

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

## THIS MONTH:

**Adare awarded Gold Medal in National Tidy Towns Competition**

**Minister Simon Coveney launched Local Economic and Community Plan**

**19,000 people enjoyed Culture Night**

**Stunning web of lace in plaza of Merchant's Quay**

**80,214 people visited Limerick.ie website**

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### Empowering the Citizen

#### 1. Community Support Services

##### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3658
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##### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units September 2016	9	1	0	3	13
Year to Date	133	21	25	29	208

##### Homeless Action Team

29 families were placed in Bed and Breakfast over the quarter to date.

##### Emergency accommodation

- 40 were placed in Thomond House
- 50 were placed in McGarry
- 9 were placed in Suaimhneas
- 66 were placed in St Patricks (Total - 185)

Between Clare St, John St, Garryowen, Moylish Park, New Road, and Cherrydale - 14 placements were made.

##### 2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

The Council has received 54 applications to date.

##### Estate and Tenancy Support

- Pre-Tenancy Training Meetings held: 47
- Intensive one to one support given to tenants who may have been identified as being vulnerable or in need of such support for any other reason.
- Meetings held with and support given to a wide variety of estate residents associations and individual residents. Specific works undertaken included:
  - (i) Installation of picket timber fencing on laneway linking Kylefea and Glenma estates in Croom and provision of litter bin. This laneway was the cause of anti-social behaviour and general nuisance to adjoining householders. These works have led to an improvement in their quality of life.

(ii) Boundary walls of Rowan, Ash and Oak Crescent estates in Newcastle West were power washed and painted. Wall cappings were also replaced as required.

(iii) Decorative stone chippings provided in Cois Sionna estate for placing around flower/shrub beds around the estate which are being maintained by residents.

(iv) Support provided to Cappamore Estates Committee for their annual competition for best front gardens and drives.

(v) Security railing provided in Pairc De Valera, Thomondgate.

(vi) Laneway at Little Gerald Griffin St. cleared of rubble and trees. Chippings placed on Laneway to facilitate wheelie bins off public footpath.

##### Tenancy Enforcement

- Two possession orders secured in District Court on foot of serious rent arrears. These were the first such orders secured using new statutory powers introduced in April 2015.
- One possession order secured in District Court in respect of illegal occupation and house secured back into stock.
- As of the 30th of September, thirteen (13 no.) excluding orders in force.
- One hundred and twelve (112 no.) Garda vetting processes undertaken, primarily in respect of prospective new tenants.
- CCTV is deployed in areas deemed necessary and as resources allow.

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### 2. Community and Leisure

#### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC met in September and were briefed on the LEADER programme requirements and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme in Limerick.

Minister Simon Coveney officially launched the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECPs) including the Limerick LECP at the National Ploughing Championships.

#### Community Engagement

UL Engage which supports Community-University collaborations through a series of projects and programmes across local communities in Limerick City & County held an informative workshop in City Hall on Thursday, 29th September at which there was a good attendance from community groups. Another workshop is planned for early October to target more groups who may be interested in engaging in this project.

#### Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

Marathon Challenge – Programme – Full marathon distance covered in relay runs over 200m Recognising Ireland / Europe Active Week

#### 8 Companies and 130 staff completed the marathon challenge

- Virgin Media
- Stryker
- Johnson & Johnson
- HSE
- AMCS Group
- Gardai
- Northern Trust
- Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB)

#### 7 Schools and 220 1st year pupils completed the marathon challenge

- Castletroy College
- Desmond College
- CBS
- Colaiste Mhuire Askeaton

- Colaiste Chiarain Croom
- Laurel Hill
- Salesians

#### Positive Ageing Week

- LSP hosted Seminar to Launch the Week with 140 older adults attending.
- Presentations covered:  
Physical Activity  
Healthy Eating  
Mental Health
- Interactive games were demonstrated
- Live Dancing concluded the event

#### Events for week included:

- Orienteering
- Fitness Workshop
- Outdoor Gym Equipment Demos
- Line Dancing
- 3 Bridges Walk
- 3k Walk in the Demesne
- Riverbank Cycles
- Dancing

#### Other Events

- The 14 week Level 6 Coaching Course for Jobseekers started with 15 participants in association with LIT.
- 32 TY Students from 9 post primary schools commenced their Coaching Leadership with the LSP (every Thursday).
- 120 men across 4 community groups organised their year long health screens and have now commenced a 12 week programme.
- Sportshall Athletics for primary schools has commenced at 3 of the 5 Hub sites for 500 pupils.
- The 6 week Physical Literacy / Fundamental movement course has started in association with Monaleen Camogie Club.

