

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

## THIS MONTH:

**Limerick City and County Council shortlisted for five Community and Council Awards.**

**New €10 million interactive 'Rugby Experience' is to be opened on O'Connell Street.**

**Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan wins fDi Magazine's Strategic Vision Award for 2016.**

**HAP Shared Services Centre now manages finances for 28 of the 31 Local Authorities.**

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## Empowering the Citizen

### 1. Community Support Services

#### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3511
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#### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units December 2016	13	1	2	0	16
Year to Date	183	26	31	34	274

#### Cemeteries

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

- Kilmurry: 4
- Castlemungret: 11
- Mount St. Oliver: 22
- Mount St. Lawrence: 22

#### 2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

Limerick City and County Council have received 73 applications to date.

#### Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

HAP has been introduced to provide a more integrated system of housing supports and aims to:

- allow all social housing supports to be accessed through the Local Authority
- allow recipients to take up full-time employment and still keep their housing support

Any household that qualifies for social housing support qualifies for Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). Rent Supplement recipients who qualify for social housing support are being transferred to Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) on a phased basis.

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick carries out a range of functions, the principal ones being:

- Set-up and commencement of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenancies in Limerick city and county
- Calculation of differential rent for all Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenancies in Limerick city and county

- Amendments to existing Limerick Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenancies

At 31st December, 2016 there were 1,771 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) tenancies in place in Limerick. This is an increase of 653 tenancies over the course of 2016.

#### Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Limerick City and County Council arranges for accommodation for qualifying households with private landlords and voluntary/approved housing bodies. In order to qualify for RAS a household must be in receipt of Rent Supplement for a minimum of 18 months. The Council pays the landlord an agreed monthly rent, and the RAS tenant pays the Council a weekly differential rent.

At 31 December, 2016 there were 1,122 RAS tenancies in place including 36 new transfers of rent supplement clients to RAS during the calendar year.

#### Estate Management Unit

##### Estate and Tenancy Support

Pre-Tenancy Training Meetings held: 51

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) Canon Lee/The Grove Estates Pallasgreen - New tarmac footpath (approx 100 meters in length) was installed between both estates. Three

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concrete seats were also supplied and installed in the green areas in both estates.

- (ii) Deebert Park, Kilmallock - New gate and additional fencing were installed in the interests of safety and security. Improvements were also carried out to the existing fencing.
- (iii) Churchview, Askeaton - 78 metres of green mesh panel fencing installed between the estate and the adjoining privately owned land.
- (iv) Pairc Luachra, Abbeyfeale - 8 metres of concrete post and panel fencing erected in the green area alongside house No 20 Pairc Luachra to prevent nuisance caused by ball playing.
- (v) Maple Grove, Templeglantine - 87 metres of green mesh panel fencing erected between the estate and a privately owned site.
- (vi) Littered areas in Abbeycourt, Rathkeale and Radharc na Féile, Abbeyfeale were thoroughly cleaned and all rubbish removed.
- (vii) St. Patrick's Villas, Castleconnell - Four trees were supplied by the Council and planted by members of the Residents' Association in their estate in Castleconnell. This estate is maintained to a particularly high standard by the residents.
- (viii) Hillview Grove, Doon - 18.5 metres of picket fencing installed to improve privacy and security.
- (ix) Vale View, Kilfinane – Speed ramps installed.
- (x) Brugh na nDeise, Bruff – Additional safety signage installed.
- (xi) Millmount/Desmond Place, Kilmallock – Tree cut back.
- (xii) Watergate Flats Complex – Organised consultation meetings between residents and contractors in advance of commencement of major thermal upgrade works. Site visited by Minister Simon Coveney on the 9th December.
- (xiii) Lee Estate – Fencing works installed to improve security.
- (xiv) Galvone – Elderly tenant assisted with clean-up of overgrown garden.
- (xv) Estate Residents Representative Forum meeting held on the 24th November 2016 in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle.

