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Don Chathaoirleach Agus Do Gach Ball Don Chomhairle

Draft Budget 2005

A Chomhairroirleoir, a Chara,

The Draft Budget for the financial year ending 31st December 2005 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 period.

The Statutory Budget Meeting has been fixed for Monday, 20th December 2004. This means that the process of adopting a Budget for 2005 must be completed within the prescribed period of 21 days commencing on that date. The Budget for 2005 must therefore be adopted by 9th January 2005. (Last working day is Friday, 7th January 2005.) This report is presented to the Members in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and also to assist in your consideration of the Draft Budget.

1. Introduction

The outlook for the National Economy seems positive for 2005 and thereafter, with low inflation, low interest rates, low unemployment at 4.4% and an economic growth forecast of approximately 5%. All of these factors compare very favourably with our E.U. partners and are the main reason for the high level of investment in infrastructure at nearly twice the E.U. average.

In framing this Draft Budget, I have endeavoured to ensure that Limerick County will be well positioned to avail of the national infrastructure investment programme so that employment growth experienced over recent years continues.

2. Expenditure Requirements

The estimated expenditure for 2005 amounts to €103.75m - an increase of €5.007m over the adopted figure for 2004. This level of expenditure will be financed from the following sources:-

1. Commercial Rates	€21.804m	(21%)
2. Government Grants	€33.548m	(32%)
3. Local Government Fund Grant	€22.469m	(22%)
4. Goods and Services	<u>€25.929m</u>	(25%)
	<u>€103.75m</u>	

3. Commercial Valuation / Rates

The total estimated Commercial Valuation for the Draft Budget is €383,354 – an increase of €20,244 (5.57%) over the 2004 figure. In forming the Budget, I have allowed for a rate increase of 7%. While the annual general inflation rate to October 2004 is under 3%, in fixing the rate increase for 2005, I had to have regard to the fact that the Wholesale Price Indices for Energy and Building / Construction Materials have increased by over 8% and 10% respectively over the last twelve months. These indices reflect more closely the Council's working environment than the general inflation figure. It should also be noted that the Limerick County Rate for 2004 was the 26th lowest of the thirty-four County and City Authorities (see Appendix 3).

4. Debit Balance on Revenue Account

In my report to the Members on the Draft 2004 Budget, I drew attention to the necessity for action to be taken to eliminate the Debit Balance of €4.5m at the end of 2002. While significant progress was made in 2003, it is essential that efforts continue in 2005 and beyond that will lead to the elimination of this debit balance.

5. Local Government Fund

Circular letter Fin 27/2004 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government notifies the Council of a grant of €22.470m for 2005 from the Local Government Fund. This sum represents an increase of almost 8% over the 2004 figure.

6. Development Fund

The Development Contribution scheme (Capital Account), which was adopted by the Council in late 2003, is now fully operational and is expected to yield approximately €5.00m per annum. Proposals for expenditure from this fund will be brought to the Members early in 2005.

7. Commercial Water Charges

In fixing the commercial water charges for 2005, I had to take account of the main cost drivers in this area, i.e. energy costs, payroll costs, increased demands and increased quality standards. Notwithstanding the above mentioned costs, I have only increased the charges for 2005 by 5%.

8. Value for Money

The policy of continuous review of operations over the past number of years will continue in 2005, to ensure that maximum value for money is achieved in all of the Council's operations. A particular emphasis will be placed on technology based solutions, where appropriate and available.

9. Local Government Funding

The task of preparing the Draft Budget for 2005 highlighted once again the inadequate funding base of the Council and the impact and influences of Ireland's Economic Performance on Local Authorities. In this regard, I welcome the current study on the Financing of Local Government being undertaken by Indecon, International Economic Consultants, on behalf of the Government. I look forward to the publication of this report in Spring 2005.

10. Conclusion

Significant progress was achieved in all areas of the Council's activities in 2004 and, in particular, on capital infrastructural projects. I expect this rate of economic development to continue in 2005.

I wish to express my appreciation and the appreciation of staff at all levels, for the co-operation and assistance received from the former and current Members of the Council. I look forward to this continued co-operation in 2005 and I am quite confident that, working as a Team, further significant progress can be achieved.

I also wish to extend thanks to the staff at all levels, both indoor and outdoor, for their continued commitment and co-operation in 2004. The task of preparing the Draft Budget and bringing all the elements together fell mainly on the Finance Unit and, for their commitment, I express my sincere thanks.

Finally, 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

The four year Building Programme which commenced in 2001 envisaged an initial number of starts of 500 units of housing and this was subsequently adjusted to 580. The most up-to-date information shows that starts and purchases for the four years will be in the region of 520 units. The shortfall is accounted for by the lack of progress in Adare and Patrickswell due to the fact that the sewerage capacity is still not adequate and in Murroe and Oola due to land acquisition difficulties.

In 2004 a capital allocation of €16.8m was approved by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government towards the Building Programme. The number of housing units completed during the year was 53, with a further 187 under construction and 45 in planning. In addition, 4 rural houses were completed, 3 are under construction and 8 are in planning. To date in 2004, a total of 166 offers of accommodation was made, of which there were 12 refusals.

The voluntary housing sector continues to provide a large part of the housing need and again has had a very successful year, providing 58 units of accommodation, with a further 72 under construction and 96 in planning.

During 2004, work continues on priority list 4 of the major external repairs programme and a sum of €246,600 has been provided to meet the cost of loan charges to allow this programme to proceed.

Work also commenced on the Central Heating programme and an initial sum of €50,000 has been provided in the estimate as the Council's contribution towards this programme.

Since June 2002, a Housing Services Officer has been employed to provide a range of services in such areas as pre-tenancy training, liaising with tenant groups and anti-social behaviour. In terms of pre-tenancy training, 4 courses took place in 2004 and these involved 51 households. Estate improvement and maintenance works have also been carried out as part of the programme. In addition to continuing these works, it is proposed to issue a Newsletter to tenants to 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 €170,000 under this heading.

The Homeless Persons Unit continues to function with two specialist staff, i.e. a Community Welfare Officer and an Outreach/Resettlement Worker and dealt with over 120 cases of homelessness or potential homelessness in 2004. Financial Assistance is also given to other service providers who accommodate homeless persons, in accordance with Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1988.

The current Homeless Strategy for the County is due for review in 2005 and it is likely that a new strategy will be put in place. I am proposing a total allocation towards the Unit of €369,000, 90% of which can be recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

With regard to the Travelling community, a new Traveller Accommodation Programme has been prepared for the period 2005-2008 and is due for adoption by the Council in April 2005. A draft Programme is currently available for public inspection for the purpose of making submissions etc. The current Programme (2000-2004) provided 94 families with an offer of permanent accommodation. I propose an allocation of €293,000 under this heading of which €44,000 can be recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The Council's rented stock is now 1,690 and I am proposing to provide €538,500 for maintenance and repair of this stock. 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. I am, therefore proposing to increase the pre-letting repairs allocation to €316,000. In addition, €50,000 is proposed as a contribution towards the Horticulture Section who provide maintenance for the Council's housing estates.

