

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

## THIS MONTH:

**1,200 children participate in Sports Hall Athletics programmes**

**Sign Language classes in Granary Library**

**Limerick City to UL and Corbally shared walkway/cycleway officially opened**

**77,192 people visit Limerick.ie website**

**Virgin Media to create 120 jobs at Roxboro**

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## Empowering the Citizen

### 1. Community Support Services

#### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3487
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#### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units February 2017	14	3	0	2	19
Year to Date	25	4	0	4	33

#### Cemeteries

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

- Kilmurry: 4
- Castlemungret: 10
- Mount St. Oliver: 9
- Mount St. Lawrence: 13

#### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

Total Waivers for Limerick City and County Council approved and issued for February 2017 was 241 waivers. Total number of applications refused was 43 applications.

### 2. HAP Shared Services

- 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.
- Overall a total 20,689 HAP tenancies have been set-up since project commencement. There are currently 18,524 active HAP tenancies.
- To date in 2017, 2,459 HAP tenancies have been set-up, at a weekly average of 307.
- The HAP SSC will handle circa €230m in financial transactions in 2017, rising to over €600m in 2021, involving at that stage, 84,000 tenancies.
- There are currently 34 people employed in the HAP SSC with new colleagues joining in the coming weeks.

### 3. Social Development

#### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC meeting in February examined the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) end of year evaluation reports for West Limerick Resources, PAUL Partnership and Ballyhoura Development Company. 2,379 individuals benefited from support to access education and training and employment and / or self-employment or enterprise in Limerick and 174 local community groups were assisted under SICAP.

The membership of the Independent Evaluation Committees for LEADER funding applications was agreed for East and West Limerick and the first Expressions of Interest were considered by the LCDC. The first deadline for Expressions of Interest was the 28th of February and the eligibility of the Expressions of Interest received is now being examined.

#### Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Home and Social Development SPC received presentations on the Housing Capital Programme and progress on Nicholas Street, Limerick city.

Motions regarding pre-letting housing repairs and the sale of private tenanted housing were considered. It has been agreed to hold a multi-stakeholder meeting on developing social housing in Limerick.

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### Healthy Limerick

The Steering Group met to develop the framework for supporting positive wellbeing and quality of life and is examining the theme of social connectivity.

### Community Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Community Leisure & Emergency Services SPC passed the following Notice of Motion:

"That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government to retract the policy that has introduced the roll-out of the 'open library' initiative across local authorities"

Motion was passed and will be referred back to full council for final approval.

### Suicide Awareness Working Group

The Suicide Awareness Working Group agreed the following workplan for 2017:

- Programme of SafeTALK/ASIST training to be rolled out to Councillors and relevant staff
- Group working on a Public Places Campaign in conjunction with HSE and Gardai
- Developing media guidelines in conjunction with HSE.

### Learning Limerick

Learning Limerick Steering Group held a workshop on 23rd February discussing global goals for sustainable development. Rosie Webb, Senior Architect gave a presentation on 'Living Limerick City Engage' – developing a vision for living in the historic core of Limerick City.

### Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- LSP supported the hosting of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) Sports Capital Grants workshop for 600 club & community group members in Thomond Park.
- The LSP placed 70 fourth year Physical Education students in 22 community and sports settings across the city and county. The seven week placement focus is on Mental Health, Functional Movement, Mobility, Physical Activity and Walking.