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### 3. Environment

Limerick Going for Gold Wildcards announced on Live 95fm. Wildcards in no particular order Glin, Moyross, Adare, Rathkeale, Feenagh, Croom and Bruff. These groups join Hospital, Murroe, Newcastlewest, Patrickswell and Killeely who were chosen by public text vote on Live 95fm's Limerick Today programme. Winners of the Limerick in Bloom, Tidy Towns Incentive and Estates/Residential Area categories will be announced at the Limerick Going for Gold Final in the Strand Hotel on the 11th October 2016.

#### Tidy Towns

Adare, which was awarded the County Prize, was also awarded a gold medal.

Ardpatrick (314), Galbally (313), Kilmallock (308) and Newcastle West (301) were awarded bronze medals in their respective categories. Ardpatrick was highly commended by the judges while Galbally was commended with Rockhill (232) receiving an endeavour award after its mark improved by 12.5% compared to 2015. Limerick city centre, meanwhile, added an impressive 12 points to last year's tally to secure 286 points this year.

All Limerick entrants improved their scores on 2015 marks.

#### Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN)

Five Crèches/Childcare facilities needed for new waste prevention project. The Council is looking for a minimum of five Crèches/Childcare Facilities to participate in a Waste Prevention and Resource Efficiency Project. This project could help crèche facilities identify money that they knowingly spend but unknowingly waste! Funded via LAPN.

#### Annual Green Schools Seminar

Preparations are underway for the annual Green Schools Teachers Seminar, Tues 4th October.

#### Cemeteries:-

##### Total No of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Mount St. Oliver 13
- Mount St. Lawrence 9
- Castlemungret 7
- Kilmurry 1

### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Total Waivers processed for the Council for September 2016 is 25 waivers.

### 4. Customer Services

- The Customer Services Department continues to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,305 requests for service (cases) in September.
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay in September was 2,236.
- The new Customer Services Centre in Merchant's Quay continues to provide various Council services in a welcoming environment. The Community Support Services integration with Customer Services now allows for customers to be served in one location by the placing of the meeting rooms and counter adjacent to one another.
- The Digital Display screens in Customer Services are in prominent locations and in line with the Council's digital approach, provide a forum for the showing of public notices as well as information on Council Services.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) by Department for September:

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,636
Planning and Environmental Services	208
Community Support Services	203
Other Departments	107
Customer Services	106
Digital Strategy	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,305</b>

Customer Services continued to survey customers during the month of September and monitor their responses. Their responses are very valuable as they empower the citizen to recommend changes and give their opinions on services the Council provides. The following are some survey responses received from our customers during the month of September:

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*"I was well and politely received (attending Older Peoples' Council Meeting 15/09/16) and accompanied to destination."*

*"Very good, speedy. I have further documentation to get before my application is complete. Thank you."*

### 5. Library Services

- On 22nd September to celebrate the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl, Adare Library had the novel idea of inviting local author Róisín Meaney to read from his work and eat magical chocolate provided by Sinead's Health Food Store. Eighty children attended from local schools.
- "Forgotten Women of the Revolution" was the title of an exhibition created by "Abbeyfeale Back to Education Group" which was displayed in the library throughout the month of September.
- Children who completed their Summer Reading Challenge were rewarded in The Granary and Watch House Cross Libraries this month. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Noel Gleeson officiated in WHC Library while children in The Granary were entertained by magician "Myster Magic"
- On Friday 16th September Culture Night at the Granary Library featured the poetry of Mary Coll combined with the music of composer Fiona Linnane in a performance titled "Silver". Fiona Linnane has composed works for piano based on the intonation and rhythm of Mary Coll's readings. The performance included a short discussion on how the two art forms cross over, inspiring and reacting to each other.
- Joe Coleman, launched his new book "Falling Gradient, Limerick's Railway Connections - The People and the Times" in the Granary Library on Friday 30 September at 6 p.m. This book is the first ever locally produced book on the subject of the railways of the area and the people who built and worked them. The book is as much about the people as the lines featured with many real life human interest stories told along the way that are at times humorous, moving, compelling and gripping.
- The work of artist Aislinn O'Loughlin was on display in Kilmallock Library during the month of September. "As If She Had a Right to be there" is