In recent years there has been a significant increase in the resources allocated to the Disabled Persons and Essential Repair Grants Schemes. I propose an increase in the allocations in 2005 to €900,000 for Disabled Persons Grants and €240,000 for Essential Repairs Grants. This allocation is dependant on the recoupment by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government of two-thirds of these amounts. Of this allocation, however, it will be necessary to set aside sufficient funds to cater for the most critical applicants, in accordance with the Council's Policy.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2

Road Transportation - Boithre

The total expenditure proposed under this programme for 2005 amounts to €32.21m – an increase of €1.352m over the adopted figure for 2004.

NON-NATIONAL ROADS (MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT)

This estimate provides an increase of €0.804m (4.0%) on the adopted estimate for 2004. This assumes that grant levels from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will be at least the same in 2005 as in the current year.

ROAD RESTORATION PROGRAMME

This programme involves major annual grant allocations from the Department of 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 road condition and traffic volumes. Since 1995 there has been a transformation in the condition of the Regional and Local Road network. However, there are still substantial sections of unimproved roads and the current level of investment must continue. A pavement condition survey is currently being carried out by consultants on behalf of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the outcome of which is awaited. A revised multi-annual programme must be prepared in the coming year to cover the programme of works for 2006 and beyond.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

The allocation for public lighting maintenance shows a decrease of approximately €90,000. This does not represent a reduction in real terms as the National Roads Authority are now, for the first time, accepting responsibility for maintenance of public lighting on national routes. This change is reflected in the increased allocation for National Primary Roads.

I have provided for a small increase for the provision of new lights. However, new requirements from the E.S.B. in relation to overhead wires, together with changes in the market for the supply of electricity, will result in significant changes in the overall environment concerning the provision of public lighting. Having regard to these changes and the ongoing burden of public lighting on own resources, I will be asking the Transportation SPC, once established, to examine the issue of public lighting as a matter of urgency.

EU CO-FINANCE GRANTS

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, 2004, a grant total of €2,456,000 was received for the following projects:

	<u>Location</u>	Allocation €
L6082	Tooreendonnell/Knockdown, Athea	145,000
L6101	Ballygoghlan, Glin	115,000
LP1117/1118	Plassey Park Road	100,000
R512	Kilmallock/Ardpatrick	380,000
R521	Kate Daly's Cross/Ardagh	396,000
R522	Cork Bridge	50,000
R526	St. Nessan's Road, Dooradoyle	70,000
R555	Kerry Bridge	100,000
R926	Dooradoyle Road Improvements	1,000,000
	Shannon Crossing Feasibility Study	100,000

This very valuable programme will continue in 2005.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3

Water and Sewerage / Seirbhísí Sláintíochta

The total budget for Programme Group 3 is €14.4m, which is an increase of €0.9m over the adopted figure for 2004. The overall increase is just under 7% for the total budget for the year. Given the increases in both wages and energy costs, the level of overall increase is modest and has been targeted towards maintaining existing levels of service.

PURCHASE OF WATER - LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The Council purchases approximately 16,200 cubic metres of water each day (3.56 million gallons/day) from Limerick City Council which it uses to serve Limerick City Environs and surrounding areas, including Castleconnell, Ballyneety, Patrickswell, Mungret and Clarina.

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT

I have allowed an amount of €312,500 to cover the cost of the Water Conservation Project in the coming year. The leakage detection crews have 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 reduction in leakage not only improves the level of service to consumers, but also helps free up capacity to permit development projects to proceed. One example of the results of this project is the fact that the water imports from Limerick City Council have held steady in recent years despite the fact that additional areas have been connected (e.g. Caherconlish) and that substantial new developments have been built in the City Environs.

SMALL CAPITAL SCHEMES / SCÉIMEANNA MION- CHAIPITIL

I have provided a sum of €160,000 as matching funds for the Small Capital Schemes Programme in 2005. 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 in excess of €600,000 under this heading in 2005.

The Small Capital Schemes Programme is an invaluable mechanism for providing critical improvements to the water services infrastructure in the county. The programme has funded schemes such as the new watermain at Strand, the augmentation of the water supply at Murroe and the refurbishment of the filter beds at Jamestown.

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 continue to advance the provision of a universal water metering programme in 2005, and funding of the non-domestic element of major capital schemes will have to be raised through borrowing. The costs associated with these borrowings will have to be borne by the Council in the interim. To meet these additional costs, I have fixed the commercial charge for water at €5.33 per 1000 gallons for 2005 - an increase of 5%, with a pro-rata increase in all fixed charges.

In line with the principle of transparency in water pricing, it is proposed to review water and sewer connection charges to keep these in line with actual costs incurred.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME / CLÁR UISCE TUAITHE

The Council has received approval from the Department to a Design / Build / Operate project for various 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. The project is currently at tender stage.

I have allowed for a sum of €450,000 in respect of subsidies to Group Water Schemes for 2005. This sum is fully recoupable from the Department.

I have reduced the provision in respect of individual well supplies by €25,000 to €200,000. 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 €1,225,000 in respect of the County Council's contribution to the ongoing running costs of the new Sewage Treatment Plant at Bunlicky for 2005. 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 an unprecedented level with an increase in 2004 of up to 40% on the number of planning applications received over 2003, which in turn was an increase on the 2002 figure. The main priorities in 2005 will be to meet our statutory requirements in the determination of planning applications, local area plans and planning enforcement within the statutory time schedules. The issue of turnover of planners continues to be of serious concern for planning authorities generally, and this is one area, which will require further consideration from a human resources viewpoint in the coming year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Over 3500 applications will be received in 2004. Approximately 25% of applications received in 2004 have been invalid. This is a serious draw on resources in the section as it means that these applications will normally be handled twice. Measures to decrease the level of invalid applications through information evenings for the general public and agents and the promotion of greater awareness of the problem will be a priority for 2005.

Due to the anticipated introduction of the new EPA requirements, on site assessments for waste water treatment, new arrangements will be put in place utilising the services of an approved list of agents / companies for the carrying out of soil tests.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN / LOCAL AREA PLANS

Considerable progress was made on the review of the County Development Plan during 2004 and it is hoped to finalise the new plan early in the new year. Great credit is due to the Working Group and to the staff of the Forward Planning section for completion of the review process in a timely and efficient manner. The review process for the Southern Environs and Caherdavin Local Area Plans has recently commenced and it is hoped to finalise both reviews, prepare new Local area Plans for Cappamore, Bruff and Hospital and commence the review of the Adare Local Area Plan during 2005. The implementation of the new Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive will place increased pressure on the ability of the forward planning section to continue the review and preparation of local area plans at the levels of recent years.

Provision is also being made for the preparation of a 'Rural House Design Guide' and a 'Residential Estate Design Guide'. It is hoped that these guides will be prepared on a regional basis in co-operation with the other Mid-West authorities.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

The Development Contribution Scheme which was adopted by the Council in December 2003 and introduced on a phased basis is now fully operational since September 2004. The projected income from this scheme in a full year is €5 million. Proposals for a framework for expenditure under the scheme will be brought before the Members for consideration early in the new year.