- 1,200 children are participating in the Sports Hall Athletics programme at six hubs in Newcastle West, Croom, Cappamore, UL, LIT & Fulflex in Southill.
- All LSP community health and fitness programmes are up and running across the county i.e Move & Lose, New Year New Start, Older Adult Fitness programmes at seven Hubs, Men on the Move, Women on Wheels, Sportshall Athletics, Community Walking, Desk to 5k and for more info email [info@limericksports.ie](mailto:info@limericksports.ie)

## 4. Customer Services

### Customer Services Department

- For the month of February, the Customer Services Department supported the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,328 requests for service (cases).
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay in February was 3,376.
- Customer Services staff continued in February to work closely with the Operations and Maintenance Department to close and update cases on behalf of our elected representatives and customers.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) for each Department in February:

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,579
Community Support Services	248
Planning and Environmental Services	212
Customer Services	119
Other Departments	113
Digital Strategy	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,328</b>

- Customer Services continues to manage an online satisfaction survey on a monthly basis with our customers. The 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:  
- *I wrote in about the pot-holes on my road and*

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*they were filled in about 5 days which is reasonably good.*

- *I got great help from all the girls I dealt with. You are lucky to have such staff.*

### 5. Library Services

- In honour of St. Brigid's Day and the start of spring, Glin Library held a "Singing Night" led by musician Paul O'Brien. Ballads by Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan and many Irish favourites were to be heard in the street and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.
- On 1st February a workshop on 'Waste, Energy and Climate Change' was held in Watch House Cross Library for 4th class pupils from JFK primary school.
- On Saturday 11th, Denise Croucher launched her book, 'Messy Play for babies and children at home and in early years' settings'. Over 50 people attended the book launch & a 'messy play' activity was held in the children's art and craft room.
- Sign language classes will run in the Granary Library for a period of 15 weeks from 31st January. The classes are run by the Irish Deaf Society.
- As part of this year's Limerick Literary Festival Library, the Granary Library welcomed poet, Martin Dyer and novelist, Donal Ryan on Friday 24th February. Martin Dyer was born in Sligo and grew up in Swinford, Co. Mayo. His poetry has received a number of honours, including the Strokestown International Poetry award in 2001, and the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award in 2009. His debut collection, Maiden Names, was short listed for the 2014 Piggott Prize. Donal Ryan is the author of three bestselling novels and a short story collection. He has won three Irish Book Awards, the EU Prize for Literature and the Guardian First Book Award. He was long listed for 2013 Man Booker Prize and nominated for the International Dublin Literary Award (IMPAC). His second novel "The Thing About December" was shortlisted for Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year. The event began with readings by the artists from their works, followed by a brief Q&A session. The visit concluded with a short book signing.
- A presentation by Philip Shepherd entitled "Radical Wholeness" was held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th February. Philip's presentation, based on his book "New Self, New World: Recovering Our Senses in the Twenty-First Century", talks about the dangers of living entirely within the head (by separating

mental consciousness from the body), and offers a new model of consciousness that brings mind and body into balance. *New Self, New World* challenges the primary story of what it means to be human, the random and materialistic lifestyle that author Philip Shepherd calls our "shattered reality".

### 6. Limerick Arts Office

- Limerick Arts Office is managing the selection and delivery of a memorial sculpture of Terry Wogan and the shortlisting and selection of an artist has begun.
- The annual Grants under the Arts Act 2017 were advertised via the Council's newsletter and in the local media. The Council provided one to one information sessions with potential applicants with a deadline for receipt of applications of Tuesday 28th February.
- As part of the Arts Office ongoing festival development programme, members of the office visited the committees of Eigse Michael Hartnett and the Circuit of Munster in Newcastle West and Fleadh by the Feale in Abbeyfeale during the month.
- Limerick County Youth Theatre hosted the launch of Youth Theatre Ireland in Friarsgate Theatre Kilmallock, as part of the Council's ongoing youth theatre programme.
- The Limerick St. Patrick's Festival, programmed by the Arts Office, was officially launched by the Mayor in Workbench at Bank of Ireland on 28th February, with a sneak peak of what is in store with Lumen Street Theatre, The Redemptorist Centre of Music Concert Band and Grand Marshal Luke Culhane.
- A call out for applications to the Creative Europe Project, School of Spectacle 2017 was issued. This is an opportunity for two creative practitioners and artists from Limerick to attend Kaunas School of Spectacle for a free five day outdoor arts training school in Kaunas, Lithuania.
- The 33rd Limerick Literary Arts Festival took place from 23rd-26th February, with 15 authors in five venues across the city including Irish and international authors, poets and educators.
- Limerick Arts Office will coordinate the delivery of Creative Ireland. In 2016, Limerick City and County Council demonstrated their unique capacity to activate and support community engagement

