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Draft Budget 2006

A Chomhaoirleoir, a Chara,

The Draft Budget for the financial year ending 31st December 2006 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 Thursday 15th December. This means that the process of adopting a Budget for 2006 must be completed within the prescribed period of twenty-one days commencing on that date. The Budget for 2006 must therefore be adopted by Wednesday, 4th January 2006. This report is presented to the Members in compliance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001.

1 Introduction

The continuing strong performance of the National Economy seems set to continue into 2006, with low interest rates, low inflation, low unemployment rate and an economic growth of approximately 5%. On the other hand, there are of course some threats and uncertainties, including global imbalances in the world economy and volatility of oil prices. The strong economic growth highlights the importance of the maintenance and improvement, wherever possible, of our economic infrastructure, such as roads, water, waste water and waste disposal, if County Limerick is to continue to benefit from overall national growth. This growth also requires our regulatory framework in areas such as planning, environmental pollution and building control, to ensure that proper standards and the quality of the landscape and environment are not sacrificed.

In framing this Draft balanced Budget for 2006, I have carefully assessed all costs and income streams, and also had regard to the submissions made during the consultation process with the Corporate Policy Group and also the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan.

2 Expenditure Requirements

The estimated expenditure for 2006 amounts to €105.732 million – an increase of €2.367 million over the adopted figure for 2005.

I propose to finance this level of expenditure from the following

1. Commercial Rates	€23.85	22.55%
2. Government Grants & Subsidies	€32.70	30.91%
3. Local Government Fund Grant	€24.09	22.79%
4. Goods and Services	€25.09	23.74%
	€105.73	100%

3 Out-Turn 2005

In my report on the Draft Budget to the Members over the last number of years, I drew attention to the cumulative debit balance on the Revenue Account at 31st December 2002 of over €4.5 million and the necessity for action to eliminate same. I am glad to report that, at the end of 2004, this debit balance had been almost eliminated. The provisional out-turn figures for 2005 indicate some deterioration in this position, due mainly to a significant slowdown in intake at the landfill. While every effort has been made to reduce the impact on the Revenue Account, I expect some increase in the debit balance at 31st December 2005.

4 Commercial Valuation / Rates

The total estimated Commercial Valuation for the Draft Budget is €409,650 – an increase of €26,296 (6.86%) over the 2005 figure. The oil price increases during 2005 impacted severely on all aspects of the Council's operations, but particularly road works and water and waste water. While general inflation, at around 3% is low, other Indices in the Energy and Construction Materials are significantly higher, averaging about 10%. In drafting the Budget for 2006, I have applied a rate increase of 3.8%. The Limerick County rate for 2005 was the 26th lowest of the thirty-four County and City Authorities (See Appendix 2).

The new proposed rate for 2006 is 58.2122.

5 Local Government Fund

Circular Letter FIN 20/2005 dated 5th December 2005 notifies the Council of an allocation of €24,091,786 from the Local Government Fund for 2006. This is an increase of €1,622,272 over the 2005 allocation.

6 Development Fund

The Members are aware that a sum of €5.00 million was allocated from the Development Fund in 2005 for various projects on roads, water, waste water and community. At this stage, it is anticipated that a similar sum will be available for allocation in 2006. Proposals for expenditure will be brought to the Members in early 2006.

7 Health and Safety

New regulations which came into operation during 2005 place additional responsibilities on the Council as an employer. While I am satisfied that significant progress has been made in this area in the recent past, a recent audit conducted by the Health and Safety Authority showed up some further procedural issues that need to be addressed. Every effort must be made to ensure that all work sites are safe for both employees and the public.

8 Commercial Water Charges

The Government's Water Services Pricing Policy document requires universal metering of all non-domestic users by the end of next year. Work on this project, which will be financed from borrowing, is expected to commence in early 2006. This metering programme will facilitate the application of user service charges to non-domestic users for water and waste water, with effect from 1st January 2007.

I do not propose to increase the scale of water charges for 2006.

9 Landfill Charges

The Members will be aware of the very significant down-turn in intake at the landfill during 2005. For 2006, I anticipate intake of approximately 65,000 tons and I have fixed a charge of €115 per ton. This charge represents a reduction of €35.00 per ton on the charge fixed for 2005.

10 Capital Investment Programme

Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the preparation and submission to the Members of a report outlining the Capital Programme for the next three years (2006, 2007 and 2008). This programme is enclosed with the budgetary documentation and is of course dependant on Capital Allocations from the Department.

11 Annual Progress Report on Corporate Plan

Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the preparation and submission of an annual progress report on the Corporate Plan to the Elected Members at the same time as the Draft Budget or at such other time as the Elected Council may by Resolution decide. It is suggested that the appropriate time for submission of such a report would be at the end of the first quarter of 2006, to facilitate the integration of year-end information, e.g. Service Indicators etc., into the report.

12. Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Council for their support and co-operation over the last twelve months. Working as a Team, I am confident that the progress achieved in 2005 can be further advanced in 2006. I wish to extend my thanks to the staff at all levels for their continued support in 2005. The task of preparing the Draft Budget fell mainly on the Finance Unit and I thank them for their commitment.

13 Conclusion

I recommend the Draft Budget 2006 to the Members for adoption.

Yours sincerely,

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County Manager

PROGRAMME GROUP 1

Housing and Building / Tithíocht agus Togail

It is opportune in compiling expenditure proposals for 2006 that cognisance be taken of the various activities in progress and the out-turns for 2005.

Local Authority Housing

The Council has embarked on a new four-year Building Programme which runs from 2004 to 2008 with a target of providing 557 units of accommodation. 114 units commenced during 2005, while the number of completions will be 134. There are presently 122 units under construction. The total expenditure during 2005 will be €16.8 million. To date in 2005, a total of 154 offers of accommodation were made, of which there were 14 refusals.

Voluntary Housing

The voluntary housing sector in County Limerick continues to be very active and over the past 13 years has provided 483 units of accommodation for elderly, disabled and homeless persons and families. 93 units are currently under construction and a further 119 units are at various pre-construction stages. There are 35 active housing associations in County Limerick, of which 29 operate on a totally voluntary capacity and are community based.

Window and Door Replacement Programme

During 2005, the Council will complete the fourth phase of its programme to replace windows and doors in local authority houses. The total number of houses completed by the end of 2005 will be 697 at a total cost of €2.27 million.

Central Heating Programme

The Council continued delivery of its planned maintenance programme to install central heating in 710 local authority houses. At the end of 2005, work on 204 houses will be completed at a total cost of €1.5 million. It is anticipated that an accelerated programme will take place in 2006.

Disabled Persons' Grants

232 applications for Disabled Persons' Grants have been received to date during 2005 and, of these, 216 have been approved to receive assistance. The total expenditure in 2005 will be €900,000 and the provision for 2006 is proposed at €1 million.

Essential Repairs Grants

51 applications for Essential Repairs were received during 2005 and, of these, 46 have been approved. The total expenditure will be €240,000 and this is proposed to increase to €260,000 for 2006.