### Tenancy Enforcement

Two possession orders secured in Limerick District Court in respect of properties at 92, St. Ita's St., St Mary's Park, and 3, Bawnmore Road, Kennedy Park.

Three vacant houses repossessed following service of statutory notice.

Four new excluding order applications initiated – in respect of Southill (3) and Moyross (1).

Two hundred and twenty five (225 no.) garda vetting processes undertaken, primarily in respect of prospective new tenants.

Significant upgrade of CCTV in Watergate Flats completed. CCTV also deployed in Millmount, Kilmallock and Friary Court, Askeaton.

### Environmental Awareness

- Christmas Waste Prevention Competition for Staff
- Fairtrade Hamper Competition in Council Connect
- Team Limerick Cleanup (TLC) Steering Group Meetings Underway
- Site Visit to Mungret Recycling Centre with Our Lady of Lourdes Food Waste Prevention Web Project.
- Plotting and scheming generally around environmental awareness, waste prevention, litter prevention.

### HAP Shared Services Centre

1. Limerick City and County Council operates the financial transactional shared service centre for all Local Authorities operating HAP. The HAP Shared Services Centre (SSC) is based in the Granary in Michael Street, Limerick.
2. Overall a total 18,230 HAP tenancies have been set-up since project commencement. There are currently 16,493 active HAP tenancies.
3. For 2016 a total of 12,075 HAP tenancies were set up, exceeding the Government's national target for 2016 under the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.
4. A weekly average of 232 HAP tenancies were set-up during 2016. 307 tenancies have been signed up for the first week in January.
5. From 1st December 2016, nine new Local Authorities joined HAP and their HAP financial

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transactions are now being managed by the HAP Shared Services Centre. These Local Authorities are: Cavan; Kerry; Laois; Leitrim; Longford; Roscommon; Westmeath; Wexford and Wicklow County Councils. This brings to 28 the number of Local Authorities being handled by the HAP Shared Services Centre, in addition to the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive. The remaining three Local Authorities – Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, are scheduled to come under HAP on 1st March 2017.

6. The HAP Shared Services Centre (SSC) will handle circa €230m in 2017, rising to over €600m in 2021, involving at that stage, 84,000 tenancies.
7. There are currently 33 people employed in the HAP Shared Services Centre, with seven new staff at Grade 4 and 5 levels joining the HAP Shared Services Centre shortly. Further vacancies to be filled in the coming months.

## 2. Community and Leisure

### Community, Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

The Community, Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th December, 2016. The following Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Leddin was passed at the Meeting "That Limerick City and County Council, in concern for the urgent situation of undocumented migrants living and working in Limerick, endorse the introduction of a regularisation scheme for undocumented migrants in Ireland".

Mr. Shay Riordan, West Limerick Resources also gave a presentation on the LEADER Programme under the three themes – social inclusion, rural environment and economic development. He pointed out that €7 million was allocated for Limerick for which community or private groups can apply for funding. There is a cap of €200,000 per application which is hoped to be increased to €500,000 for community groups.

### Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP) in association with Limerick City and County Council were successful in securing the Beat the Street project for Limerick in 2017.

- This initiative promotes Physical Activity and encourages cycling, walking and running in the city.
- A grant of €105,000 was secured from dormant accounts and Healthy Ireland for this initiative.
- 52 Older Adult Groups secured €14,500 in Go for Life Physical Activity Grants which were launched nationally in the Desmond Complex in Newcastle West by Minister Patrick O'Donovan.
- 39 Sports Clubs and Community Groups shared €26,000 in a Club Community Links grant scheme delivered by Limerick Sports Partnership LSP.
- 245 People with a disability participated in a Sports Ability Expo held in UL Sports Arena.
- Limerick Sports Partnership SIDO (Sports Inclusion Disability Officer) programme won the National Inclusion Award presented by CARA and Sports Ireland.
- 250 participants completed the Blanket 5K and donated 1200 blankets for local homeless facilities; this event was sponsored by Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors and Northgate Van Hire.