a thoughtful and thought provoking look at the participation of women in the nationalist cause at the time of 1916. Superbly researched and with many supporting documents, Aislinn's work uses decorative materials traditionally seen in the home in an unusual way. The exhibition sits very happily with on-going "Kilmallock and 1916" exhibition which contains many original documents of Kilmallock interest including an original autograph book from Reading Gaol in 1916.

### 6. Limerick Arts Office

#### Culture Night

Culture Night is an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts. Special and unique events and workshops were specifically programmed at participating locations and everything was available free of charge. It took place on Friday 16th September from 5pm-11pm, and Limerick enjoyed its most successful to date - with more events, more venues and bigger audience numbers yet! Limerick City and County region had an audience of approx. 18,300-19,000, with 118 events, taking place in 76 different venues. It is a night of celebration and citizen participation with both audience and participant.

A number of festivals and events took place supported by the **Limerick Arts Office festival** programme including the second concert in the **Castleconnell Concert Series**, **Limerick Jazz Festival** now in its fifth year. This year's festival had exceptional numbers attending. **The Polish Arts Festival** which aims to celebrate the cultural traditions of Limerick's large Polish community through an integrative approach to programming through cross community projects.

**Invitation to Collaborate:** The Arts Council has awarded €10,000 to Cork County Council in partnership with Limerick City & County Council and Kerry County Council to help promote the popular Sliabh Luachra Music Trail. This is a partnership project between the local authorities and music partners in the Sliabh Luachra area. The project encompasses festivals, venues, musicians and tutors to help them to grow active participation from both musicians and audiences in the unique traditional music style that is Sliabh Luachra. Central to the project is research to document and preserve this unique cultural heritage.

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### 7. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

Three new exhibitions opened on 15th September with an attendance close to 200 visitors, officially opened by Declan McGonagle. Featuring the exhibitions: **CUMANN: An Audio Map Of Limerick**, by Michael McLoughlin in collaboration with local Limerick groups and networks; Paul Murnaghan, **All Mountains Are Moving** and **Muintir**, selections from the Permanent Collection by the participating groups and networks in CUMANN curated by Simon Fennessy Corcoran, LCGA Shinnors Scholar. Attendance of 6,589 visitors for September 2016.

For Culture Night 2016, LCGA featured Luggage Door Operating performing while visitors explored the 3 new exhibitions. A special ceramic workshop for children between 4 – 12 yrs with up to 500 visitors on the night.

ART SPACE new weekend workshops starting Saturday 17th September, for children between 4 -12 yrs, two sessions each Saturday for six weeks. Sessions run by trained artists and facilitators.

### 8. Limerick 2020

**Seminar on Festivals and the University** at the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) saw a vibrant discussion on the community and participative nature of festive and celebratory events. Discussion around the grass roots origins of most festivals and events and how best to support their development into festivals/events with significant social, cultural and economic value. This will help inform the festivals and events strategy being prepared.

**Meeting with Limerick Arts and Culture Exchange (L.A.C.E.)** to discuss the next steps. The Limerick 2020 bid process was part of the continued development of an ongoing process by Limerick to enshrine culture in all parts of the future development of Limerick. This next part of the journey is to work with the Council to establish resources and agree the process and capacity necessary to achieve agreed aims and objectives contained in the Cultural Strategy.