Both the Disabled Persons' Grants and Essential Repairs Grants amounts proposed are dependent on the recoupment by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government of two-thirds of these amounts, but this has not been a problem in the past.

Homeless Persons

The Homeless Persons Unit continues to function with two specialist staff, i.e. a Community Welfare Officer and an Outreach/Resettlement Worker. The latter position has been filled on a temporary basis for the past two years but plans are currently underway to make the position permanent. The Unit has dealt with 90 cases of homelessness or potential homelessness in 2005. Preparations for a new Homeless Strategy for the three year period commencing 1st January, 2006 are underway. The Unit provides ongoing assistance to persons who are either homeless or potentially homeless and financial assistance to other service providers who accommodate homeless persons in accordance with Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1988. I am proposing an allocation towards the Unit of €369,000, 90% of which can be recouped from the DOEHLG.

Housing Services

Since June 2003 a Housing Services Officer has been appointed on a contract basis to provide a range of services such as pre-tenancy training, estate management and supporting community groups within our estates. It is now proposed to make this position permanent. In the course of 2005, seven pre-tenancy courses took place, six Resident's Associations were formed and, following lengthy and extensive consultation with the residents of Castleview and Sharwood Estates in Newcastle West, an extensive refurbishment programme for those estates has been agreed. A discussion document on Anti-Social Behaviour has been prepared and will be presented to the Council in due course. An allocation of €170,000 has been provided under this heading.

Travellers

A new Traveller Accommodation Programme was adopted by the Council in February. It proposes to address the accommodation needs of 91 Traveller families during the period 2005 – 2008. I am proposing an allocation of €305,600 under this heading.

A new Halting Site is nearing completion in Castletroy and will provide 7 Bays at a cost of approximately €2.035m. The Halting Site at Lansdowne Bridge is being refurbished to provide 14 bays at an approximate cost of €4.272m.

Maintenance of Housing Stock

The Council's rented stock is now 1,737 and I am proposing to provide €552,000 towards 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 tenantable condition before allocation. I am, therefore, proposing to increase the pre-letting repairs allocation to €333,000. In addition €50,000 is proposed as a contribution towards the Horticulture Section who provide maintenance for the Council's housing estates.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2

Road Transportation - Boithre

The total expenditure proposed under this programme for 2006 amounts to €31.505 million – a decrease of €712,787 over the adopted figure for 2005. However, the adopted figure in 2005 included for the Land Service Initiative grant (€2.343m), which was non-recurring.

Non-National Roads (Maintenance & Improvement)

This estimate provides for €19,666,928m for the maintenance and improvement of Non-National roads. This assumes that grant levels from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will be at least the same in 2006 as in the current year. This will allow for moderate increases in the areas of General Maintenance, Street Cleaning and the provision of Welfare Facilities, a key requirement under Health and Safety legislation.

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. The results of a pavement condition survey carried out by consultants on behalf of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government are under consideration with the Minister. A revised multi-annual programme was prepared to cover the programme of works for 2006 to 2008.

Public Lighting

The allocation for public lighting maintenance shows an increase of approximately €101,000. It is anticipated that the National Roads Authority will continue to fund the energy and maintenance costs of public lighting associated with National roads.

To facilitate the completion of the programme of Councillor's lights for 2005 I have provided for a sum of €100,000 under the provision of new lights. New requirements from the E.S.B. in relation to the use of overhead wires and the provision of supply points, together with changes in the market for the supply of electricity, have resulted in significant changes in the overall environment concerning the provision of public lighting.

Pending the outcome of the review of Public Lighting being undertaken by the Transportation SPC, I have made no provision, in 2006, for the provision of additional Councillor's lights.

SCHOOL FLASHING LIGHTS

Having regard to Members recent discussions on road safety, and particularly their requests for the installation of flashing lights as a safety feature on the approaches to schools, I am proposing to prioritise this measure by putting in place a financed package for the installation of same countywide. Full details will be presented with the detailed roads report to the February Council Meeting when the grant allocations will be known.

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, 2005, a grant total of €3,363,302 was received for the following projects:

<u>Location</u>		Allocation €
R513	Herbertstown to Ballinamona Improvements	578,000
R518	Rathkeale/Askeaton	600,000
R522	Cork Road Bridge	300,000
R522	Newcastle towards Bunoke Bridge	400,000
R526	St. Nesson's Road	350,000
R512/R516	Bruff Town Junction with Hospital Road	12,000
R589	Cement Roundabout to Quinn's Cross Roundabout	47,302
R513	Footpaths at Knocklong railway bridge	30,000
LP1117/1118	Plassey Park Road	625,000
L1230	Glin Knockdown Road	200,000
LS7088/LS7064	Tulligmore Roads	221,000
	Shannon Crossing Feasibility Study	80,000

This very valuable programme will continue in 2006.

Programme Group 3

Water and Sewerage / Seirbhísí Sláintíochta

The total budget for Programme Group 3 is €15.324 million, which is an increase of €1.307 million over the adopted figure for 2005. 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 €335,000 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 €100,000 as matching funds for the Small Capital Schemes Programme in 2006. 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 2006.

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 2006, 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.

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 €650,000 in respect of subsidies to Group Water Schemes for 2006. This sum is fully recoupable from the Department.

Limerick Main Drainage

I have provided a sum of €980,000 in respect of the County Council's contribution to the ongoing running costs of the new Sewage Treatment Plant at Bunlicky for 2006. 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 & Controls

The level of activity in the Planning and Development area in 2005 was on a par with 2004 when the number of applications reached an all time high. The main priorities in 2006 will be to meet our statutory requirements in the determination of planning applications, registration of quarries, planning enforcement and commencement of the two-year review of the County Development Plan. The issue of turnover of planning staff continues to be a matter of serious concern for Planning Authorities generally and in this Council it had a major impact in the past year with staff moving to other authorities on promotion.

Planning Applications

Approximately 3500 planning application will have been received in 2005. The level of invalid applications, which still runs at about 20%, continues to be a wasteful draw on our resources. New measures, including the provision of an on the spot verification service, were introduced from September 2005 and it is hoped that this very high level of invalid applications will be cut as a result of this measure during 2006. A series of planning information evenings for the general public and agents were held over the last year or so to promote greater awareness of the problem and it is hoped that further initiatives will be taken in 2006 to address this issue.

County Development Plan – Local Area Plans

Provision is being made in the budget to commence the statutory two-year review of the County Development Plan. Given the very strict time scales set out in the Act in relation to the statutory review process, it is essential that initial preparatory work be carried out in this area. Work will undertaken on the review of a number of Local Area Plans, including Adare, Rathkeale and Castleconnell, and on the preparation of new plans for Bruff, Hospital, Kilfinane and Caherconlish.

Development Contribution Scheme

Two additional staff were recruited in August/September 2005 to work on the collection and management of monies accruing following the introduction of the Development Contribution Scheme in December 2003. Projected income from this scheme in 2005 is approximately €5 million with a similar figure being anticipated for 2006. The monies collected under the Development Contribution Scheme will provide significant funding for a variety of capital programmes. Full details of the monies collected and projects which have benefited to-date, will be brought before the Council early in the New Year along with proposals for funding going forward.