TECHNOLOGY

The progressive approach to the greater use of technology continued with significant progress being made on the development of a GIS system as an add-on to the existing Planmap system to cater for pre-planning discussions. The use of the web-site to promote greater levels of awareness of planning issues was very successful throughout the year with over 100,000 hits on the planning website. Efforts to make the site more user friendly and to increase the availability of information on the site will continue.

CONSERVATION

Provision is made for a continuation of the conservation grant scheme in 2005. Over the six-year period to 2004, over €900,000 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 level of funding being made available in the form of grants to maintain and restore such properties.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES

The new initiative introduced by the Council to promote the development of small towns and villages through the provision of water and sewerage services using a PPP approach with local developers has attracted considerable interest with Part VIII planning approvals already in place for schemes at Caherconlish and Bruree and many other projects in the pipeline. The promotion of this approach will continue next year.

TOURISM PROMOTION

The sum of €55,000 includes the Council's contribution to Regional Tourism Initiatives, ie Meet Limerick – Shannon Conference Bureau and Limerick Co-Ordination Office. In addition, County Limerick Tourism Promotion Brochures are published from time to time and it is considered appropriate that we support Shannon Development and the LEADER Companies in the County in these projects.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE FUNCTION

The Economic, Social & Cultural Strategy 2002 – 2011 outlines actions which will contribute to the development of Co. Limerick. In most instances the State Agencies / Local Development Companies make provision in their budgets for the delivery of these actions. However, the effectiveness of these actions can

give added value by a more co-ordinated service delivery led by the Limerick County Development Board.

Financial support is required for social inclusion initiatives such as Rural Transport, Croom Partnership Plan, the Barcelona Declaration, disability auditing and networking and information exhibitions and workplace literacy programmes. The economic development of the county is promoted by contributions to the multi-agency Kilmallock Enterprise Plan and Cappamore E-Town Initiative.

RURAL COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

This company manages a social economy programme of housing repairs for the elderly. The works carried out are not of interest to an active construction industry as the jobs are too small. The beneficiaries are elderly people living alone who are eligible for grants schemes operated by the Mid Western Health Board and the County Council. While the supervisor and participants are paid from grants made available by FAS, the managerial and secretarial costs are not fully covered. The Council contribution of €20,000 facilitates the continuation of this valuable service.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY FORUM

The sum of €43,000 meets the costs of servicing the various Fora. The promotion of volunteers is important for the economic and social development of the county. Community and voluntary people are given an opportunity to input into the formation of public policy and are given training to manage their voluntary activities. This sum is fully recoupable from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

PROGRAMME GROUP 5

Environmental Protection / Cosaint na Timpeallachta

The estimated expenditure under this programme for 2005 amounts to €20.045m.

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 operational costs of the two new Civic Amenity Centres at Kilmallock and Newcastle West and matching funds for the proposed Mungret Civic Amenity Centre expected to be operational in late 2005.

Operational costs for the Gortadroma landfill have levelled off in 2004 and this is expected to continue in 2005 reflecting a downturn in waste intake at the facility and the impact of recycling and pay-by-use initiatives.

- ***Operational costs for 2005 will amount to €1,633,604.***
- ***The provision of €2,429,000 has been included to cover the cost of infrastructural development which has taken place at the landfill in previous years.***
- ***€330,000 is provided for future after care and maintenance.***
- ***€545,400 is provided for loan charges.***

- ***The local development fund is expected to generate €76,200.***
- ***€471,839 has been provided towards the implementation costs of the Regional Waste Management Plan. All but €174,601 of this will be recouped from the other local authorities participating in the Plan.***
- ***€110,000 has been provided towards the Environmental Awareness Programme.***
- ***€283,095 has been provided towards the costs of the new civic amenity centre at Mungret.***
- ***€502,000 has been provided for other recycling facilities including the 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 €232,000 has been provided for the two clean-up teams.***

In calculating the income at Gortadroma Landfill it is assumed that 60,000 tonnes of waste will be accepted in 2005, with 1,000 tonnes of this generated by the two clean-up teams. To fund the above programme, I have fixed the landfill charge at €150 per ton for 2005. This sum includes the landfill tax of €15 per ton.

LITTER CONTROL

A provision of €335,146 has been provided for litter control, reflecting wage increases and the need to prepare a new Litter Management Plan in 2005.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Increased provisions of €878,500 and €151,000 are included for pollution control and the operation of the Environmental Laboratory respectively. These will allow for increased monitoring services to be carried out, reflecting the requirements of the new Drinking Water Regulations and ongoing implementation of the Phosphorous Regulations.

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 €1.75m 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 €2,635,513 is provided for salaries, fees, pensions and allowances. An amount of €2,600,000 has been provided for fees to Limerick City Council and other authorities to provide fire cover in County Limerick, in accordance with the terms of the agreement for this service. There is a significant increase in this cost which reflects the level of fire cover provided and the increase in population in the City Environs.

An amount of €180,227 has been provided towards the operational costs of the Regional Control Centre.

It is proposed that a new joint rostering arrangement for fire officers will be put in place for 2005 with Limerick City Council.

BURIAL GROUNDS

The Council adopted a Burial Ground Maintenance & Development Strategy in July 2003 which contained a number of significant recommendations including:

- (a) Increasing the maintenance grant to community groups from €254 to €350. In 2004, over 100 community groups benefited from this measure.
- (b) Providing capital grants to community groups to develop, manage and maintain new facilities within their parishes. Two such grants have already been awarded to groups in Fedamore and Monagea, both of whom have provided fine new burial grounds which will serve their needs long into the future. I am advised that a number of other parishes have expressed an interest also in this measure.

I am very conscious that a number of Elected Members have a particular interest in this area and I am anxious to provide a much needed increase in expenditure in order to properly resource the measures contained in the Strategy document. I have, therefore, provided for a 21% increase under the heading of Burial Ground Upkeep, Improvement & Grants. To ensure that this doesn't impact on other programmes, I have approved a revision of charges for burial plots, details of which will be circulated separately in the near future by the Water Services Department.

PROGRAMME GROUP 6

Recreation and Amenity / Caitheamh Áiseanna

LIBRARIES/LEABHARLANNA

The network of 24 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 €86,000 is included, as provided for in benchmarking and Sustaining Progress.

The provision for purchase of books is €424,500 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, which are now almost complete. The Estimate also allows for the recruitment of a Branch Librarian to operate the restored Library at Glin which will open to the public in Spring, 2005.

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 €69,200.

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 2005 to continue the creation of a Records Management Database to allow for a streamlined approach for the administration of all public records

CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2005 – PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS

Set out on the adjoining page are the proposed allocations to various projects throughout the county. This scheme primarily assists projects and services where there is already a significant community / voluntary financial contribution. The contributions are recommended having regard to a wide variety of interests and balanced geographic development. The proposed allocations include support for specialist interest tourism projects in our towns, i.e. Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum, Rathkeale Palatine Museum, Askeaton Civic Trust Museum and Adare Heritage Centre, Adare. Assistance is recommended for projects in Limerick City and Environs which have a Regional significance, i.e. Belltable Arts Centre, Hunt Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. John's Cathedral and the University Concert Hall.