**Arts and Culture Capital Scheme:** In January 2016, the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys TD, announced a new €9m Capital investment scheme for arts and

culture centres. The scheme will run from 2016-2018 and is focussed on enhancing the existing stock of arts and culture centres throughout the country. Limerick made eight applications under this scheme.

### 9. Museum and Archives

A Polish artist NeSpoon has spun a stunning web of lace in the plaza of Merchant's Quay as part of an upcoming celebration of Limerick lace. The installation on the trees in front of Council offices is like urban jewellery working within existing spaces and taking a contemporary view of a heritage product.

### 10. Access to Information

Department	2016 (Jan to Sep)	Sept.
Total Freedom of Information Requests	1,636	17
FOI Internal Appeals	208	1
Information Commissioner Appeals	203	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	107	3
<b>Total AIE Requests</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>-</b>

### 11. Planning and Environment

#### Litter/Waste Enforcement.

- A total of 153 complaints were received in September.
- 22 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- 1 statutory Notice was issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- 2 statutory Notices were issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act.
- 14 warning letters were issued.
- Legal proceedings were initiated in 1 case.

#### Veterinary Services.

- Our veterinary officers inspected and passed fit for human consumption 175 cattle, 1142 sheep and 11 pigs processed in local abattoirs.

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- Ongoing official food safety controls were undertaken from 21 approved meat processing establishments with 31 samples in total taken.
- 13 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 77 dogs.

### 12. Local Enterprise Office

- The Student Enterprise programme was launched on 13th September with over 600 pupils present in the South Court Hotel.
- The Regional National Women's Enterprise Day was announced for 19th and 20th October in Kilkenny. The Mid West and South East Regions will collaborate on this event.
- The Women in Business Cluster Network event was held on 21st September.

### 13. Fire and Emergency Services

#### Statistics

Year	No of Fire Related Calls	No of Non Fire Related Calls	Total
1/9/16 – 30/9/16	75	48	123
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1123</b>

Year	No of Fire Certificates received	No of Disability Access Certificates received	Total
1/9/16 – 30/9/16	9	9	18
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>234</b>

#### Major Emergency Plan

The Major Emergency Plan is currently being updated to reflect the new organisational structure in the Council. This includes the updating of the Mobilisation Procedure, Contact List and the development of a new Flood Response Plan. The External Emergency Plan for Atlantic Fuels Supply Company is currently being reviewed in accordance with the Seveso III EU Directive.

#### Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of September 2016

- Family Fun Day - UL Arena
- Glin Triathlon
- Company Marathon Challenge UL
- Pallasgreen Memorial Cycle
- Doon Vintage Show
- Family Fun Day UL
- Schools World Marathon Challenge UL.

### Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications
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#### 1. Planning Applications

- 127 new planning applications were received in September;
- 80 domestic developments
- 2 housing developments
- 11 agricultural developments
- 14 commercial/retail developments
- 6 community/educational developments
- 14 other developments

The current applications include proposals for

- a fifteen storey office and six storey apartment building at Bishop's Quay
- a proposed four storey library/learning resources centre at Mary Immaculate College
- a solar farm at Grange Upper, Annacotty
- a housing development at Greenpark Avenue, South Circular Road
- and an extension to a manufacturing facility at the Newcastle West Business Park.

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### 2. Communications/Marketing

Digital marketing campaign 'Limerick, Our city, Our stories' finished on Limerick.ie social media, capturing the diversity and wit of one of Limerick's greatest assets – its people. The first series focused on the City Centre and the overall campaign had a reach of 2,237,037 across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and the videos had 524,916 views.

- First monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter created and issued by the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- A total of eight Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout September.
- Three page feature on Limerick in New European Economy magazine published (Autumn 2016) organised by Office of Communications/Marketing.
- Extensive PR and Marketing campaign carried out to launch Limerick Twenty Thirty company along with the creation of a brand identity, website and promotional material.
- Invest Limerick fact file produced.

#### Social Media:

- Posted 85 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 13,430.
- Tweeted 43 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 11,170.
- Posted 15 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,056.
- Tweeted 18 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,267.

#### Limerick.ie

80,214 people visited the Limerick.ie website in September 2016 – a 26% increase on the same period in 2015.