Towns and Villages

Significant progress is being made by the Council in conjunction with private developers using a PPP approach for the provision of water and sewage services in small towns and villages. Funding for projects at Kilfinane, Bruree, Bruff and Caherconlish was made available from the development fund over the past year. The promotion of this approach, which has operated very successfully to date with a number of other projects in the pipeline at the current time, will continue next year.

Technology

Considerable progress was made during 2005 in the further development and use of technology to provide information on the planning and development process. The introduction of the online planning enquiry system (E-Plan) was very welcome in this regard. Quite an amount of useful information is available currently on the website and it is hoped to further develop this whole area in the coming year. Particular emphasis will be placed on the further development of the amount of online information available to the general public using the E-Plan system. This system which provides up to date information and a tracking facility in relation to planning applications was introduced in 2005 but requires some work to ensure that the full level of information is made available online. Usage of the website was very high during the year with over 100,000 hits on the Planning website. The format of the website was also refined during the year to make it more user friendly and additional work will be carried out during the year in this whole area

Conservation

Provision is made for an increase of €100,000 under the conservation grant scheme in 2006. Additional monies over the budget allocation were received during 2005 with the sum of €350,000 being 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.

Heritage

Following the recent adoption of the County Heritage Plan, a sum of €30,000 is being set aside as matching funds to draw down €35,000 from the Heritage Council towards the preparation of village design statements, design awards etc. This is a very innovative approach to the further development of the whole heritage area and is to be welcomed.

Health & Safety

A sum of €12,000 is being set aside for the purchase of protective wear and equipment for Planning Staff going out on site inspections / site visits. This is to ensure compliance with the requirements in the most recent health and safety legislation, which set out rigorous requirements in relation to staff safety and employer responsibilities.

Tourism Promotion

The sum of €75,000 (€55,000 in 2005) includes the Council's contribution to Regional Tourism Initiatives, ie Meet Limerick – Shannon Conference Bureau and Limerick Co-Ordination Office. In addition, new local initiatives such as a national Walled Town Conference is planned for Kilmallock in 2006 and it is appropriate that we support Shannon Development and the LEADER Companies in the County in suitable projects.

Urban & Village Renewal and Tidy Towns

An Urban Renewal Scheme has been in operation in County Limerick over a number of years and has covered Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale, Kilmallock and Croom. Department funding has been made available for a scheme in Kilfinane in 2006. In addition a sum of €110,000 is being made available to provide for smaller type renewal works in smaller towns and villages throughout the County. This scheme will be brought to the Council in early / mid 2006.

In relation to Tidy Towns, this budget facilitates contributions to various initiatives proposed by voluntary groups (seminars, training, conferences). For instance the new Pride of Place and Golden Mile Schemes have been assisted. The Council has also participated in local tidy towns competitions with LEADER companies.

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 have made provisions in their budgets for the delivery of these actions. However, the impact of these actions can be improved by a more co-ordinated service delivery led by the Limerick County Development Board.

Financial support is required for Social Inclusion Initiatives such as plans under the Disability Act 2005, the Barcelona Declaration Implementation Plan and physical work such as projects included under Newcastle West “Access For All”. The number of migrants into County Limerick continues to increase and the Council is a partner in initiatives to provide the necessary additional services.

Twinning of Local Authority Areas

A sum of €70,000 is being provided and includes the cost of a planned visit to Hohenlohe, Germany in the Spring of 2006. It is intended that this visit will also incorporate an examination of incineration and recycling facilities, which will inform the Council in the implementation of the Regional Waste Management Strategy.

Programme Group 5

Environmental Protection / Cosaint na Timpeallachta

The estimated expenditure under this programme for 2006 amounts to €18.328 million.

Waste Management

The area of waste management has grown in scale and complexity over the last number of years and is now one of the largest areas of Council activity. The Council acts as a regulator of the private waste industry and also as a service provider with the operation of the Gortadroma Landfill, almost 50 bring banks and two civic amenity centres at Newcastle West and Kilmallock. The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government recently granted approval to the provision of a new large-scale civic amenity at Mungret and construction of this facility is expected to commence early in 2006.

The volume of waste presented at Gortadroma landfill has fallen in recent years due to increased levels of recycling and falling landfill charges in other parts of the country. A new draft Regional Waste Management Plan was published in October 2005. This plan reviews the substantial progress made in County Limerick since 2001 in the provision of waste infrastructure and the dramatic rise in recycling rates of household and commercial waste. The plan also sets ambitious targets for recycling over the next 5 years.

- ***Operational costs for Gortadroma Landfill in 2006 are estimated at €1,630,803.***
- ***The provision of €1.00 million has been included to cover the cost of infrastructural development which has taken place at the landfill in previous years.***
- ***€357,500 is provided for future after care and maintenance.***
- ***€309,000 is provided for loan charges.***
- ***The local development fund is expected to generate €82,550.***

- **€480,813 has been provided towards the implementation costs of the Regional Waste Management Plan for which Limerick County Council is the lead authority. All but €162,813 of this will be recouped from the other local authorities participating in the Plan.**
- **€65,000 has been provided towards the Environmental Awareness Programme.**
- **€583,000 has been provided for other recycling facilities including the Bring Bank network.**
- **Illegal dumping of waste is still of great concern. The Council has two clean up crews . An amount of €190,000 has been provided for the two clean-up teams.**

In calculating the income at Gortadroma Landfill it is assumed that 65,000 tonnes of waste will be accepted in 2006, with 1,000 tonnes of this generated by the two clean-up teams. To fund the above programme, the landfill charge for general waste will be set at €115 per tonne for 2006. This sum includes the landfill levy of €15 per tonne.

LITTER CONTROL

A provision of €369,700 has been provided for litter control, reflecting wage increases and the need to prepare a new Litter Management Plan in 2006.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Provisions of €878,900 and €199,180 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 County Council is the statutory coordinating authority for the Shannon River Basin Management System project. This project, which involves 18 local authorities and numerous state and semi-state agencies and NGO's, is 100% funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. A sum of €1.615m is included under this heading. A new River Basin District Advisory Council will be established early in 2006 and two Elected Members will represent Limerick County Council on this Council.

FIRE SERVICE

Limerick County Council has six fire stations in the county with fire cover for the City Environs provided primarily by Limerick City Council. The Council now has a total of 60 retained Fire fighters. A total sum of €6,020,228 is provided for Fire Services in 2006. An amount of €203,327 has been included in this cost towards the operational cost of the Regional Control Centre.

Programme Group 6

Recreation and Amenity / Caitheamh Áiseanna

Libraries /Leabharlanna

The network of Libraries in the county, and its staff, provides a unique community service throughout the entire county. The service has 18,000 readers and issues over 370,000 books per year. Provision is included for extending the internet service to a further 6 libraries in 2006. By the end of the year it is anticipated that 19 branches will have internet service in line with the Governments plan for Provision of Internet Access to the Public via the Library Service.