## 3. Customer Services

- The Customer Services Department continues to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, Councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 1,729 requests for service (cases).
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay was 2,398.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) by Department -

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,250
Planning and Environmental Services	153
Community Support Services	116
Other Departments	104
Customer Services	60
Digital Strategy	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,729</b>

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- Customer Services continued to survey customers 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:
- *Staff were excellent, very helpful, super efficient and extremely friendly. Well done.*
- *Staff worked very hard to resolve my issue by contacting many different departments. They were willing and wanted to help.*

### 4. Library Services

- Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon hosted a special 1916 Centenary Commemoration ceremony on Wednesday 7th December at the Granary Library. Limerick City and County Council expressed its gratitude to sitting and former Councillors, the current Chief Executive and former City and County Managers for their years of outstanding and committed service. A specially commissioned scroll was presented to each on the night. In addition, the contribution of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) to Irish culture and heritage was acknowledged by a special performance of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) Garryowen. The central role of the Defence Forces was also recognised and the evening closed with a reading of the Proclamation and the National Anthem.
- The Granary Library was delighted to host a special exhibition and book launch on Thursday, 8th December. "Ammemorium: A Forgotten Rebel's Tale" is a collaboration of storytelling, contemporary paintings and poetry. Two grandsons, the English artist John Hyatt and the Limerick poet, Sam Windrim, have worked together to uncover the story of one of the City's heroes of the 1916 Rising. Their grandfather, Samuel Wylie Windrim, was part of the mission to meet Sir Roger Casement and collect German guns at Tralee, prior to the Rising in Dublin. Through painting and poetry the exhibit tells a story of heroism and tragedy and of how Limerick was intrinsically involved in the preparations for the Easter Rising. The exhibition runs from 8th of December to the 17th of January 2017.
- Dooradoyle Library launched a new book and exhibition by local artist Barbara Hartigan on the evening of the 7th December. Titled "Putting Names on Faces - Confessions of a Portrait Painting

Stalker" this book and exhibition feature signed portraits of famous people collected over many years. The exhibition was on display for the month of December.

### 5. Limerick Arts Office

- Allocation of Artists' Apartments in John's Square to professional Artists in Limerick based on recent call out.
- Allocation of 4 Theatre Bursaries to professional practitioners in Limerick, based on recent call out.
- Additional Christmas in Limerick events were coordinated by Limerick Arts Office to take place in December including art and craft workshops.
- The Stony Thursday Book, edited and ready for publication in early January.

### 6. Limerick City Gallery of Art

- Amanda Coogan and Maggi Madden's exhibitions continued through December and due to finish the end of January 2017.
- Attendance of visitors for December 2016: 5,630.
- Third RTÉ CONTEMPO concert at LCGA – part of the Bartok Project took place on 1st December with over 50 people attending, programme continuing in January 2017.
- Weekend workshops, ART SPACE continued until 17th December, for children between 4 -12 yrs. Sessions run by trained artists and facilitators.

### 7. Planning and Environment

#### Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 115 complaints were received.
- 25 on the spot litter fines were issued.
- Two Statutory Notices were issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in four cases..

#### Water Pollution

- One Certificate of Compliance was issued under Article 17 of the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations, 2012.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 16 of the Air Pollution Act 1987.

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### Veterinary Services

- 26 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 28 dogs.
- Veterinary Officers inspected and passed fit for human consumption 129 cattle, 526 sheep and 6 pigs processed in local abattoirs

The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

## 8. Fire and Emergency Services

### Major Emergency Plan

- The External Emergency Plan for Atlantic Fuels Supply Company is signed off and submitted to the Health and Safety Authority (HSA).
- The Flood Response Plan was agreed by the Management Team and handed over to the Service Operations Directorate.
- The Major Emergency Plan and Sub Plans are uploaded onto Alfresco.