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and participation in marking the Centenary year, through a wide range of arts, culture and heritage initiatives. Creative Ireland aims to build on this success by leaning on the development of a dedicated Culture and Creativity plan for the Council, based on the premise that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing. 2017 will see a special focus on children and young people with the specific objective of fast-tracking the Charter for Arts in Education, which will significantly increase access and participation for children in high quality arts and culture experiences.

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

- The Painting Show from the British Council, Buzz & Hum, Richard Gorman & Samuel Walsh and Watercolours/Drawings from the Permanent Collection, was officially opened by the Director of the British Council Ireland and Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon and had an attendance of over 150 people on the night.
- The Limerick City Gallery of Art hosted 'Artists in discussion' with Richard Gorman and Samuel Walsh, with an attendance of 25 visitors.
- The fifth concert of the Bartok Project, a series by the RTE Contempo Quartet, was held on Thursday 16th February, with an attendance of 50 people.
- LCGA is hosting a series of workshops and demonstrations for the members of the Limerick Art Society for the next four months. The first demonstration took place on the 23rd February and was attended by over 30 members.
- LCGA hosted the Limerick Literary Festival 2017, in honour of the Kate O'Brien, on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th February, with the official opening by Olivia O'Leary and a recital of As Music and Splendour, with bass-baritone Kevin Neville, accompanied by Richard McGrath. Talks, a discussion took place on Saturday 25th February, featuring Doireann Ní Gríofa, Mary Lawson, Thomas Pakenham, Mike McCormack, Frances Melandri and Richard Blanco.
- ArtSpace: the series of children's workshops resumed on 11th February, with a series of six workshops to take place until mid April.
- LCGA was successful in the Capital funding application and was awarded €125,850.
- Continuing plans for LCGA's series of events/talks for Spring 2017 with events taking place through February until mid May.
- Total Visitors to the Gallery for February: 7,115.

**8. Planning and Environment****Litter/Waste Enforcement**

- A total of 156 complaints were received in February.
- 44 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in five cases.
- 49 warning letters were issued.
- Two Statutory Notices were served –one under the Litter Pollution Act and one under the Waste Management Act 1996.
- Eight Directions were served under the Waste Management Act 1996.

**Air Noise and Water Pollution**

- 23 complaints were received in February.
- 33 site inspections were undertaken by the team.
- Four Certificates of Compliance were issued under Article 17 of the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations, 2012.
- Nine Statutory Notices were served under Section 23 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- Three Warning Letters were issued.
- One letter was issued seeking a report regarding a domestic central heating oil spillage.
- Legal proceedings were issued in one case.

**Veterinary Services.**

- 13 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 70 dogs.
- 20 food samples were submitted during February 2017 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological sampling programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

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### 9. Fire and Emergency Service

#### Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/02/17 – 28/02/17	58	27	85
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	73%	60%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	25%	32%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	2%	8%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications	10	7	1	22	
Disability Access Cert Applications	7	2	1	14	
Licensing Applications	2	0	0	0	
Commencement Notice	40	36	4		
Completion Certificate	4	6	1		
Sugar CRM Cases	2				2
Planning Referrals	27				21

#### Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of February 2017

- Exercise Foot & Mouth joint services exercise with Department of Agriculture (Raheen).
- Step into Spring 5k With Limerick Sports Partnership.
- SONAR Training Phoenix Centre Dublin.
- 5k Super Run with Limerick Sports Partnership.