It is appropriate that our heritage should be preserved and developed throughout the County and financial contributions are recommended for Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and Friarsgate Theatre, Kilmallock. The contribution to the restoration of "protected house" in Sheare's St, Kilmallock is recommended as funds made available to Limerick County Council by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for a

Conservation Grant Scheme may not be spent on publicly owned buildings. The other recommended contributions are where other organisations are lead agencies or where voluntary/community effort should be supported and rewarded.

ARTS ACTIVITIES

The estimated 2005 expenditure for the County Arts Office including salaries and programmes is €205,000. The anticipated income is €67,000. Grants and Bursaries under the Arts Act have been increased from €10,350 in 2004 to €16,000 in 2005.

The County Arts Programme will include the following:-

- ***School Residency Programme in 10 primary schools.***
- ***Eigse Michael Hartnett Festival and Eigse Michael Hartnett Award.***
- ***Composer/Musician in Residence Programme.***
- ***Literature Programme including short-term residencies.***
- ***Calendar of exhibitions.***
- ***Support for county festivals.***
- ***Spring series of lectures entitled 'Limericks Built Heritage'.***
- ***'Joy of Music' series with Irish Chamber Orchestra in county towns.***

HORTICULTURE SERVICE

The horticulture service provides for the maintenance and upkeep of a large number of public open spaces, including public parks, river walks, road verges and roundabouts and public housing estates throughout the county. €653,800 has been provided for the Horticulture Service, an increase of €20,800 over 2004.

Contribution Scheme 2005

Proposed Allocations

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
University Concert Hall Ltd.	14,000	15,000
Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum	14,000	15,000
Hunt Museum, Limerick	10,000	10,000
Adare Heritage Trust Ltd.	9,000	12,000
Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick	9,000	9,000
Friarsgate Theatre, Kilmallock	7,000	8,000
Palatine Museum, Rathkeale	5,000	5,000
Askeaton Civic Trust Heritage Centre	5,000	5,000
Abbeyfeale Community Leisure Ltd. (Town Park)	5,000	5,000
Centre for Independent Living, Newcastle West	6,000	7,000
St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
St John's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann	10,000	5,000
Community Games	5,000	6,000
Athea Motorcycle Project	5,000	6,000
As Dúchas Dochas, Newcastle West	5,000	-
Ballingrane Church Restoration Fund	4,000	4,000
Limerick Marine Rescue Service	3,000	5,000
Limerick Youth Services, Limerick	2,000	4,000
Limerick Animal Welfare Ltd.	2,000	4,000
Restoration of House in Medieval Core Area, Kilmallock (Sheare St.)	-	10,000
 Sub-Total	 <u>130,000</u>	 <u>145,000</u>

PROGRAMME GROUP 7

Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

LAND DRAINAGE

A sum of €277,000 is provided for land drainage, to meet the Council's obligations under this heading.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

The estimated cost of this scheme for 2005 is €4.00m, which is almost fully recouped from the Department of Education and Science. Over 1700 applications are dealt with each year, which includes new applicants and renewals.

V.E.C. PENSIONS

The estimated cost of V.E.C. pensions in 2005 is €2.4m, which is recouped in full from the Department of Education and Science.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES – RATES

In 1987, the Council adopted a scheme for rates relief on Community Facilities. Over sixty organizations throughout the County benefit from this scheme, at an estimated cost for 2005 of €75,900.

Programme Group 8

Miscellaneous Services / Seirbhísí Ilgnéitheacha

CONTROL OF DOGS

The estimated expenditure on this scheme in 2005 is €198,000. The I.S.P.C.A., who were providing the service on an agency basis for the City and County Authorities, are withdrawing at the end of the current year. The Council will, from 1st January 2005, provide the Dog Warden and Shelter service for the County and City, with the City contributing one-third of the costs.

A sum of €20,000 is also included to cover the loan charges for a new shelter.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The total provision under this heading amounts to €2.77m. This sum provides for the loan charges for Headquarters, Newcastle West Area Office, and allows for construction / planning to proceed with the O'Toole site and Area Offices in Rathkeale and Kilmallock. Also included are the rental / lease charges for the Laboratory and Motor Taxation Building.

CONTROL OF HORSES

The estimated cost of this service for 2005 is €110,000, which is fully funded from Department of Agriculture Grant and Pound Fees. While the number of wandering horses continues to reduce, the services of a security firm are still availed of for the collection and impounding of animals.

FOOD SAFETY

The service is provided, at an estimated cost of €222,000, under contract to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. It is estimated that the full cost of the service will be recovered by way of allocation from the F.S.A. and Abattoir Fees.

COURTHOUSES

The estimated cost of Courthouse maintenance in 2005 is €70,000, which is fully recouped from the Court Services Board.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES

The estimated cost of irrecoverable rates in 2005 is €1.284m – an increase of €0.334m on the adopted figure for 2004.

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT CHARGES

REMUNERATION

This heading includes salaries and employer's P.R.S.I. costs for staff not assigned to any of the other eight Programme Groups. Costs included would be Human Resources, Finance and Information Systems. Also included are pension costs for former employees.

STAFF TRAINING

The estimated Staff Training Budget for 2005 amounts to €530,000. This represents an increase of €259,000 when compared with the adopted Staff Training Budget of 2004 of €271,000. A number of factors account for this increase. Funds for Directorate specific training programmes, which were previously under the control and budget of each individual Directorate, have now been reallocated to the Staff Training Budget.

Limerick County Council is committed to meeting its requirements to all staff members under various Health and Safety legislation. With this in mind, the estimated Health and Safety Budget has increased to €100,000 from €54,000 in 2004. Other increases within the budget allow for an expansion of staff training and awareness programmes throughout all disciplines and grades in Limerick County Council. For instance, provision is made in the budget for training programmes for outdoor workers, such as the "Return to Learning Programme" and also with applications from outdoor workers for financial assistance with educational course fees under the Personal Development Programme.

Limerick County Council is committed to meeting the requirement as set out in "Sustaining Progress Social Partnership Agreement 2003 – 2005" that local authority expenditure on training should meet 3% as a percentage of the total cost of payroll.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The estimate provided under this heading amounts to €1.115m for 2005. Included in this sum is the statutory payment to the Local Government Computer Services Board, communication costs, costs associated with replacement programme of P.C's. and purchase of digital maps for use with G.I.S. system.