### Civil Defence attendance at Events

- Avian Flu Training Mallow for Boat Crews
- Annual Ambulance Competition Annacotty
- Blanket 5k UL with Limerick Sports Partnership
- Sports Ability Day UL with Limerick Sports Partnership
- Search Missing Person River Shannon - Boat
- Search Missing Person River Shannon - Drones

### Statistics

Year	No of Fire Related Calls	No of Non Fire Related Calls	Total
1/12/16 – 31/12/16	109	48	157
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>1509</b>

Year	No of Fire Certificates received	No of Disability Access Certificates received	No of Commencement Notices received	No of Completion Certificates validated	Total
1/12/16 – 31/12/16	29	12	20	19	80
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>908</b>

## 9. Limerick Smarter Travel

- Safety promotional campaign ran in schools to coincide with the Road Safety Authority (RSA) Be Safe Be Seen Day .
- A number of Smarter Travel Schools took part in Santa Walk on Wednesdays, where students were encouraged to wear Santa hats and Christmas jumpers as they walked to school.

## 10. Local Enterprise Office

- National Enterprise Awards Limerick 2017, sponsored by AIB, launched by Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.
- Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) Limerick Awards night held in the Castletroy Park Hotel with Patrick O'Donovan, TD, Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Jerry O'Dea in attendance. Kelly O'Brien CDK Tech, Paddy Finn Electricity Exchange and Adrian Fleming Accuvio were all category winners on night.
- Limerick Food Producers night, organised by the Limerick Food Group under the Limerick Food Strategy was held on the 16th December in the Milk Market, sponsored by the Local Enterprise Office.
- Community/Social Enterprise Grants were funded through the Regeneration Social Intervention Programme amounting to €65,000 approved for Community Care and Maintenance Ltd., Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Northside Family Resource Centre, Indira Initiative Ltd. t/a Limerick's Gateway to Education and St. Munchin's Community Centre which will result in business expansion of these projects with the creation of an additional 9 jobs in the community sector.

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### 11. Innovate Limerick

Innovate Limerick finalised the purchase of the Biblical Centre, Dominic Street, in partnership with the Office of Regeneration.

### 12. Water Services

#### Minor Capital Works

Watermain rehabilitation works have commenced at Cappamore and Mountcollins.

#### Operations

##### Irish Water Lead in Drinking Water Mitigation

**Plan:** The addition of food grade orthophosphates to the Limerick City water supply commenced in late November. This additive will prevent the infiltration of lead into the drinking water supplies of many households with lead service pipes and thereby provide protection to vulnerable sectors of the population. The scheme is expected to run for several years in order to allow time for affected households to have new lead free connections installed.

### 13. Limerick Urban Revitalisation Project

The second public consultation event for the O'Connell Street Limerick Urban Revitalisation Project was held.

The public realm improvement project on O'Connell Street includes the area between the junctions of Denmark Street and Barrington Street, approximately 786 metres in length. A number of options have been put forward by Limerick City and County Council's appointed consultants ARUP and Architect Nicholas de Jong

Full details of the various options being examined are on <https://smartertravel.limerick.ie/oconnell-street-lucroc>

The options are also available to view in person in the Glazed Street of Limerick City and County Council's Corporate Headquarters in Merchant's Quay.

### 14. Access to Information

	December	2016 (Jan to Dec)
Total Freedom of information requests	7	157
FOI Internal Appeals	2	6
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	2
Total Ombudsman Requests	–	25
Total AIE Requests	3	6

### 15. Receptions

A Reception was held on the occasion of the official launch of Joint Bachelor of Arts Programme offered in partnership by the University of Limerick and Mary Immaculate College on Monday, 5th December, 2016 in The Council Chamber, Dooradoyle.

A Mayoral Reception was held for Michael Noonan T.D., Minister for Finance, in The Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay on Friday, 16th December, 2016 to acknowledge the contribution that Minister Michael Noonan, T.D. has made, at Local, National and European / International level as Minister for Finance.

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### Economic Development and Planning

#### 1. Planning Applications

31 new planning applications were received.

#### 2. Taking in Charge of Estates

The following Estate was taken in charge:-

Cois Sruthain, Croom.