The provision for purchase of books is €457,630 and includes a sum of €61,300 in respect of school library books, which is recoupable from the Department of Education & Science.

Councillors will be aware that approval has been granted for the construction of a new Library and Archive Headquarters at Dooradoyle which will provide an improved library storage and distribution centre and also greatly improve public access to the Local Studies and Archive Service. The grant from the DOEHLG in respect of this new building is €4.635million. 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 €35,000 provision is included in respect of repayments on Capital Works which include the Glin Courthouse/Library renovations, recently completed.

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 €43,500. The reason for the decrease from 2005 is that the cost of a clerical officer is charged instead to the Library Service.

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 2006 to continue the creation of a Records Management Database to allow for a streamlined approach for the administration of all public records.

Arts Office

The estimated 2006 expenditure for the County Arts Office including salaries and programmes is €218,000 and the anticipated income is €70,000.

It is recommended that Grants and Bursaries under the Arts Act be continued at the present level of €16,000 (€6,000 for 2 bursaries and €10,000 for Arts Grants).

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.

Contribution Scheme

The proposed allocations totalling €176,000 under this scheme are set out in the attached table. These primarily assist projects and services where there is already a significant community / voluntary financial contribution. The contributions are recommended having regard to a wider variety of interests and balanced geographical development. Cognisance should also be taken of the alternative sources of funding available to the applicants, such as the new Community, Sports & Cultural Grant Scheme, Conservation Grant Scheme etc. The proposed allocations include support for specialist interest tourism projects in our towns, i.e. Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum, Rathkeale Palatine Museum and Askeaton Civic Trust Museum and Adare Heritage Centre, Adare. In the case of Foynes, the increased contribution should be seen in the context of 2 other items:

- The grant of €15,000 to the Irish Coffee Festival for 2005 will not be necessary in 2006 as the festival will not be continuing next year.

- The Aviation & Maritime Museum is receiving very substantial monies from the Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism towards the development of the product and it is considered that the Council should increase its allocation in support of the development.

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. In the case of the Concert Hall, the proposed allocation has been increased from €15,000 in 2005 to €30,000 in 2006 to offset partially the ongoing deficit in ULCH. The Concert Hall is approaching other avenues to try to offset the annual deficit which all projects of an artistic or cultural nature seem to experience. A grant of €15,000 is proposed for the Irish Chamber Orchestra in respect of a series of concerts which will be held both in ULCH and in St. Mary's Cathedral in the summer of 2006, the total cost of which is €185,000. It provides an opportunity for people in the Region to attend high quality cultural events and receives both Arts Council funding and substantial private funding from MBNA.

The other recommended contributions are where other organisations are lead agencies or where voluntary/community effort should be rewarded.

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.

€678,960 has been provided for the Horticulture Service, an increase of €25,160 over 2005.

Contribution Scheme 2006
Proposed Allocations

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
University Concert Hall Ltd.	15,000	30,000
Foynes Aviation & Maritime Museum	15,000	25,000
Hunt Museum, Limerick	10,000	10,000
Irish Chamber Orchestra	-	15,000
Adare Heritage Trust Ltd.	12,000	15,000
Belltable Arts Centre, Limerick	9,000	9,000
Friarsgate Theatre, Kilmallock	8,000	9,000
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	7,000	7,000
St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
St John's Cathedral, Limerick	5,000	5,000
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann and /or Fleadh Cheoil	5,000	6,000
Community Games	6,000	6,000
Athea Motorcycle Project	6,000	6,000
Limerick Marine Rescue Service	5,000	5,000
Limerick Youth Services, Limerick	4,000	4,000
Limerick Animal Welfare Ltd. and/or LSPCA	4,000	4,000
Restoration of House in Medieval Core Area, Kilmallock (Sheare St.)	10,000 -	
Ballingrane Church Restoration Fund	4,000 -	
Foynes Irish Coffee Festival	15,000 -	
Rathkeale Community Development Project	10,000 -	
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	170,000	176,000

Programme Group 7

Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

Land Drainage

A sum of €290,000 is provided for drainage works to meet with Council's obligations.

Higher Education Grants

The estimated cost of this scheme for 2006 is €4.25 million, which is almost fully recouped from the Department of Education and Science. In excess of 1700 applications are dealt with each year, including new applicants and renewals.

V.E.C. Pensions

The estimated cost of V.E.C. pensions for 2006 is €2.715 million, which is fully recouped from the Department of Education and Science.

Programme Group 8

Miscellaneous Services / Seirbhísi Ilnéitheacha

Control of Dogs Act, 1986

The estimated cost of this service for 2006 amounts to €230,000. The ISPCA who previously provided this service for the Council have withdrawn from the service and Limerick County Council now provides this service on behalf of Limerick County Council and Limerick City Council. The increase is needed to employ a part-time Kennel Assistant and to advance the provision of a new Dog Pound in Mungret construction of which is expected to commence early in 2006.

Office Accommodation

The total provision under this heading amounts to €2,670,238. This sum provides for the loan charges for the Headquarters Building and Newcastle West Area Office. This provision allows for construction / planning to proceed on the O'Toole site and Area Offices in Rathkeale and Kilmallock. Rental / lease charges for the Laboratory and Motor Taxation buildings are also included.

Food Safety

This service is provided at an estimated cost of €243,000, under contract to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. It is estimated that the full costs will be recovered by a combination of Abattoir fees and a grant from the F.S.A.

Irrecoverable Rates

The sum provided under this heading amounts to €2.3 million. This sum takes account of current knowledge on vacant commercial properties in the County.

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. Cost centres included would be Finance, Human Resources and Information Systems. Also included are pension costs for former employees.

Staff Training

The estimated Staff Training Budget for 2006 remains at last years level i.e. €530,000. Significant investment in staff training and development in 2005 has addressed waiting lists for various types of training. The absence of waiting lists and a greater emphasis on using the Council's own resources for training delivery will ensure that the allocation is adequate to meet training needs in 2006. This sum will also enable the Council to meet the Government requirement that a minimum of 3% of payroll is spent on Training.

The requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare Act 2005 place very onerous demands on the Council as an employer. It is estimated that €100,000 be spent on health & safety training and awareness in 2006. This level of investment will be required in future years to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff. As part of Health & Safety programme, FAS Safe Pass training will be delivered to one hundred and forty staff members.

Limerick County Council has devised a comprehensive Induction Programme for new staff. Two such programmes are to be held in the coming year. As part of its commitment to staff development the Council continues to provide for assistance to staff members who undertake training / courses on their own initiative.

Financial provision has been made for the training requirements arising for the implementation of the Performance Management & Development System throughout the organisation in 2006. Provision continues to be made for schemes such as Return to Learning and Workplace Partnership initiatives.

Limerick County Council remains committed to developing its staff through the provision of programmes of training and development. Investing in staff resources will have a positive impact on the quality of services the organisation provides to the public.