- 422 events, 10 amenities and 37 news items were added to Limerick.ie in September 2016
- The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in September 2016 were:  
Limerick City & County Council | Limerick.ie  
Limerick.ie | The Official Guide to Limerick, Ireland  
Search for a planning application| Limerick.ie  
What's On | Limerick.ie  
50 Things to Do | Limerick.ie

### 3. Innovate Limerick

There has been a major boost of confidence in Limerick with four major job announcements in past number of weeks;

- Innovate Limerick have worked closely with the IDA on behalf of the Council to secure WP Engine for Limerick. WP Engine has established its new Innovation and Technical Support Centre in Limerick City creating 100 jobs over three years. Headquartered in Austin, Texas the company is a leader in the management of services for premium websites built on WordPress.
- The Range (home and lifestyle retailer) opened its shop at Childers Road Retail Park with the creation of 70 new jobs. It is the UK retailer's first investment in Ireland.
- Ortec Inc., a US based biomaterial and polymer technology company, announced the establishment of its European Headquarters, a Manufacturing and Operations Centre in Newcastle West, which will create up to 110 skilled engineering and science jobs over the next number of years.
- Fazzi Healthcare Services is to establish a healthcare services and coding centre in Limerick, creating 300 jobs over the next five years. Fazzi is a US company headquartered in Massachusetts. It is the largest outsourced ICD coding service provider in the US market.

#### Limerick Twenty Thirty Company

- Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC was launched on 19th September by Minister Patrick O'Donovan. The new company is charged to plan and develop key strategic sites in Limerick City and County that will act as anchors for enterprise and investment development across Limerick.
- The offices of Limerick Twenty Thirty are located on the ground floor of 7-8 Patrick Street and have been refurbished for that purpose.
- Enabling construction works are ongoing at the International Gardens Development (former Hanging Gardens). The works are due to be completed in October.

#### Local Enterprise Office

- The Autumn/Winter Training and Development



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Programme was launched on 7th September by the Mayor of the City and County, Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon.

### Forward Planning

- Work is on-going in the preparation of the first joint Development Contribution Scheme since the amalgamation. On the 8th of September a workshop was held with the SPC for Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning to discuss the issues.
- At the Cappamore - Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting on the 15th of September the Cappamore Local Area Plan was extended for a period of 5 years.

## 4. Housing Capital And Regeneration

### Capital Status Q3 2016

- The current active Housing Projects across Limerick will deliver 789 housing units. These projects cover General Housing and Regeneration, and include the activities of Limerick City & County Council and the Approved Housing Bodies. The project stages range from Inception to Construction Stage.
- There are currently 131 new houses and apartments under construction in Limerick City under the Regeneration project. The construction of the Churchfield development (42 units) commenced in July 2016.
- The proposed Infill Housing project proposed for St Mary's Park was granted Part 8 Planning Permission at the September Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick. This project will deliver 20 new houses which will serve to create more cohesive streetscapes and provide good quality homes for one of the oldest housing estates in Limerick City.
- Part 8 Planning application for the Palm Court development, Southill (27 units) is nearing submission. Site Enabling Works for Palm Court have been completed.
- 45A and 46A Cliona Park and associated link street was granted Part 8 Planning Permission at the July Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- The construction of 10 new units at Cliona Park Phase 2, Moyross, is continuing with completion

programmed for early 2017, while progress at Lord Edward Street (81 units) is on schedule, with 2 no. homes of the 81 in total now completed and allocated (2 no. long term voids). The refurbishment project at 8-10 Gaol Lane (3 units) is ongoing with an expected completion in Q1 2017.

- Under the Thermal Upgrade Programme, many homes are feeling the positive impact of the Regeneration Programme: 120 units were completed to date in 2016, in addition to 136 units at Construction Stage and 281 units at Planning/Tender Stage.
- The Capital Team continues to work closely with the Approved Housing Body sector in order to meet the ambitious targets set out in Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. The sector continues to advance projects approved under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) 2015. Additional units are being progressed under the Capital Advanced Leasing Facility (CALF), including the refurbishment of the Hyde Road Flats (20 units)
- Under the Social Housing Capital Investment Acquisition Programme 2016, to date 34 properties have reached 'sale agreed', with an additional 56 properties valued and inspected over the quarter. In addition, the Council has received keys for 25 properties acquired under the Housing Acquisition Programme 2015. It is envisaged that the remainder of the properties will complete in Q4 of 2016.
- Part V negotiations surrounding 19 no. private housing developments with agreement in principle for the delivery of 74 units completed thus far in 2016, with further negotiations anticipated given the improving private housing and general construction industries in general.