#### 3. Conservation

December saw the culmination of payments made under a number of funding mechanisms to assist owners and custodians of our built heritage meet their obligations under the Protected Structures Legislation.

€35,000 was paid under the Structures at Risk Scheme operated by the Department of the Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural, and Gaeltacht Affairs in respect of 2 projects in the county.

Under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, administered by the Planning Authority on behalf of the Department, a total of €156,000 was distributed to 17 owners and occupiers undertaking crucial works to their buildings. In time, these structures will contribute to the mainstream economy through being additions to the tourism product, improved places to work, or providing refurbished dwellings. €93,400 was awarded to projects within the Metropolitan District while €62,600 went to projects undertaken in the county.

A further €8,000 was awarded from Limerick City and County Council's own resources to small time-critical projects where works were considered necessary to save a building or enhance the locality or Architectural Conservation Area in which a structure stands.

Finally, €2,000, again from Limerick City and County Council's own resources, was allocated to assist schemes and initiatives aimed at promoting our built heritage amongst the people of Limerick and to seed-fund a public realm project in 2017.

#### 4. Major Investments in Limerick

- On 7th December the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick hosted a 'Welcome to Limerick' Reception for companies and individuals who have invested in Limerick in the last two years. The event which was held in the Limerick City Gallery of Art was attended by over sixty people from the various commercial sectors operating in Limerick.
- Limerick City and County Council's Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan for Limerick won the fDi Magazine's Strategic Vision Award for 2016.
- Professional services firm Ernst & Young opened a new riverside office in Limerick City, with the aim of doubling its workforce over the coming years to 100 by 2020.
- SD WORX, a leading payroll and HR provider officially opened its Irish base in Limerick.
- Medical technology company Becton Dickinson and Company announced it is to establish a new research and development centre in Limerick, which will bring an additional 100 jobs. The company will invest €21 million to renovate the former UniGolf facility in the National Technology Park.
- US firm, Acacia Communications plans to hire 30 new employees as the NASDAQ listed company establishes its European headquarters in Limerick. The firm is a leading provider of high-speed coherent optical interconnect products.
- A €10 million interactive 'Rugby Experience' is to be opened on O'Connell Street, Limerick City sponsored by JP McManus. The digital interactive visitor centre dedicated to rugby worldwide will fill a high-tech 30,000 square foot exhibition space. It is anticipated to advance on the site in early 2018 and could generate up to 100 city centre jobs locally during the construction phase and permanent positions after completion.
- Gleeson's SPAR is planning a €250,000 expansion for its Henry Street outlet over the next two years.
- Discount retailer Aldi announced plans to invest €100m in Ireland over the next three years as it seeks to increase its footprint. The company aims to add around 20 new stores which will create 400 new jobs with Limerick highlighted as one of the key investment locations.



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### 5. Forward Planning

The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions and observations made following publication of the Draft Development Contribution Scheme for Limerick City and County Council for the period 2017-2021 was prepared and issued to the Elected Members for consideration in advance of the January Council Meeting.

### 6. Communications and Marketing

- Rolled out Christmas in Limerick Marketing campaign throughout December including radio, print, advertising across Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and Munster social media campaign.
- Organised Limerick Style Blogging event in association with local retailers in Limerick City which trended No1 on Twitter.
- Fourth monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletters issued by the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- A total of eight Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout December.

#### Social Media:

- Posted 49 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 14,082.
- Tweeted 22 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 11,544.
- Posted 15 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,434.
- Tweeted 18 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,434.
- Co-ordinated management of Christmas in Limerick social media.

#### Limerick.ie

72,663 people visited the Limerick.ie website in December 2016 – a 23% increase on the same period in 2015.

11,210 people visited the Christmas.limerick.ie website in December 2016.

- 185 events, 7 amenities and 34 news items were added to Limerick.ie in December 2016.