### 10. Forward Planning

- A variation to the extended Limerick County Development Plan 2010 -2016 in relation to the proposed Limerick Northern Distributor Road was prepared and placed on public display for a period of 4 weeks up to and including Monday 27th March 2017.
- A variation to the extended Limerick County Development Plan 2010 -2016 in relation to the vacant site levy was prepared and placed on public

display for a period of 4 weeks up to and including Monday 27th March 2017.

- A variation to the extended Limerick City Development Plan 2010 -2016 in relation to the incorporation of the Regeneration Plan was prepared and placed on public display for a period of 4 weeks up to and including Monday 27th March 2017.
- A variation to the extended Limerick City Development Plan 2010 -2016 in relation to the vacant site levy was prepared and placed on public display for a period of 4 weeks up to and including Monday 27th March 2017.
- A proposed Heritage Plan for Limerick was prepared and placed on public display until the 10th April 2017 during which time submissions are invited.

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### 11. Water Services

#### Minor Capital Works

- Watermain rehabilitation works have commenced at Emmet Place.

#### Remediation Works for Taking-in-Charge

- Foul Sewer rehabilitation works commenced at Silverbrook, Mill Road, Corbally.

### 12. Limerick Smarter Travel Campus Programme

Limerick's Third Level Institutes launched their Marchathon Challenge with events happening in Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT), University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College (MIC), Limerick School of Art & Design (LSAD) and Limerick College of Further Education (LCFE). Each campus held a launch event for the biggest pedometer challenge that happens each year across campuses nationally. In Limerick alone, the campus programme encompasses over 23,000 students. This is the first year that the challenge includes staff as well. LIT's President Vincent Cunnane is one staff member on board who is challenging LIT's staff and students to 'Trump the President' and beat his steps for one week of the challenge.

### 13. Access to Information

	February	2017 (to date)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	8	24
FOI Internal Appeals	1	1
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	3
Total AIE Requests	-	2

## Economic Development and Planning

### 1. Planning Applications

104 new planning applications were received as follows:

- 53 domestic developments
- 16 agricultural developments
- 5 commercial developments/change of use.
- 9 education/sporting facilities
- 21 other developments.

The current applications include proposals for:

- Seven dwellings at Patrickswell, nine serviced sites at Adare and a special needs unit extension at Le Cheile National School, Roxboro Road.

### 2. Communications and Marketing

- Tender closed for production of Economic Data Profiling Report for Limerick.
- Organised Public Relations (PR) for Limerick Person of the Year event.
- Began PR and Marketing campaign for Limerick St Patrick's Festival 2017.
- Limerick St. Patrick's Festival featured in German Tourism Ireland March 2017 ezine, circulated to over 3,000 German media.
- Limerick's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Limerick International Band Championship featured on [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie)
- Engaged Magnify to manage the Digital Marketing Campaign for Riverfest Limerick 2017.
- Sixth monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- A total of five Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout February.

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### Social Media

- Commenced the co-ordination of Riverfest Limerick's social media marketing.
- Promoted Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival across social media.
- Posted 20 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 14,899.
- Tweeted 15 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 11,785.
- Posted 2 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,610.
- Tweeted 19 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,546.

### Limerick.ie

- 77,192 people visited the Limerick.ie website in February 2017.
- 252 events, 4 amenities and 23 news items were added to Limerick.ie in February 2017.
- The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in February 2017 were:
  1. Limerick City and County Council | Limerick.ie
  2. Limerick.ie | The Official Guide to Limerick, Ireland
  3. Search for a Planning Application | Limerick.ie
  4. What's On | Limerick.ie
  5. 50 Things to Do | Limerick.ie

### Innovate Limerick

- Innovate Limerick have moved office from Roxboro to the former Biblical Centre on Cecil Street.
- Innovate Limerick won the Community and Council Award for Innovation which was received by Prof. Eamonn Murphy, Chair of Innovate Limerick.

### Investment

- Virgin Media has announced it is to create 120 jobs at its National Customer Experience Centre at Roxboro, Limerick, bringing the total number of staff on site to 400.