### Regeneration Social and Economic Status Q3 2016

Dedicated funding of approximately €1.5million has been awarded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DoHPCLG) to the Council for the delivery of 7 projects in Limerick County. This funding award will be matched by the Council to bring the total investment to €3million. Following the publication of the findings of the Limerick Hinterland Study, the projects below were identified and deemed by the DoHPCLG to be consistent with its objectives:

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- Great Southern Greenway;
- Murroe Sports Facility;
- Newcastle West Athletics Hub;
- Kilmallock Pedestrian Bridge;
- Patrickswell Village Renewal;
- Countywide CCTV Investment;
- Rathkeale Pre-Social Cohesion Project.
- Further to a comprehensive monitoring and review, the Social Intervention Fund and Economic Projects for 2012 – 2014 was completed and presented to the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group, including the DoHPCLG. A summary report of the findings is being prepared and is expected to be launched in Q4 2016.
- The Office of Regeneration arranged a meeting through Innovate Limerick with Troy Studios, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the Department of Social Projection to commence planning for the skills and training that will be required by residents of regeneration areas who will be seeking job opportunities with Troy Studios. This was followed up with two lunchtime talks given in the Northside and Southside Regeneration Offices by Michelle Brassil, Manager of Troy Studios to local residents.

<b>Housing Capital (General Housing and Regeneration)</b>	
<b>CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS (LCCC and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs))</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>
Units at Construction Stage	155
Units at Enabling Works Stage	8
Units at Detailed Design Stage	90
Units at Design Stage	239
Units with DoECLG Approval	120
Units with Preliminary DoECLG Approval	90
CAS Units	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>771</b>

<b>REGENERATION SCHEMES CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>
Schemes with Departmental Approval	50
Schemes at Design Stage / Part 8 Planning	155
Schemes at Detailed Design Stage	118
Thermal Upgrade Project (Planning/Tender stage)	281
Schemes at Construction Stage (incl. Thermal Upgrades)	305
Schemes Completed in 2014 (incl. Thermal Upgrades)	140
Schemes Completed in 2015 (incl. Thermal Upgrades)	202
Schemes Completed in 2016 (incl. Thermal Upgrades)	131

## Organisational Development

1. Communications
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### 1. Communications

- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Tweeted 48 times on Limerick City & County Council's Twitter account with total fans now 7,350.
- Issued 34 news releases from the Office of Communications/Marketing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT****2. Schedule of Meetings**

<b>Name of Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Full Council Meeting	19.09.2016	Dooradoyle
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting	19.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
Party Leader's Meeting	19.09.2016	Dooradoyle
Corporate Policy Group	12.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b>		
(a) Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	07.09.2016	Newcastle West
(b) Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	13.09.2016	Rathkeale
(c ) Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	15.09.2016	Kilmallock
Joint Policing Committee	20.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
<b>Operational Briefing's</b>		
Limerick City East	07.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City North	07.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City West	07.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b>		
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	08.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
Local Community Development Committee	06.09.2016	Merchant's Quay
Audit Committee	12.09.2016	Dooradoyle
Rural Water Monitoring Committee	20.09.2016	Dooradoyle

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### Financial Matters

#### Home Improvement Schemes

Private Housing Grant Aid	Number of grants paid at Sept. 2016	Euro amount
MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	126	€397,364.43
HAGS (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	63	€549,527.38
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	155	€731,959.86

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2016	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/09/2016	% Collection
€2,035,821	€9,446,941	€11,482,762	€9,329,957	€2,152,805	81%

#### Commercial Rates and Loans

##### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2016	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 30th September 2016	21,453,866	49,069,404	70,523,270	45,152,825	25,370,445	64%