- The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in December 2016 were
  1. What's On | Limerick.ie
  2. Limerick City and County Council | Limerick.ie
  3. Limerick.ie | The Official Guide to Limerick, Ireland
  4. Search for a Planning Application | Limerick.ie
  5. Current Job Vacancies | Limerick.ie

### 7. Housing Capital and Regeneration

#### Launch of Review of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan

The review of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan was launched by Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the 9th December 2016. The review shows that significant investment in social and economic support is having real impacts on the lives of people living in the regeneration communities and in the wider city areas. Investment in school services, community centres, family support and youth work and activities for young people, have supported increased attendance at schools, a reduction in early school leaving, and higher numbers going on to third level education. In terms of physical regeneration, the ambitious plan for almost 600 new housing units is being advanced, along with the upgrading of 1,400 existing houses. Of the 600 new housing units, 110 have already been delivered under regeneration, while a further 131 units are under construction and the remainder are in preparation. Nearly 900 of the upgrades of the existing homes have either been completed or are in preparation. Limerick City and County Council would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for your continued support throughout the process. The full review in addition to the Executive Summary is available online at the following link:

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/limerick-regeneration-framework-implementation-plan-review>

#### Deep Retrofit of Watergate Flats

Deep Retrofit works at the Watergate Flats are well underway, with Phase 1 nearing completion. During his visit to Limerick, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney

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was given a tour of the site which included some completed units, where he met with the residents. Minister Coveney found the impact of the project very interesting, particularly in light of the capital budget involved, and he said that this work could be a model for similar Local Authority Housing Schemes across the country.

### New Build General Housing Projects

The number of current approved Housing projects across Limerick currently stands at 790 housing units which are located throughout the city and county towns. These projects include the activities of Limerick Regeneration Programme, Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) and the Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). The project stages range from Inception to Construction Stage.

### Acquisitions

Under the Social Housing Investment Programme 2016, 26 properties have reached 'Completion' status, with an additional 24 at 'Sale Agreed' which will close in Q1 2017. This meets the target of 50 properties acquired in 2016 that was set by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

<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 / Part 8 Planning	301
Units with DoECLG Approval	110
Units with Preliminary DoECLG Approval	57
Capital Assistance Scheme Units	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</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)	222
Schemes at Construction Stage (including Thermal Upgrades)	410
Schemes Completed in 2016 (including Thermal Upgrades)	134

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### Organisational Development

#### 1. Communications

- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Tweeted 46 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total followers now 7,729.
- Issued 23 news releases from the Office of Communications/Marketing.

#### 2. Training

- Two day Emergency First Responder Refresher course in Rathkeale for both whole time and retained staff.
- Five day Water and Flood Incident Management course ran in Civil Defence Head Quarters. This course was given by R3 Safety and Rescue and was attended by whole time and retained staff, members of Clare Fire Service and members of the Civil Defence.

#### 3. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council Meeting</b> Briefing: Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan	02.12.2016	Dooradoyle
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting	19.12.2016	Merchant's Quay
Party Leader's Meeting	16.12.2016	Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b>		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	13.12.2016	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	07.12.2016	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock Monthly Meeting	15.12.2016	Killmallock
<b>Operational Briefings</b> Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	06.12.2016 06.12.2016 06.12.2016	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b> Travel and Transportation Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Environment Home & Social Development Community Leisure and Emergency Services	05.12.2016 05.12.2016 12.12.2016 12.12.2016 14.12.2016	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Dooradoyle Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	06.12.2016	Merchant's Quay
Audit Committee	14.12.2016	Dooradoyle

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### Financial Matters

#### 1. Home Improvement Schemes

Private Housing Grant Aid	Number of grants paid at Dec. 2016	Euro amount
MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	185	€768,290.69
HAGS (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	120	€1,032,826.81
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	251	€945,786.24

Total of 556 grants paid to date totalling €2,746,903.74

#### 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2016	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/12/2016	% Collection
€2,035,821	€12,641,411	€14,677,232	€12,719,650	€1,957,582	86.7%

#### 3. Commercial Rates and Loans

##### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2016	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Specific Doubtful Arrears €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 31st December 2016	21,453,866	46,965,433	68,419,299	49,109,495	3,180,205	19,309,804	75%