REVENUE BUDGET - SUMMARY
PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Local Authority Housing</u>	-	-	-
Maintenance Repair and Improvement	538,500	525,000	13,500
Maintenance Repair/ Pre-letting Repairs	316,000	266,400	49,600
Central Heating Project (Matching Funds)	50,000		50,000
Horticultural Works - Housing Estates	50,000	50,000	0
Loan charges- External Repair Programme	246,600	247,100	-500
Estate Management/Ext Paint Sch	170,000	164,000	6,000
Rent Collection	272,100	240,800	31,300
Loan Charges	6,000	6,000	0
Other (Fire Insurance)	130,000	128,200	1,800
Assistance to Homeless Persons(Sec10 Hsg. Act 1988)	369,000	369,000	0
<u>Assistance to People Housing Themselves</u>			
Loan Charges - Annuity Loans	970,280	1,250,500	-280,220
Loan Charges - Private Sites	8,550	8,600	-50
Loan Charges - Shared Ownership Loans	204,000	258,680	-54,680
Loan Charges - Shared Ownership Loans(equity)	214,700	275,000	-60,300
Housing Finance Agency - Previous Loan Scheme	70,000	310,000	-240,000
Loan Charges - Rental Subsidy	200,500	145,600	54,900
Other (Fire Insurance & Mortgage Protection Ins.)	122,500	117,000	5,500
<u>Assistance to People Improving Houses</u>			
Loan Charges_ Essential Repair Grants	27,000	28,700	-1,700
Loan Charges _ Disabled Persons Grants	29,300	31,100	-1,800
Disabled Persons Grants	900,000	850,000	50,000
Essential Repair Grants	240,000	200,000	40,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	2,235,865	2,051,125	184,740
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	629,554	595,878	33,676
Traveller Support Services	293,000	260,400	32,600
Other	0	20,000	-20,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,293,449	8,399,083	-105,634

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Subsidy - Homeless Persons	332,100	332,100	0
Subsidy - Social Worker	100,000	104,400	-4,400
Grants - Disabled Persons Grants	600,000	566,600	33,400
Grants - Essential Repairs	160,000	133,300	26,700
Grants - Traveller Accommodation	44,000	40,000	4,000
Loan Charges Rental Subsidy	200,500	145,600	54,900
Grant - Rental Accommodation Scheme	100,000		100,000
<u>Goods and Services/ Own Resources</u>			
Rents	3,550,000	3,036,000	514,000
Shared Ownership Equity - Rent	295,000	255,400	39,600
Internal receipts - major repairs prog	246,000	247,000	-1,000
Repayments - Loan Interest repayments	1,006,000	1,545,000	-539,000
Repayments - Annuity Loans(incl T.R.S)	442,000	0	442,000
Repayments - H.F.A. - Previous Loan Scheme	70,000	310,000	-240,000
Superannuation	134,000	143,500	-9,500
Private Rented Accommodation		52,000	-52,000
Halting Sites E.S.B. / Rents	15,000	16,000	-1,000
Apportionment of Support Income	24,626	30,154	-5,528
Other	18,700	30,700	-12,000
TOTAL INCOME	7,337,926	6,987,754	350,172

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Road Upkeep</u>			
National Primary Roads	1,418,300	1,126,700	291,600
National Secondary Roads	350,100	373,300	-23,200
Non National Roads Maintenance & Improvement	20,930,574	20,126,288	804,286
Public Lighting - Maintenance	739,540	828,000	-88,460
Public Lighting - Repairs Damaged Lights	20,000	20,000	0
Public Lighting - New Lights	100,000	80,000	20,000
<u>Road Improvements</u>			
Local Improvement Schemes(incl admin)	332,232	295,500	36,732
<u>Road Traffic</u>			
Parking	76,400	115,200	-38,800
School Wardens	132,600	134,900	-2,300
Safety and Education	2,900	2,700	200
Road Safety Campaign	12,700	12,700	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	4,594,626	4,501,404	93,222
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	2,445,653	2,192,281	253,372
Motor Taxation	1,062,275	1,056,900	5,375
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,217,900	30,865,873	1,352,027

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Road Fund - Upkeep	1,768,400	1,500,000	268,400
Motor Taxation Recoupment	16,576,773	15,942,000	634,773
Other (L.I.S. Road Safety)	290,207	262,900	27,307
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Parking fees/Fines	54,900	119,575	-64,675
Contributions to Local Improvement Schemes	43,655	32,600	11,055
Superannuation	475,000	508,200	-33,200
Motor tx refunds	40,000	40,000	0
Apportionment of Support Income	65,035	80,445	-15,410
Other	64,900	97,400	-32,500
TOTAL INCOME	19,378,870	18,583,120	795,750

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE			
EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Water Supply</u>			
Water Supply	4,391,000	3,939,500	451,500
Water Conservation	312,500	295,000	17,500
Loan Charges Metering prog	25,000	30,000	-5,000
Loan Charges Major Cap	500,000	300,000	200,000
Water Purchase	1,554,600	1,792,000	-137,400
Revenue Collection	341,800	336,200	5,600
<u>Sewerage</u>			
Operation and Maintenance	2,276,125	2,243,600	32,525
Limerick Main Drainage	907,300	1,150,000	75,000
Public Conveniences - Maintenance	52,004	51,800	204
<u>Water & Sewerage</u>			
Small Schemes Capital Contribution/ Matching Funds	160,000	155,000	5,000
<u>Private Installations</u>			
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	200,000	225,000	-25,000
Subsidy to Group Schemes	450,000	350,000	100,000
Group Schemes Administration	275,000	192,000	83,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	1,475,274	1,480,200	-4,926
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,095,680	957,618	138,062
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,016,283	13,497,918	936,065

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Group Schemes - Administration Grant	275,000	192,000	83,000
Group Schemes - Subsidy	450,000	350,000	100,000
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	200,000	225,000	-25,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Water Charges (€5.23per 1000 gallons adopted 2	4,015,000	3,861,030	233,970
Shannon Estuary Scheme- Recoupment from A.A.I	387,228	357,600	29,628
Fluoridation - Mid Western Health Board	39,600	38,430	1,170
Superannuation	136,500	146,000	-9,500
Water Connections	215,000	155,320	59,680
Apportionment of Support Income	19,592	23,770	-4,178
Other	20,000	59,000	-39,000
TOTAL INCOME	5,757,920	5,408,150	429,770

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Planning</u>			
Development Plan		50,000	-50,000
Planning fee refunds	40,000	40,000	0
<u>Building control/Health & Safety</u>	403,800	386,400	17,400
<u>Industrial Development</u>			
Industrial Promotion	1,300	1,300	0
County Enterprise Board/ Soft Supports	240,000	234,500	5,500
<u>Other Development</u>			
Tourist Promotion	55,000	55,000	0
Contribution to Regional Authority	123,000	95,600	27,400
Contribution to Regional Assembly	46,300	44,125	2,175
<u>Renewal Programmes</u>			
Urban and Village Renewal	110,000	100,000	10,000
Loan Charges Urban & Village Renewal	318,351	311,800	6,551
Grants - Tidy Towns/Community Groups	26,000	26,000	0
<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	327,900	310,800	17,100
Dir of Comm & Ent Operational Costs	140,000	131,000	9,000
Rural Community Care Network	20,000	15,000	5,000
Community & Voluntary Forum	43,000	38,000	5,000
<u>Twinning of Local Authority Areas</u>			
	60,000	40,000	20,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration and Overheads	2,554,041	2,235,100	318,941
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	373,605	317,055	56,550
Contribution to General Council of Co. Co.	15,800	13,900	1,900
Contribution to L.A.M.A.	4,000	3,400	600
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,922,097	4,468,980	453,117

