
4.5.	PROMOTION OF INTEREST OF THE LOCAL COMMUNI	509,800		38,000		497,000	497,000		
4.6.	TWINNING OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	40,000				40,000	55,000	38,000	38,000
4.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,569,455		183,190		2,523,786	2,172,665	173,921	150,650
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 4		4,468,980	-	1,524,690	-	4,395,986	4,058,265	1,396,921	1,739,550
5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION									
5.1.	WASTE DISPOSAL	12,432,949		16,429,800		16,955,905	14,488,946	19,221,259	16,882,300
5.2.	BURIAL GROUNDS	512,400		200,000		512,400	512,400	200,000	200,000
5.3.	SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES	230,950		117,750		225,650	207,950	117,750	112,750
5.4.	FIRE PROTECTION	5,409,513		535,000		3,971,790	3,971,790	394,000	602,850
5.5.	POLLUTION CONTROL	3,124,717		2,191,450		3,159,000	2,148,842	2,074,700	1,217,000
5.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,872,298		234,090		2,022,903	2,166,462	308,675	281,000
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 5		23,582,827	-	19,708,090	-	26,847,648	23,496,390	22,316,384	19,295,900

6 RECREATION AND AMENITY									
6.1.	SWIMMING POOLS	58,000			58,000	18,000			
6.2.	LIBRARIES	2,353,150	88,300		2,248,400	2,248,100	70,300		
6.3.	PARKS, OPEN SPACES, RECREATION CENTRES	259,000	249,000		355,500	259,000	249,000		
6.4.	OTHER RECREATIONAL/AMENITIES	989,100	54,300		933,800	922,800	52,300		
6.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	349,396	85,250		330,901	282,432	76,500		
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 6		4,008,646	-	476,850	-	3,926,601	3,730,332	522,271	448,100
7 AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION & HEALTH & WELFARE									
7.1.	AGRICULTURE	292,075	12,400		272,100	268,900	12,400	12,400	
7.2.	EDUCATION	4,451,100	4,397,850		4,296,000	4,301,900	4,245,750	4,225,050	
7.3.	HEALTH/WELFARE	170,950			138,900	268,528			
7.8.	ADMINISTRATION/MISCELLANEOUS	375,275	19,125		341,900	298,379	32,623	33,500	
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 7		5,289,400	-	4,429,375	-	5,048,900	5,137,707	4,290,773	4,270,950
8 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES									
8.1.	LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	2,169,200			2,276,100	1,969,700			
8.2.	PLANT AND MATERIALS								
8.3.	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	1,783,900	34,000		1,659,250	1,891,800	35,000	43,000	
8.4.	ELECTIONS	121,000	1,000		49,500	45,900	1,000	10,000	
8.5.	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE/CONSUMER PROTECT	744,205	642,250		776,500	599,300	671,900	591,000	
8.6.	PROPERTY DAMAGE	2,000,000	2,000,000		30,000	-	30,000	-	
8.7.	MARKETS/FAIRS/ABATTOIRS								
8.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	735,516	167,074		547,482	466,990	163,352	151,500	
8.9.	CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE	30,000			28,800	28,800			
8.10.	ENTERTAINMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES	30,000			20,000	55,000			
8.11.	EXPS. OF MEMB OF L.A'S & REPR AT CONFERENCE	929,250			793,200	777,800			
8.12.	EXPS. OF MEMB ATTENDING CONFERENCES ABROAI	13,000			6,350	7,000			
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 8		8,556,071	-	2,844,324	-	6,187,182	5,842,290	901,252	795,500
TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS		98,703,798	-	60,112,353	-	95,330,235	91,031,651	59,538,130	57,553,075

* YEAR 1=forthcoming financial year.

**YEAR 2=current financial year.

TABLE B**CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION 2004****Limerick County Council****PROGRAMME GROUP**

	<i>Estimated</i>	
	<i>Out Turn For 2003</i>	
I. Gross Revenue Expenditure (Per Table A)	Col. 1	Col. 2
	€	€
1. Housing & Building	8,399,083	7,553,173
2. Road Transportation & Safety	30,900,873	30,551,804
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	13,497,918	10,661,690
4. Development Incentives & Control	4,468,980	4,058,265
5. Environmental Protection	23,582,827	23,496,390
6. Recreation & Amenity	4,008,646	3,730,332
7. Agriculture, Education, Health	5,289,400	5,137,707
8. Miscellaneous services	8,556,071	5,842,290
TOTAL	98,703,798	91,031,651
Plus County Charge (Town/Borough Councils)		
Minus County Charge (County Councils)		
Plus provision for Debit Balance		
Adjusted Gross Expenditure (A)	98,703,798	91,031,651
II. Gross Revenue Income (Per Table A)		
1. Housing & Building	6,987,754	6,841,285
2. Road Transportation & Safety	18,633,120	19,578,490
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	5,508,150	4,583,300
4. Development Incentives & Control	1,524,690	1,739,550
5. Environmental Protection	19,708,090	19,295,900
6. Recreation & Amenity	476,850	448,100
7. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,429,375	4,270,950
8. Miscellaneous services	2,844,324	795,500
Total = (B)	60,112,353	57,553,075
III. Net Expenditure (A-B)=(C)	38,591,445	33,478,576
IV. Other Income \ Credit Balance		-
Provision for Credit Balance		-
Local Government Fund Income	19,104,458	17,578,195
Sub-Total = (D)	19,104,458	17,578,195
V. Amount to be Levied = (C)-(D)	19,486,987	17,828,500
VI. Net Effective Valuation	363,127	355,817
VII. General Annual Rate on Valuation	53.6644	46.9642

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