Information Systems

The estimate provided for Information Systems amounts to €1.206 million for 2006. Included in this sum is a statutory payment to the Local Government Computer Services Board, communication costs, payments to the Ordnance Survey for use of digital maps, replacement of Members' desktop computers with Laptops, and the ongoing hardware replacement programme.

REVENUE BUDGET - SUMMARY
PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Local Authority Housing</u>			
Maintenance Repair and Improvement	552,000	538,500	13,500
Maintenance Repair/ Pre-letting Repairs	333,000	316,000	17,000
Central Heating Project Loan Charges	150,000	50,000	100,000
Horticultural Works - Housing Estates	50,000	50,000	0
Loan charges- External Repair Programme	258,800	246,600	12,200
Estate Management/Ext Paint Sch	150,000	170,000	-20,000
Rent Collection	276,700	272,100	4,600
Loan Charges	6,000	6,000	0
Other (Fire Insurance)	130,700	130,000	700
Rental Assistance scheme	200,000		200,000
Assistance to Homeless Persons(Sec10 Hsg. Act 1988	369,000	369,000	0
<u>Assistance to People Housing Themselves</u>			
Loan Charges - Annuity Loans & Shared Ownership	969,000	1,174,280	-205,280
Loan Charges - Private Sites	6,600	8,550	-1,950
Loan Charges - Shared Ownership Loans(equity)	243,000	214,700	28,300
Housing Finance Agency - Previous Loan Scheme	85,000	70,000	15,000
Loan Charges - Rental Subsidy	215,000	200,500	14,500
Other (Fire Insurance & Mortgage Protection Ins.)	150,550	122,500	28,050
<u>Assistance to People Improving Houses</u>			
Loan Charges_ Essential Repair Grants	27,000	27,000	0
Loan Charges _ Disabled Persons Grants	29,300	29,300	0
Disabled Persons Grants	1,000,000	900,000	100,000
Essential Repair Grants	260,000	240,000	20,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	2,213,582	2,235,865	-22,283
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	709,382	629,554	79,828
Traveller Support Services	305,600	293,000	12,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,690,214	8,293,449	396,765

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Subsidy - Homeless Persons	332,100	332,100	0
Subsidy - Social Worker	112,163	100,000	12,163
Grants - Disabled Persons Grants	666,666	600,000	66,666
Grants - Essential Repairs	173,334	160,000	13,334
Grants - Traveller Accommodation	46,000	44,000	2,000
Loan Charges Rental Subsidy	215,000	200,500	14,500
Grant - Rental Assistance Scheme	150,000	100,000	50,000
<u>Goods and Services/ Own Resources</u>			
Rental Assistance Scheme Local Cont	50000	0	50,000
Rents	3,700,000	3,550,000	150,000
Shared Ownership Equity - Rent	278,400	295,000	-16,600
Internal receipts - major repairs prog	258,800	246,000	12,800
Internal receipts -Central Heating Programme	150,000	0	150,000
Repayments - Loan Interest repayments	864,000	1,006,000	-142,000
Repayments - Transfer Loans Res	442,000	442,000	0
Repayments - H.F.A. - Previous Loan Scheme	85,000	70,000	15,000
Superannuation	138,000	134,000	4,000
Halting Sites E.S.B. / Rents	12,000	15,000	-3,000
Apportionment of Support Income	23,619	24,626	-1,007
Other	19,200	18,700	500
TOTAL INCOME	7,716,282	7,337,926	378,356

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Road Upkeep</u>			
National Primary Roads	1,433,875	1,418,300	15,575
National Secondary Roads	410,165	350,100	60,065
Non National Roads Maintenance & Improvement	19,616,928	20,930,574	-1,313,646
Public Lighting - Maintenance	841090	739,540	101,550
Public Lighting - Repairs Damaged Lights	20000	20,000	0
Public Lighting - Completion 2005 Prog/New Light	200000	100,000	100,000
<u>Road Improvements</u>			
Local Improvement Schemes(Incl admin)	330,000	332,232	-2,232
<u>Road Traffic</u>			
Parking	91,500	76,400	15,100
School Wardens	137,000	132,600	4,400
Safety and Education	4,000	2,900	1,100
Road Safety Campaign	12,700	12,700	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	4,804,300	4,594,626	209,674
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	2,565,855	2,445,653	120,202
Motor Taxation	1,087,700	1,062,275	25,425
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,555,113	32,217,900	-662,787

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
National Primary Grants	1,433,875	1,418,300	15,575
National Secondary Grants	410,165	350,100	60,065
Non National Road Grants	15,365,246	16,576,773	-1,211,527
Other (L.I.S. Road Safety)	288,600	290,207	-1,607
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Parking fees/Fines	74,950	54,900	20,050
Contributions to Local Improvement Schemes	41,400	43,655	-2,255
Superannuation	489,100	475,000	14,100
Motor tx refunds	45,000	40,000	5,000
Apportionment of Support Income	56,041	65,035	-8,994
Other	104,400	64,900	39,500
TOTAL INCOME	18,308,777	19,378,870	-1,070,093

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE			
EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Water Supply</u>			
Water Supply	4,603,824	4,391,000	212,824
Water Conservation	335,000	312,500	22,500
Loan Charges Metering prog	100,000	25,000	75,000
Loan Charges Major Cap	757,000	500,000	257,000
Water Purchase	1,497,900	1,554,600	-56,700
Revenue Collection	344,500	341,800	2,700
<u>Sewerage</u>			
Operation and Maintenance	2,395,100	2,276,125	118,975
Limerick Main Drainage	980,000	907,300	72,700
Public Conveniences - Maintenance	55,000	52,004	2,996
<u>Water & Sewerage</u>			
Small Schemes Capital Contribution/ Matching Funds	100,000	160,000	-60,000
<u>Private Installations</u>			
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	200,000	200,000	0
Subsidy to Group Schemes	650,000	450,000	200,000
Group Schemes Administration	325,000	275,000	50,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration	1,732,463	1,475,274	257,189
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,248,008	1,095,680	152,328
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,323,795	14,016,283	1,307,512

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - WATER AND SEWERAGE

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Group Schemes - Administration Grant	325,000	275,000	50,000
Group Schemes - Subsidy	650,000	450,000	200,000
Grants - Individual Water Supplies	200,000	200,000	0
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Water Charges	4,135,000	4,015,000	120,000
Shannon Estuary Scheme- Recoupment from A.A.L.	330,000	387,228	-57,228
Fluoridation - Mid Western Health Board	39,600	39,600	0
Superannuation	140,600	136,500	4,100
Water Connections	215,000	215,000	0
Apportionment of Support Income	18,629	19,592	-963
Other	32,300	20,000	12,300
TOTAL INCOME	6,086,129	5,757,920	328,209