##### 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 31st December 2016	478,053	1,455,020	1,933,072	1,631,474	301,598	84%

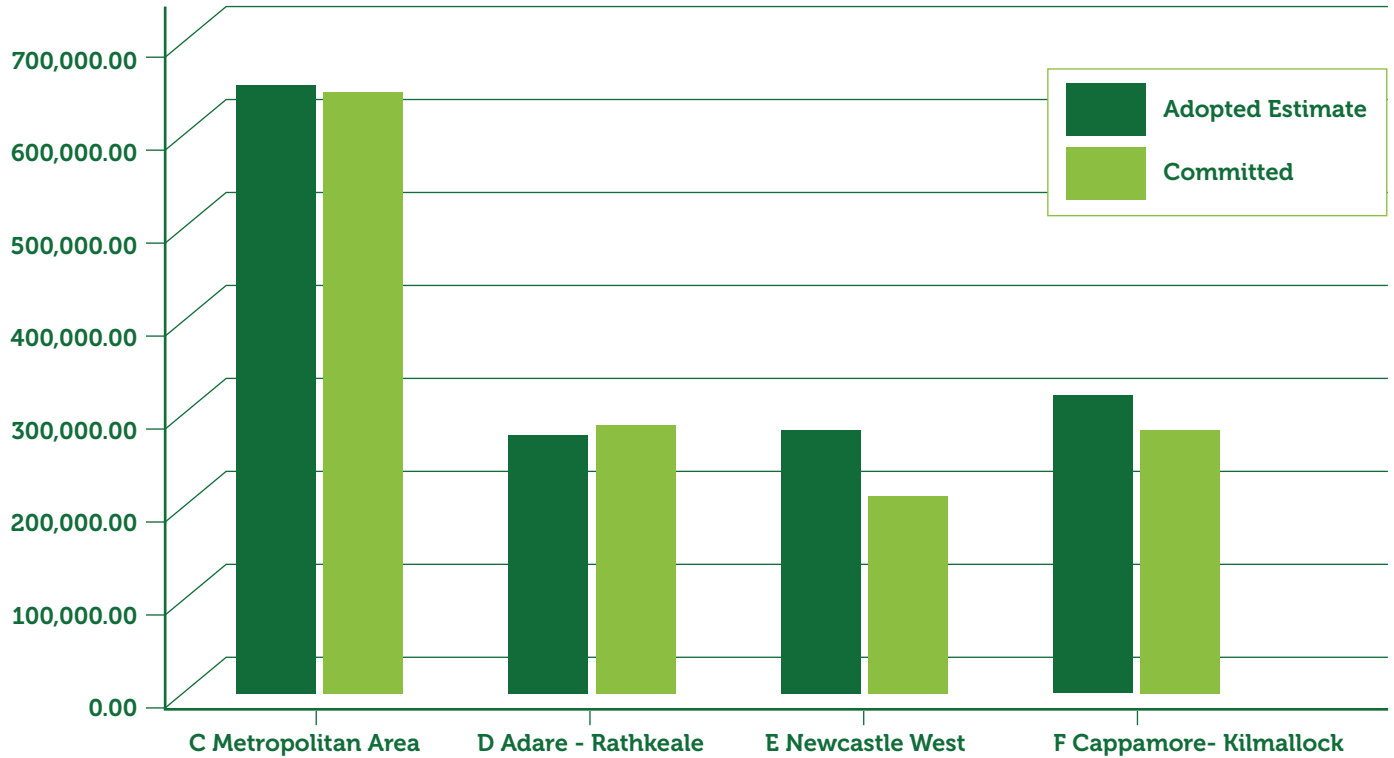
##### Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

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### 4. General Municipal Allocation 2016 Adopted Estimate €1.5 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 31st December 2016



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	640,000.00	636,110.52
D Adare - Rathkeale	275,000.00	283,657.94
E Newcastle West	275,000.00	206,701.52
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	310,000.00	275,419.19