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
County Enterprise Board	240,000	234,500	5,500
Community & Voluntary Forum	43,000	38,000	5,000
Conservation Grant	114,200	100,000	14,200
Heritage Officer grant	0	14,200	-14,200
<u>Goods And Services</u>			
Planning Fees	1,050,000	700,000	350,000
Income Trial Hole	80,000	200,000	-120,000
Enforcement/objections	25,000	19,000	6,000
Superannuation	126,600	135,400	-8,800
Apportionment of Support Income	5,980	6,590	-610
Commencement Notices	70,000	50,000	20,000
Misc Planning(dev plans & copies perms)	27,000	27,000	0
TOTAL INCOME	1,781,780	1,524,690	257,090

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
Waste Disposal			
Abbeyfeale Landfill Aftercare		134,325	-134,325
Gortadromma - Operation and Provision of Landfill	1,633,604	2,204,199	-570,595
Gortadromma - Local Development Fund	76,200	107,950	-31,750
Gortadromma - Loan Charges	545,400	546,800	-1,400
Gortadromma - Aftercare & Rehabilitation	330,000	425,000	-95,000
Gortadromma-Development Works	2,429,000	4,044,900	-1,615,900
Morenane Aftercare	10,000		10,000
Other Waste Costs	741,635	511,105	230,530
Waste Management Plan	471,839	428,300	43,539
East Limerick Planning Costs	0	2,235	-2,235
Environmental Awareness	110,000	105,000	5,000
Recycling initiatives	502,000	501,250	750
Recycling Centres- New Developments	15,000	0	15,000
Civic Amenity Sites Development costs	283,095	1,951,800	-1,668,705
Clean Up Operations& Abandoned vehicles	232,000	218,085	13,915
Landfill Levy	855,000	1,200,000	-345,000
Traveller Management Costs	42,000	52,000	-10,000
Burial Grounds			
Loan Charges- Mungret Burial Ground	91,000	99,600	-8,600
Burial Ground Upkeep & Imp & Grants	500,000	412,800	87,200
Improvement - County Wide			0
Safety of Structures and Places			
Civil Defence	201,450	161,050	40,400
Water Safety	79,200	59,900	19,300
Derelect sites	60,000	10,000	50,000
Fire Protection			
Salaries, Fees, Pensions and Allowances	2,635,513	2,333,263	302,250
Buildings and Equipment	207,150	300,000	-92,850
Development Work	20,000	10,000	10,000
Fees to Other Local Authorities	2,600,000	2,270,000	330,000
Regional Control Centre	180,227	166,700	13,527
Training Programme	0	100,000	-100,000
Insurances - Equipment & Personal Accident	28,900	29,100	-200
Occupational Health System	13,000	15,450	-2,450
Major Emergency Planning	10,000	35,000	-25,000
Miscellaneous	236,261	150,000	86,261
Pollution Control			
Pollution Control & Equipment	878,500	699,849	178,651
Operation of Laboratory & Provision of Equipment	151,000	115,000	36,000
Litter Control	335,146	359,868	-24,722
Shannon river Basin	1,750,000	2,000,000	-250,000
Administration and Miscellaneous			
Pensions Environmental	129,500	68,400	61,100
Admin Salary	48,400	45,800	2,600
Emergency Planning	20,000	20,000	0
Insurance - P.L.	72,200	65,000	7,200
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,521,679	1,673,098	-151,419
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,045,899	23,632,827	-3,586,928

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Civil Defence	141,000	112,750	28,250
Shannon River Basin-	1,750,000	2,000,000	-250,000
Anti Litter Initiative	18,500	15,000	3,500
White Goods Hazardous	11,000	9,000	2,000
Recycling Grants Operational Costs	150,000	30,000	120,000
Waste Enforcement	206,000		206,000
Environmental Partnership	5,000		5,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Refuse Disposal Charges	7,965,000	14,700,000	-6,735,000
Landfill Levy	855,000	1,200,000	-345,000
Waste Court Awards	20,000	5,000	15,000
TSF Fees /C1 Fees	15,000	2,500	12,500
Waste Collection Permits	50,000	36,000	14,000
Waste Permits Appl	20,000	8,000	12,000
Waste Plan	297,228	312,400	-15,172
Compost Cones	30,000	40,000	-10,000
Abandoned Vehicles	1,000	2,400	-1,400
Green Waste	2,000		2,000
Civic Amentity Centre Fees	2,000	25,000	-23,000
Packaging Regs Fees	6,000	500	5,500
Hire of Shredder	0	5,000	-5,000
Waste Miscellaneous	50,000		50,000
Litter - fines etc	25,000	39,000	-14,000
Burial Fees - Mungret	100,000	100,000	0
Burial Fees - Other	190,000	100,000	90,000
Fire Fees	162,000	100,000	62,000
Fire Safety Certs	660,182	400,000	260,182
FireLicence sec 2481	27,000	25,000	2,000
Course Expenses	10,000	10,000	0
Derelict Sites	10,000	5,000	5,000
Pollution Licence Fees	165,000	186,450	-21,450
Water Pollutond court	10,000	5,000	5,000
Superannuation	139,300	149,000	-9,700
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	44,088	85,090	-41,002
TOTAL INCOME	13,137,298	19,708,090	-6,570,792

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Swimming Pools</u>			
Contributions	10,000	18,000	-8,000
Askeaton Pool- Loan Charges	17,000	40,000	-23,000
<u>Libraries</u>			
Archive Service	69,200	69,650	-450
Operation	2,047,434	1,929,200	118,234
Purchase of Books	424,500	379,300	45,200
<u>Community Employment Schemes</u>			
	260,000	259,000	1,000
<u>Other Recreational and Amenity</u>			
Horticultural Service	653,800	633,000	20,800
Special Amenity Works	19,000	49,000	-30,000
Grants_ Sli na Slainte	3,500	3,500	0
Contributions	170,000	130,000	15,000
Arts Activities	205,000	173,600	31,400
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			72,500
Insurance P.L	72,500	65,000	257,579
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	322,579	284,396	-284,396
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,274,513	4,033,646	215,867

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Grant - Community Employment Schemes	260,000	249,000	11,000
Grant - School Library Scheme	46,300	46,300	0
Grant - Library Digitisation	18,000	18,000	0
Grant - Arts Act	67,000	54,300	12,700
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Library Fines	24,000	24,000	0
Superannuation	77,800	83,200	-5,400
Apportionment of Support Income	1,660	2,050	-390
TOTAL INCOME	494,760	476,850	17,910