##### The Date for Making the 2016 Rate was 2nd February 2016

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 30th September 2016	478,053	1,053,877	1,531,930	1,197,488	334,442	78%

#### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

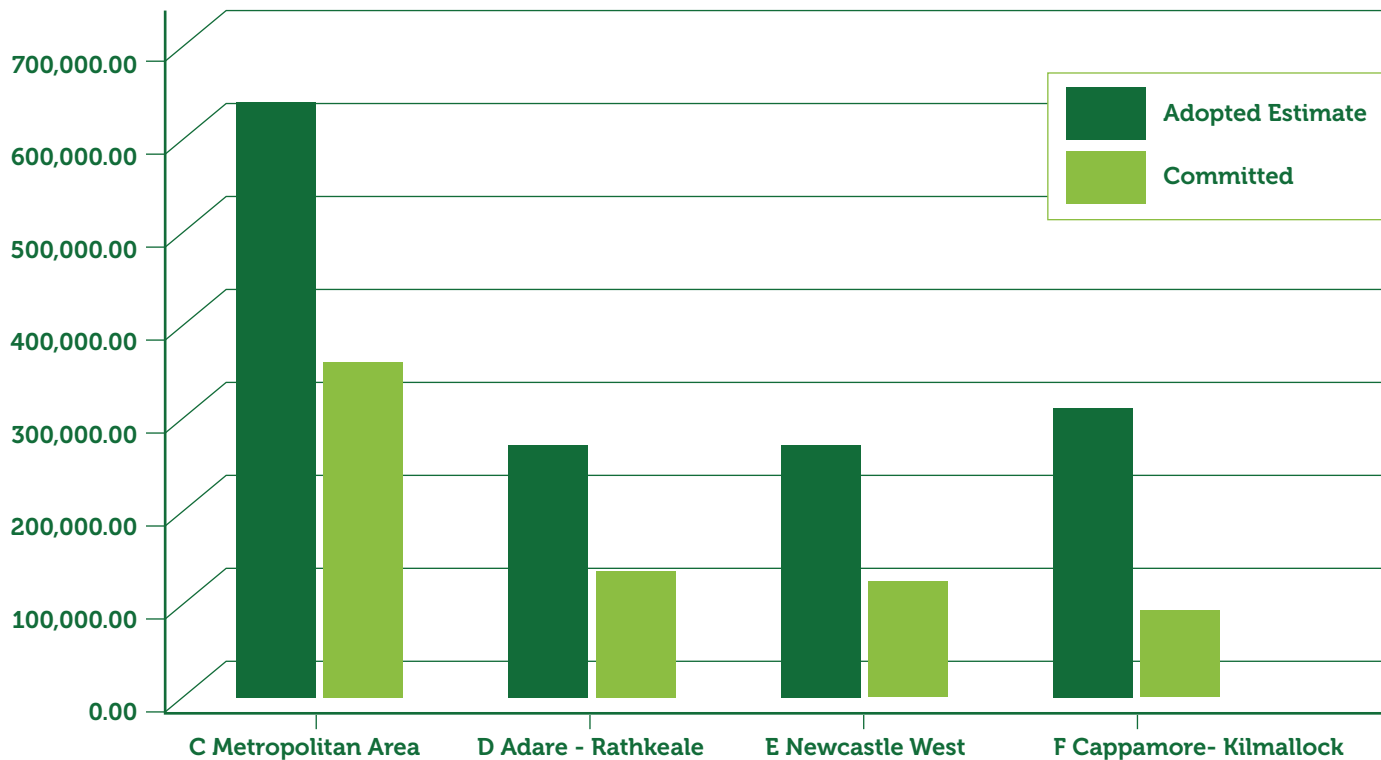
No of days in overdraft 0

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**General Municipal Allocation 2016 Adopted Estimate €1.5 Million**

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 30th September 2016



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	640,000.00	360,816.33
D Adare - Rathkeale	275,000.00	134,904.46
E Newcastle West	275,000.00	122,061.50
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	310,000.00	92,471.46