- HR & Recruitment firm Collins McNicholas announced it is to open a new regional office in Limerick with an initial team of 7 employees at the National Technology Park in Castletroy.
- WP Engine have relocated their operations from the Limerick City and County Council Offices at Patrick Street to new office accommodation in the former Biblical Centre on Cecil Street to accommodate their increasing staff numbers.

## 3. Housing Capital and Regeneration

- The submission of the Part 8 Planning Application for Kilmurry Court (7 units) will be submitted in early March 2017, while the Stage 2 Design Development is progressing for Housing projects at Glenview, Hospital; Deerpark, Adare; Lisheen, Patrickswell; Clonmacken site.
- Appointment of Integrated Design Teams has concluded for Burke Avenue (12 units), CHAS Flats (3 units) and Rathbane Road (2 units).
- Appointment on Integrated Design Teams for Athlunkard Boat Club (4 units), Joseph Street (3 units), Brannigans (15 units), Clare Street (6 units) and Gough Place (7 units) in nearing completion.
- Members of the Council attended the Ireland Smart-Ageing Exchange (ISAX) Members & Partners meeting held in headquarters of the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) on 15th February, which included a workshop on innovative solutions on Housing for Older People.
- A presentation on 'Design Quality through Development Codes' was delivered by Seamus Hanrahan and Sarah Newell of the Social Development Directorate at the Joint Housing Conference organised by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) and the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) that was held in Dublin Castle on the 13th and 14th February.
- Sarah Newell presented at the University College Cork (UCC) Planning Society's Annual Conference on the topic of 'Design and Place-making: Reasserting the Public Good Through a People-led Approach'. Other speakers at the conference included Riccardo Marini of Gehl Architects, Ciaran



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Cuffe of the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and Dr. Rory O' Donnell of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC).

- Sarah Newell and Maria Donoghue presented papers at the All Ireland Academic Research Group (AIARG) 2017 Conference held in the School of Architecture, Waterford Institute of Technology. Maria Donoghue presented a paper focusing on the process of working with the Development and Archaeology Strategy for King's Island, Limerick (DASKIL) in the session entitled 'Design versus Conservation and the Value of Time'. In the session 'Concealed or exposed? Ireland and Concrete', Sarah Newell presented on the topic of 'The Fair Face of Brutalism'.

### Regeneration Programme

- The members of the Moyross Residents Forum took part in a site visit of the nearing-completion Cliona Park Phase 2 (10 units). Handover of this scheme is on schedule for Q1 2017.
- 45A & 46A Cliona Park (2 units), St Mary's Park Infill Housing Lots 1 & 2 (19 units) have proceeded to Tender with Tender Return scheduled for March 2017.
- Thermal Upgrade contracts TU105 in Ballinacurra Weston (22 units) have commenced on site and TU107 in Southill (51 units) and TU108 in Moyross (50 units) have received approval to commence on site. Contracts TU101A & 101B in Ballinacurra Weston (52 units) and TU13 in Southill (33 units) have been completed.
- Refurbishment of 8-10 Gaol Lane (3 units) has been completed and the houses occupied.
- The demolition of the Council's depot in Cosgrave Park has completed as part of the Cosgrave Park Housing Enabling Works.

A number of briefing sessions to the regeneration committees was undertaken in February on the proposed variation to the Limerick City Development Plan to incorporate the objectives of the adopted Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP). The proposed variation does not change the core objectives of the LRFIP but rather statutorily embeds them into the City Plan. The variation went on public display on the 25th February 2017 and is inviting submissions until March 27th 2017.