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGRICULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
	<u>Agriculture</u>		
Land Drainage	277,000	279,675	-2,675
Loan Charges - Limerick Harbour Comm	7,925	12,400	-4,475
<u>Education</u>			
Vocational Education Committee/Stat Deman	37,000	37,000	0
V.E.C. Pensions	2,400,000	1,322,100	1,077,900
Higher Education Grants	4,000,000	3,062,000	938,000
V.E.C. Rental	-	30,000	-30,000
<u>Health and Welfare</u>			
Mid-Western Health Board - Expenses	100,000	100,000	0
Rates Abatement - Community Facilities	75,900	70,950	4,950
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	566,624	375,275	191,349
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,464,449	5,289,400	2,175,049

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGR, EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Recoupment - V.E.C. Pensions	2,400,000	1,322,100	1,077,900
Recoupment - Higher Education Gr	3,983,750	3,045,750	938,000
V.E.C.Rental Income	0	30,000	-30,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Recoupment - Loan Limk Harbour Comm.	7,925	12,400	-4,475
Apportionment of Support Income	21,522	19,125	2,397
TOTAL INCOME	6,413,197	4,429,375	1,983,822

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Provision of Accomodation</u>			
Loan Charges	2,672,100	2,169,200	502,900
Lease Charges	101,500		101,500
Plant & Materials	2,330,000		2,330,000
<u>Financial Management</u>			
Rate Collection	506,800	472,900	33,900
Irrecoverable Rates	1,284,000	950,000	334,000
Rate Refunds	192,600	180,000	12,600
Bank Charges/ Overdraft Interest	110,000	106,000	4,000
Valuation Listing Fees	80,000	75,000	5,000
<u>Elections</u>			
Register of Electors	50,600	86,000	-35,400
Local Elections	-	35,000	-35,000
<u>Administration of Justice - Consumer Protection</u>			
Residential homes	2000	2,500	-500
Courthouses	70,000	100,450	-30,450
Control of Dogs Act 1986	198,000	146,500	51,500
Vets Milk & Dairies, Slaughter Houses,	222,000	234,557	-12,557
Coroners	95,000	95,000	0
Pounds / Wandering Horses	110,000	165,198	-55,198
<u>Property Damage</u>			
Malicious Damage	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	920,291	607,016	313,275
Sundry Debtors	65,000	63,500	1,500
Insurance P.L.	72,900	65,000	7,900
Other			0
<u>Chairman's Allowance</u>			
Chairman's Allowance	38,500	30,000	1,800
<u>Entertainment and Associated Expenses</u>			
	40,000	30,000	10,000
<u>Expenses of Members of Local Authorities</u>			
	235,000	230,000	5,000
<u>Members Representational Allowance</u>			
	422,100	421,300	800
<u>S.PC Chairs Allowances</u>			
	25,400	25,400	0
<u>S.PC External Members Expenses</u>			
	10,000	10,000	0
<u>Representation at Conferences</u>			
	263,400	242,550	20,850
<u>Expenses of Members Attending Conferences Abroad</u>			
	13,000	13,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,130,191	8,556,071	3,567,420

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2004	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Court Services	70,000	100,450	-30,450
Malicious Injuries	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Dept of Agriculture Grant(Abattoirs)	202,000	206,300	-4,300
Dept of Environment Control of Horses	105,000	148,000	-43,000
Members Salary			
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Control of Dogs Act 1986	170,000	146,500	23,500
Plant & Materials	2,330,000		2,330,000
Veteninary Fees (Abattoir)	20,000	26,000	-6,000
Superannuation	66,700	71,300	-4,600
Agency Work	65,000	63,500	1,500
Apportionment of Support Income	17,097	12,274	4,823
Other	48,750	70,000	-21,250
TOTAL INCOME	5,094,547	2,844,324	2,250,223

EXPENDITURE	Adopted	Adopted	INCREASE/
	by Council	2004	DECREASE
1. Remuneration - including Superannuation and Social Welfare Contributions of Officers	3,694,165	3,442,000	252,165
2. Travelling and Removal Expenses	90,000	80,000	10,000
3. Office Accommodation and Requisites	1,580,700	1,468,900	111,800
4. Computer Services	1,115,900	1,040,900	75,000
5. Legal Expenses	300,000	200,000	100,000
6. Insurance	107,400	123,900	-16,500
7. Membership subscriptions to Outside Bodies	8,000	7,000	1,000
8. Partnership Projects	95,000	92,900	2,100
9. Audit	38,000	35,000	3,000
10. Staff Recruitment and Development	228,900	171,000	57,900
11. Arbitration Scheme	87,600	70,000	17,600
12. Staff Training	530,000	271,000	259,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,875,665	7,002,600	873,065
INCOME			
Partnership Recoupment	55,000	61,400	-6,400
Contributions to Superannuation	143,600	153,600	-10,000
Other Income	1,000	44,500	-43,500
TOTAL INCOME	199,600	259,500	-59,900

PROGRAMME GROUPS	2005		INCOME 2005		EXPENDITURE 2004		INCOME 2004		OUT TURN
	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €	ADOPTED €	€	
1 HOUSING & BUILDING									
1.1.	LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING	2,148,200	2,148,200	4,541,100	4,541,100	1,996,500	1,964,200	3,900,500	4,111,900
1.2.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES	1,790,530	1,790,530	1,719,200	1,719,200	2,365,380	1,782,800	2,033,300	1,325,500
1.3.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES	1,196,300	1,196,300	760,000	760,000	1,109,800	1,105,200	719,900	699,900
1.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	3,158,419	3,158,419	317,626	317,626	2,927,403	2,900,000	334,054	319,150
	TOTAL-PROGRAMME 1	8,293,449	8,293,449	7,337,926	7,337,926	8,399,083	7,752,200	6,987,754	6,456,450
2 ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY									
2.1.	ROAD UPKEEP	23,558,514	23,558,514	18,345,173	18,345,173	22,554,288	21,216,000	17,442,000	15,854,000
2.2.	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	332,232	332,232	333,862	333,862	295,500	312,600	295,500	299,200
2.3.	ROAD TRAFFIC	224,600	224,600	54,900	54,900	265,500	200,000	119,575	80,000
2.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	8,102,554	8,102,554	644,935	644,935	7,750,585	7,770,000	726,045	675,000
	TOTAL PROGRAMME 2	32,217,900	32,217,900	19,378,870	19,378,870	30,865,873	29,498,600	18,583,120	16,908,200
3 WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE									
3.1.	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	7,224,900	7,124,900	4,736,828	4,656,828	6,692,700	6,487,000	4,412,380	4,550,500
3.2.	PUBLIC/SEWERAGE SCHEMES	3,713,129	3,395,429	20,000	20,000	3,600,400	3,490,000	59,000	10,000
3.3.	PRIVATE INSTALLATION	925,000	925,000	925,000	925,000	767,000	670,000	767,000	787,000
3.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,570,954	2,570,954	156,092	156,092	2,437,818	2,637,000	169,770	154,000
	TOTAL-PROGRAMME 3	14,433,983	14,016,283	5,837,920	5,757,920	13,497,918	13,284,000	5,408,150	5,501,500
4 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS									
4.1.	LAND USE PLANNING	443,800	443,800	1,339,200	1,339,200	476,400	410,000	1,069,000	1,980,000
4.2.	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	241,300	241,300	240,000	240,000	235,800	244,000	234,500	240,000
4.3.	OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION	678,651	678,651			632,525	631,700		
4.4.	REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS	5,000	5,000			5,000			
4.5.	PROMOTION OF INTEREST OF THE LOCAL COMMUNI	545,900	545,900	43,000	43,000	509,800	472,000		
4.6.	TWINNING OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	60,000	60,000			40,000	60,000	38,000	41,000
4.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,947,446	2,947,446	159,580	159,580	2,569,455	2,811,200	183,190	175,900
	TOTAL-PROGRAMME 4	4,922,097	4,922,097	1,781,780	1,781,780	4,468,980	4,628,900	1,524,690	2,436,900
5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION									
5.1.	WASTE DISPOSAL	8,276,773	8,276,773	9,728,728	9,728,728	12,432,949	6,516,000	16,429,800	10,500,000
5.2.	BURIAL GROUNDS	591,000	591,000	290,000	290,000	512,400	504,000	200,000	237,000
5.3.	SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES	340,650	340,650	151,000	151,000	230,950	230,000	117,750	117,000
5.4.	FIRE PROTECTION	5,931,051	5,931,051	859,182	859,182	5,409,513	5,400,000	535,000	775,000
5.5.	POLLUTION CONTROL	3,114,646	3,114,646	1,925,000	1,925,000	3,174,717	2,307,000	2,191,450	1,425,000
5.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,791,779	1,791,779	183,388	183,388	1,872,298	1,942,000	234,090	363,000
	TOTAL-PROGRAMME 5	20,045,899	20,045,899	13,137,298	13,137,298	23,632,827	16,899,000	19,708,090	13,417,000