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Planning</u>			
Development Plan	50,000		50,000
Planning fee refunds	75,000	40,000	35,000
<u>Building control/Health & Safety</u>	380,000	403,800	-23,800
<u>Industrial Development</u>			
Industrial Promotion	1,300	1,300	0
County Enterprise Board/ Soft Supports	252,100	240,000	12,100
<u>Other Development</u>			
Tourist Promotion	75,000	55,000	20,000
Contribution to Regional Authority	130,987	123,000	7,987
Contribution to Regional Assembly	49,713	46,300	3,413
<u>Renewal Programmes</u>			
Urban and Village Renewal	110,000	110,000	0
Loan Charges Urban & Village Renewal	318,000	318,351	-351
Grants - Tidy Towns/Community Groups	51,000	26,000	25,000
<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	350,200	327,900	22,300
Dir of Comm & Ent Operational Costs	155,000	140,000	15,000
Rural Community Care Network	20,000	20,000	0
Community & Voluntary Forum	43,000	43,000	0
<u>Twinning of Local Authority Areas</u>			
	70,000	60,000	10,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Direct Administration and Overheads	3,049,610	2,554,041	495,569
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	460,732	373,605	87,127
Contribution to General Council of Co. Co.	16,500	15,800	700
Contribution to L.A.M.A.	4,000	4,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,682,142	4,922,097	760,045

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
County Enterprise Board	252,100	240,000	12,100
Community & Voluntary Forum	43,000	43,000	0
Conservation Grant	214,200	114,200	100,000
<u>Goods And Services</u>			
Planning Fees	1,400,000	1,050,000	350,000
Income Trial Hole		80,000	-80,000
Enforcement/objections	37,000	25,000	12,000
Superannuation	130,400	126,600	3,800
Apportionment of Support Income	6,780	5,980	800
Commencement Notices	75,000	70,000	5,000
Misc Planning(dev plans & copies perms)	56,441	27,000	29,441
TOTAL INCOME	2,214,921	1,781,780	433,141

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

EXPENDITURE	Adopted	Adopted	INCREASE/
	by Council	2005	DECREASE
Waste Disposal			
Abbeyfeale & Morenane Landfill Aftercare	55,500	10,000	45,500
Gortadromma - Operation of Landfill	1,630,803	1,633,604	-2,801
Gortadromma - Local Development Fund	82,550	76,200	6,350
Gortadromma - Loan Charges	309,000	545,400	-236,400
Gortadromma - Aftercare & Rehabilitation	357,500	330,000	27,500
Gortadromma-Development Works	1,000,000	2,429,000	-1,429,000
Other Waste Costs	751,466	741,635	9,831
Waste Management Plan	480,813	471,839	8,974
Environmental Awareness	65,000	110,000	-45,000
Recycling Initiatives	583,000	800,095	-217,095
Clean Up Operations& Abandoned vehicles	190,000	232,000	-42,000
Landfill Levy	930,000	855,000	75,000
Traveller Management Costs	61,000	42,000	19,000
Burial Grounds			
Loan Charges- Mungret Burial Ground	91,000	91,000	0
Burial Ground Upkeep & Imp & Grants	500,000	500,000	0
<u>Safety of Structures and Places</u>			
Civil Defence	142,700	201,450	-58,750
Water Safety	77,500	79,200	-1,700
Derelict sites	75,000	60,000	15,000
Fire Protection			
Salaries, Fees, Pensions and Allowances	2,561,813	2,635,513	-73,700
Buildings and Equipment	224,405	207,150	17,255
Fees to Other Local Authorities	2,664,540	2,600,000	64,540
Regional Control Centre	203,327	180,227	23,100
Miscellaneous	366,142	308,161	57,981
Pollution Control			
Pollution Control & Equipment	878,900	878,500	400
Operation of Laboratory & Provision of Equipment	199,180	151,000	48,180
Litter Control	369,700	335,146	34,554
River Basin Systems	1,615,257	1,750,000	-134,743
Administration and Miscellaneous			
Pensions Environmental	159,000	129,500	29,500
Admin Salary	120,600	48,400	72,200
Emergency Planning		20,000	-20,000
Insurance - P.L.& Casual Trading	80,500	72,200	8,300
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,492,667	1,521,679	-29,012
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,318,864	20,045,899	-1,727,035

PROGRAMME GROUP 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Civil Defence	99,900	141,000	-41,100
Shannon River Basin-	1,555,000	1,750,000	-195,000
Anti Litter Initiative	18,500	18,500	0
White Goods Hazardous		11,000	-11,000
Recycling Grants Operational Costs	200,000	150,000	50,000
WEEE Reg Fees	1,500		1,500
Waste Enforcement	206,000	206,000	0
Environmental Partnership	5,000	5,000	0
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Landfill Gate Fees	5,975,000	7,965,000	-1,990,000
Landfill Levy	930,000	855,000	75,000
Waste Plan	318,000	297,228	20,772
Waste Miscellaneous	141,700	196,000	-54,300
Litter - fines etc	20,000	25,000	-5,000
Burial Fees - Mungret	100,000	100,000	0
Burial Fees - Other	190,000	190,000	0
Fire Fees	225,000	162,000	63,000
Fire Safety Certs	413,700	660,182	-246,482
FireLicence sec 2481	22,000	27,000	-5,000
Course Expenses & Miscellaneous	42,436	10,000	32,436
Derelict Sites	10,000	10,000	0
Pollution Licence Fees	177,000	165,000	12,000
Shannon RBD Advisory Council	48,700		48,700
Energy Agency	50,000		50,000
Water Pollutond court	10,000	10,000	0
Superannuation	143,400	139,300	4,100
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	33,168	44,088	-10,920
TOTAL INCOME	10,936,004	13,137,298	-2,201,294

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Swimming Pools</u>			
Contributions	20,000	27,000	-7,000
<u>Libraries</u>			
Archive Service	43,500	69,200	-25,700
Library Service	2,707,303	2,471,934	235,369
<u>Community Employment Schemes</u>			
	227,700	260,000	-32,300
<u>Other Recreational and Amenity</u>			
Horticultural Service	678,960	653,800	25,160
Special Amenity Works	23,500	19,000	4,500
Grants_ Sli na Slainte	3,500	3,500	0
Contributions	186,000	170,000	16,000
Arts Activities	218,000	205,000	13,000
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Insurance	75,500	72,500	3,000
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	372,295	322,579	49,716
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,556,258	4,274,513	281,745

PROGRAMME GROUP 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Grant - Community Employment Schemes	227,700	260,000	-32,300
Grant - School Library Scheme	61,300	46,300	15,000
Grant - Library Digitisation	18,000	18,000	0
Grant - Arts Act	70,000	67,000	3,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Library Facilities	24,000	24,000	0
Superannuation	80,100	77,800	2,300
Apportionment of Support Income	1,477	1,660	-183
TOTAL INCOME	482,577	494,760	-12,183

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGRICULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