PROGRAMME GROUPS	2005		INCOME 2005		EXPENDITURE 2004		INCOME 2004		OUT TURN
	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €	ADOPTED €		
6 RECREATION AND AMENITY									
6.1. SWIMMING POOLS	27,000	27,000			58,000	37,000			
6.2. LIBRARIES	2,541,134	2,541,134	88,300	88,300	2,378,150	2,378,200	88,300	62,200	
6.3. PARKS, OPEN SPACES, RECREATION CENTRES	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	259,000	236,700	249,000	236,700	
6.4. OTHER RECREATIONAL/AMENITIES	1,026,300	1,051,300	67,000	67,000	989,100	902,000	54,300	51,500	
6.8. ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	395,079	395,079	79,460	79,460	349,396	349,400	85,250	82,000	
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 6	4,249,513	4,274,513	494,760	494,760	4,033,646	3,903,300	476,850	432,400	
7 AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION & HEALTH & WELFARE									
7.1. AGRICULTURE	284,925	284,925	7,925	7,925	292,075	292,000	12,400	7,900	
7.2. EDUCATION	6,437,000	6,437,000	6,383,750	6,383,750	4,451,100	5,578,600	4,397,850	5,352,600	
7.3. HEALTH/WELFARE	175,900	175,900			170,950	465,900			
7.8. ADMINISTRATION/MISCELLANEOUS	566,624	566,624	21,522	21,522	375,275	840,900	19,125	19,100	
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 7	7,464,449	7,464,449	6,413,197	6,413,197	5,289,400	7,177,400	4,429,375	5,379,600	
8 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES									
8.1. LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	2,773,600	2,773,600			2,169,200	2,133,000			
8.2. PLANT AND MATERIALS	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000					
8.3. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	2,173,400	2,173,400	24,000	24,000	1,783,900	2,986,000	34,000	41,000	
8.4. ELECTIONS	50,600	50,600	1,000	1,000	121,000	312,100	1,000	22,700	
8.5. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE/CONSUMER PROTECT	697,000	697,000	572,000	572,000	744,205	679,200	642,250	567,250	
8.6. PROPERTY DAMAGE	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-	
8.7. MARKETS/FAIRS/ABATTOIRS									
8.8. ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,058,191	1,058,191	167,547	167,547	735,516	879,900	167,074	373,000	
8.9. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE	31,800	38,500			30,000	30,000			
8.10. ENTERTAINMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES	40,000	40,000			30,000	34,000			
8.11. EXPS. OF MEMB OF L.A'S & REPR AT CONFERENCE	955,900	955,900			929,250	945,000			
8.12. EXPS. OF MEMB ATTENDING CONFERENCES ABROAI	13,000	13,000			13,000	8,978			
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 8	12,123,491	12,130,191	5,094,547	5,094,547	8,556,071	8,008,178	2,844,324	1,003,950	
TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS	103,750,781	103,364,781	59,476,298	59,396,298	98,743,798	91,151,578	59,962,353	51,536,000	

* YEAR 1=forthcoming financial year.

**YEAR 2=current financial year.

TABLE B**CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION 2005****Limerick County Council****PROGRAMME GROUP**

	<i>Estimated</i>	
	<i>Out Turn For 2004</i>	
<i>I. Gross Revenue Expenditure (Per Table A)</i>	<i>Col. 1</i>	<i>Col. 2</i>
	€	€
1. Housing & Building	8,293,449	7,752,200
2. Road Transportation & Safety	32,217,900	29,498,600
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	14,016,283	13,284,000
4. Development Incentives & Control	4,922,097	4,628,900
5. Environmental Protection	20,045,899	16,899,000
6. Recreation & Amenity	4,274,513	3,903,300
7. Agriculture, Education, Health	7,464,449	7,177,400
8. Miscellaneous services	12,130,191	8,008,178
TOTAL	103,364,781	91,151,578
Plus County Charge (Town/Borough Councils)		
Minus County Charge (County Councils)		
Plus provision for Debit Balance		
Adjusted Gross Expenditure (A)	103,364,781	91,151,578
 <i>II. Gross Revenue Income (Per Table A)</i>		
1. Housing & Building	7,337,926	6,456,450
2. Road Transportation & Safety	19,378,870	16,908,200
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	5,757,920	5,501,500
4. Development Incentives & Control	1,781,780	2,436,900
5. Environmental Protection	13,137,298	13,417,000
6. Recreation & Amenity	494,760	432,400
7. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	6,413,197	5,379,600
8. Miscellaneous services	5,094,547	1,003,950
Total = (B)	59,396,298	51,536,000
 III. Net Expenditure (A-B)=(C)	43,968,483	39,615,578
 IV. Other Income \ Credit Balance		-
Provision for Credit Balance		-
Local Government Fund Income	22,469,514	20,810,886
Sub-Total = (D)	22,469,514	20,810,886
 V. Amount to be Levied = (C)-(D)	21,498,969	
 VI. Net Effective Valuation	383,354	
 VII. General Annual Rate on Valuation	56.0812	

* YEAR 1= The forthcoming Financial Year.

**YEAR 2= The Current Financial Year.