EXPENDITURE	Adopted	Adopted	INCREASE/
	by Council	2005	DECREASE
<u>Agriculture</u>			
Land Drainage	290,000	277,000	13,000
Loan Charges - Limerick Harbour Comm	7,925	7,925	0
<u>Education</u>			
Vocational Education Committee/Stat Deman	38,000	37,000	1,000
V.E.C. Pensions	2,714,600	2,400,000	314,600
Higher Education Grants	4,250,000	4,000,000	250,000
<u>Health and Welfare</u>			
Mid-Western Health Board - Expenses	100,000	100,000	0
Rates Abatement - Community Facilities	80,000	75,900	4,100
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	663,249	566,624	96,625
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,143,774	7,464,449	679,325

PROGRAMME GROUP 7 - AGR, EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE

INCOME	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Recoupment - V.E.C. Pensions	2,714,600	2,400,000	314,600
Recoupment - Higher Education Gr	4,233,750	3,983,750	250,000
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Recoupment - Loan Limk Harbour Comm.	7,925	7,925	0
Apportionment of Support Income	21,358	21,522	-164
TOTAL INCOME	6,977,633	6,413,197	564,436

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

EXPENDITURE	Adopted by Council	Adopted 2005	INCREASE/ DECREASE
<u>Provision of Accomodation</u>			
Loan Charges	2,568,738	2,672,100	-103,362
Lease Charges	101,500	101,500	0
Plant & Materials	2,330,000	2,330,000	0
<u>Financial Management</u>			
Rate Collection	547,600	506,800	40,800
Irrecoverable Rates	2,300,000	1,284,000	1,016,000
Rate Refunds	338,800	192,600	146,200
Bank Charges/ Overdraft Interest	110,000	110,000	0
Valuation Listing Fees	80,000	80,000	0
<u>Elections</u>			
Register of Electors	56,000	50,600	5,400
<u>Administration of Justice - Consumer Protection</u>			
Residential homes	2000	2000	0
Courthouses	70,000	70,000	0
Control of Dogs Act 1986	230,000	198,000	32,000
Vets Milk & Dairies, Slaughter Houses, Coroners	243,000	222,000	21,000
Pounds / Wandering Horses	100,000	95,000	5,000
	120,000	110,000	10,000
<u>Property Damage</u>			
Malicious Damage	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
<u>Administration and Miscellaneous</u>			
Apportioned - Central Management Charge	1,098,912	920,291	178,621
Sundry Debtors	65,000	65,000	0
Insurance P.L.	62,500	72,900	-10,400
<u>Chairman's Allowance</u>			
Chairman's Allowance	38,500	38,500	0
<u>Entertainment and Associated Expenses</u>			
	43,000	40,000	3,000
<u>Expenses of Members of Local Authorities</u>	235,000	235,000	0
<u>Members Representational Allowance</u>	448,756	422,100	26,656
<u>S.P.C Chairs Allowances</u>	25,400	25,400	0
<u>S.P.C External Members Expenses</u>	10,000	10,000	0
<u>Representation at Conferences</u>	263,400	263,400	0
<u>Expenses of Members Attending Conferences Abroad</u>			
	5,000	13,000	-8,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,493,106	12,130,191	1,362,915

PROGRAMME GROUP 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

INCOME	Adopted	Adopted	INCREASE/
	by Council	2005	DECREASE
<u>Government Grants</u>			
Court Services	70,000	70,000	0
Malicious Injuries	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Dept of Agriculture Grant(Abattoirs)	223,000	202,000	21,000
Dept of Environment Control of Horses	115,000	105,000	10,000
Members Salary			
<u>Goods and Services</u>			
Control of Dogs Act 1986	210,000	170,000	40,000
Plant & Materials	2,330,000	2,330,000	0
Veteninary Fees (Abattoir)	20,000	20,000	0
Superannuation	68,700	66,700	2,000
Agency Work	65,000	65,000	0
Apportionment of Support Income	15,829	17,097	-1,268
Other	54,000	48,750	5,250
TOTAL INCOME	5,171,529	5,094,547	76,982

EXPENDITURE	Adopted	Adopted	INCREASE/
	by Council	2005	DECREASE
1. Remuneration - including Superannuation and Social Welfare Contributions of Officers	4,373,400	3,694,165	679,235
2. Travelling and Removal Expenses	80,000	90,000	-10,000
3. Office Accommodation and Requisites	1,553,500	1,580,700	-27,200
4. Computer Services	1,206,500	1,115,900	90,600
5. Legal Expenses	300,000	300,000	0
6. Insurance	114,300	107,400	6,900
7. Membership subscriptions to Outside Bodies	5,000	8,000	-3,000
8. Partnership Projects	72,500	95,000	-22,500
9. Audit	40,000	38,000	2,000
10. Staff Recruitment and Development	240,000	228,900	11,100
11. Arbitration Scheme	95,900	87,600	8,300
12. Staff Training	530,000	530,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,611,100	7,875,665	735,435
INCOME			
Partnership Recoupment	13,000	55,000	-42,000
Contributions to Superannuation	147,900	143,600	4,300
Other Income	16,000	1,000	15,000
TOTAL INCOME	176,900	199,600	-22,700

PROGRAMME GROUPS		2006		INCOME 2006		EXPENDITURE 2005		INCOME 2005	
		ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €	ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €
1 HOUSING & BUILDING									
1.1.	LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING	2,496,200	2,476,200	4,788,000	4,788,000	2,148,200	2,052,700	4,541,100	4,320,000
1.2.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES	1,669,150	1,669,150	1,756,500	1,756,500	1,790,530	1,790,000	1,719,200	1,686,000
1.3.	ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES	1,316,300	1,316,300	840,000	840,000	1,196,300	1,180,000	760,000	765,000
1.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	3,228,564	3,228,564	331,782	331,782	3,158,419	3,130,000	317,626	314,000
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 1		8,710,214	8,690,214	7,716,282	7,716,282	8,293,449	8,152,700	7,337,926	7,085,000
2 ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY									
2.1.	ROAD UPKEEP	22,472,058	22,522,058	17,209,286	17,209,286	23,558,514	21,200,000	18,345,173	17,124,000
2.2.	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	330,000	330,000	370,000	370,000	332,232	409,000	333,862	375,000
2.3.	ROAD TRAFFIC	245,200	245,200	74,950	74,950	224,600	323,500	54,900	77,800
2.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	8,457,855	8,457,855	654,541	654,541	8,102,554	7,950,000	644,935	607,000
TOTAL PROGRAMME 2		31,505,113	31,555,113	18,308,777	18,308,777	32,217,900	29,882,500	19,378,870	18,183,800
3 WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE									
3.1.	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	7,638,224	7,638,224	4,719,600	4,719,600	7,124,900	6,495,000	4,656,828	4,555,000
3.2.	PUBLIC/SEWERAGE SCHEMES	3,530,100	3,530,100	32,300	32,300	3,395,429	3,218,000	20,000	86,000
3.3.	PRIVATE INSTALLATION	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,175,000	925,000	972,000	925,000	925,000
3.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	2,980,471	2,980,471	159,229	159,229	2,570,954	2,836,000	156,092	161,000
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 3		15,323,795	15,323,795	6,086,129	6,086,129	14,016,283	13,521,000	5,757,920	5,727,000
4 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS									
4.1.	LAND USE PLANNING	505,000	505,000	1,726,200	1,726,200	443,800	448,000	1,339,200	1,800,000
4.2.	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	253,400	253,400	252,100	252,100	241,300	260,700	240,000	242,000
4.3.	OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION	709,700	734,700			678,651	711,000		
4.4.	REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS	5,000	5,000			5,000	-		
4.5.	PROMOTION OF INTEREST OF THE LOCAL COMMUNI	583,200	583,200	43,000	43,000	545,900	931,000	43,000	464,000
4.6.	TWINNING OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS	70,000	70,000			60,000	73,000		
4.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	3,530,842	3,530,842	193,621	193,621	2,947,446	3,412,000	159,580	178,000
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 4		5,657,142	5,682,142	2,214,921	2,214,921	4,922,097	5,835,700	1,781,780	2,684,000
5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION									
5.1.	WASTE DISPOSAL	6,496,632	6,496,632	7,715,700	7,815,700	8,276,773	5,400,000	9,728,728	5,610,000
5.2.	BURIAL GROUNDS	591,000	591,000	290,000	290,000	591,000	562,000	290,000	297,000
5.3.	SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES	304,200	295,200	109,900	109,900	340,650	280,000	151,000	144,000
5.4.	FIRE PROTECTION	6,020,228	6,020,228	703,136	703,136	5,931,051	6,123,000	859,182	550,000
5.5.	POLLUTION CONTROL	3,063,037	3,063,037	1,790,700	1,790,700	3,114,646	1,900,000	1,925,000	926,000
5.8.	ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	1,852,767	1,852,767	226,568	226,568	1,791,779	1,889,000	183,388	187,000
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 5		18,327,864	18,318,864	10,836,004	10,936,004	20,045,899	16,154,000	13,137,298	7,714,000

PROGRAMME GROUPS	2006		INCOME 2006		EXPENDITURE 2005		INCOME 2005		OUT TURN
	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ESTIMATED €	ADOPTED €	ADOPTED €	OUT TURN €	ADOPTED €		
6 RECREATION AND AMENITY									
6.1. SWIMMING POOLS	20,000	20,000			27,000	10,000			
6.2. LIBRARIES	2,775,803	2,750,803	103,300	103,300	2,541,134	2,541,000	88,300	95,000	
6.3. PARKS, OPEN SPACES, RECREATION CENTRES	227,700	227,700	227,700	227,700	260,000	215,000	260,000	215,000	
6.4. OTHER RECREATIONAL/AMENITIES	1,099,960	1,109,960	70,000	70,000	1,051,300	1,050,000	67,000	75,000	
6.8. ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	447,795	447,795	81,577	81,577	395,079	385,000	79,460	78,000	
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 6	4,571,258	4,556,258	482,577	482,577	4,274,513	4,201,000	494,760	463,000	
7 AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION & HEALTH & WELFARE									
7.1. AGRICULTURE	297,925	297,925	7,925	7,925	284,925	285,000	7,925	7,925	
7.2. EDUCATION	7,002,600	7,002,600	6,948,350	6,948,350	6,437,000	6,437,000	6,383,750	6,383,750	
7.3. HEALTH/WELFARE	180,000	180,000			175,900	166,000			
7.8. ADMINISTRATION/MISCELLANEOUS	663,249	663,249	21,358	21,358	566,624	566,600	21,522	21,000	
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 7	8,143,774	8,143,774	6,977,633	6,977,633	7,464,449	7,454,600	6,413,197	6,412,675	
8 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES									
8.1. LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	2,670,238	2,670,238			2,773,600	2,270,000			
8.2. PLANT AND MATERIALS	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	2,330,000	
8.3. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	3,376,400	3,376,400	26,000	26,000	2,173,400	2,980,000	24,000	118,000	
8.4. ELECTIONS	56,000	56,000	500	500	50,600	52,300	1,000	500	
8.5. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE/CONSUMER PROTECT	765,000	765,000	643,000	643,000	697,000	637,000	572,000	510,000	
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	1,226,412	1,226,412	172,029	172,029	1,058,191	1,074,000	167,547	148,000	
8.9. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE	38,500	38,500			38,500	38,500			
8.10. ENTERTAINMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES	43,000	43,000			40,000	40,000			
8.11. EXPS. OF MEMB OF L.A'S & REPR AT CONFERENCE	982,556	982,556			955,900	955,900			
8.12. EXPS. OF MEMB ATTENDING CONFERENCES ABROAI	5,000	5,000			13,000	2,000			
TOTAL-PROGRAMME 8	13,493,106	13,493,106	5,171,529	5,171,529	12,130,191	10,379,700	5,094,547	3,106,500	
TOTAL OF ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS	105,732,266	105,763,266	57,793,852	57,893,852	103,364,781	95,581,200	59,396,298	51,375,975	

* YEAR 1=forthcoming financial year.

**YEAR 2=current financial year.





TABLE B**CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION 2006****Limerick County Council****PROGRAMME GROUP**

	<i>Estimated</i>	
	<i>Out Turn For 2005</i>	
I. Gross Revenue Expenditure (Per Table A)	Col. 1	Col. 2
	€	€
1. Housing & Building	8,690,214	8,152,700
2. Road Transportation & Safety	31,555,113	29,882,500
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	15,323,795	13,521,000
4. Development Incentives & Control	5,682,142	5,835,700
5. Environmental Protection	18,318,864	16,154,000
6. Recreation & Amenity	4,556,258	4,201,000
7. Agriculture, Education, Health	8,143,774	7,454,600
8. Miscellaneous services	13,493,106	10,379,700
TOTAL	105,763,266	95,581,200
Plus County Charge (Town/Borough Councils)		
Minus County Charge (County Councils)		
Plus provision for Debit Balance		
Adjusted Gross Expenditure (A)	105,763,266	95,581,200
 II. Gross Revenue Income (Per Table A)		
1. Housing & Building	7,716,282	7,085,000
2. Road Transportation & Safety	18,308,777	18,183,800
3. Water Supply & Sewerage	6,086,129	5,727,000
4. Development Incentives & Control	2,214,921	2,684,000
5. Environmental Protection	10,936,004	7,714,000
6. Recreation & Amenity	482,577	463,000
7. Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	6,977,633	6,412,675
8. Miscellaneous services	5,171,529	3,106,500
Total = (B)	57,893,852	51,375,975
 III. Net Expenditure (A-B)=(C)	47,869,414	44,205,225
 IV. Other Income \ Credit Balance		-
Provision for Credit Balance		-
Local Government Fund Income	24,091,786	22,469,514
Sub-Total = (D)	24,091,786	22,469,514
 V. Amount to be Levied = (C)-(D)	23,777,628	22,084,226
 VI. Net Effective Valuation	409,650	
 VII. General Annual Rate on Valuation	58.0438	

* YEAR 1= The forthcoming Financial Year.

**YEAR 2= The Current Financial Year.