### Regeneration Programme - Social

- The Social Intervention Fund remains the main mechanism for funding under the Social Pillar - The Independent Assessment panel met on the 16th & 17th February to review 134 projects.
- On the 23rd February the Kincora & Carew Parks Committee and the O'Malley & Keyes Park Committee amalgamated to form the new Southill Regeneration Committee.
- Moyross Community Hub - tenders have been submitted and awaiting approval.
- Southill Area Centre about to start works on building.
- Fulflex Building appointed Tom Mc Namara & Partners Project Managers & EML Architects to develop viability study and scheme design for redevelopment of Fulflex Building into a Social Development Hub.
- The members of the Moyross Residents Forum took part in a site visit of the nearing-completion Cliona Park Phase 2.
- Ongoing consultation on Civic Engagement with Paul Partnership.
- Ongoing actions to improve safety in-conjunction with Garda.
- Innovate Limerick have just taken up occupancy of the Biblical Centre, this will facilitate the training needs and up skilling. 20% of training places will be allocated to Regeneration Areas.

## 4. Limerick Smarter Travel Infrastructure Routes Launched

Limerick Smarter Travel launched their infrastructure in February with the opening of LST's official flagship project – Limerick City to University of Limerick and Corbally shared walkway/cycleway. The shared walking and cycling facility is over 3km in length along the River Shannon and Park Canal on the original path of the Old Navigation Scheme. The route has been provided along the south bank of the River Shannon and has a new asphalt surface, edging kerb, new public lighting and CCTV cameras.

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- Issued 19 news releases from the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Tweeted 42 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total fans now 7,936.

**2. Schedule of Meetings**

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Special Meeting:</b> *to pass a vote of sympathy on the death of former Mayor of Limerick, Gus O'Driscoll RIP	03.02.2017	Merchant's Quay
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b>	20.02.2017	Merchant's Quay
<b>Operational Briefing's</b> Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	07.02.2017 07.02.2017 07.02.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b> (a) Adare-Rathkeale. Monthly Meeting Special Meeting to discuss proposed works at Kilcornan Community Centre and proposed road layout at Kilcornan (b) Newcastle West. Monthly Meeting (c) Cappamore-Killmallock. Monthly Meeting General Municipal Allocation Workshop General Municipal Allocation Workshop	15.02.2017 01.02.2017 16.02.2017 16.02.2017 02.02.2017	Rathkeale Newcastle West Killmallock Killmallock Killmallock
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b> Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Travel and Transportation Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Environment Home and Social Development	13.02.2017 20.02.2017 21.02.2017 27.02.2017 27.02.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	07.02.2017	Merchant's Quay
EU Leader Programme 2014 - 2020	21.02.2017	Dooradoyle
Protocol Committee	27.02.2017	Merchant's Quay

**3. Training Fire and Emergency Services**

BA Refresher Course	44 Fire Fighters
Compartment Fire Behaviour Training Refresher Course	35 Fire Fighters
Abrasive Wheels Operator	37 Fire Fighters
Road Safety Authority Daily Vehicle Checks	24 Fire Fighters
Hazardous Materials Decontamination	24 Fire Fighters
Child Protection	24 Fire Fighters

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### Financial Matters

#### 1. Home Improvement Schemes

Private Housing Grant Aid	Number of grants paid at Feb. 2017	Euro amount
MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	23	€93,848.53
HAGS (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	12	€109,164.04
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	22	€78,820.16

Total of 57 grants paid to date totalling €281,832.73

#### 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2017	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 28/02/2017	% Collection
€1,957,582	€2,256,512	€4,214,094	€2,024,234	€2,189,860	48%

#### 3. Commercial Rates and Loans

##### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2017	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Vacant Property Adjustment €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	Total for Collection €	Amount Collected €	Arrears €	Specific Doubtful Arrears €	% Collected
As at 28th February 2017	18,789,867	54,022,320	14,942	158,580	72,638,665	3,875,240	68,763,425	5,095,629	6%

##### The Date for Making the 2017 Rate was 2nd February 2017

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 28th February 2017	433,042	-	433,042	192,658	240,384	44%

\* Accruals for Jan & Feb not applied as 2nd March

##### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

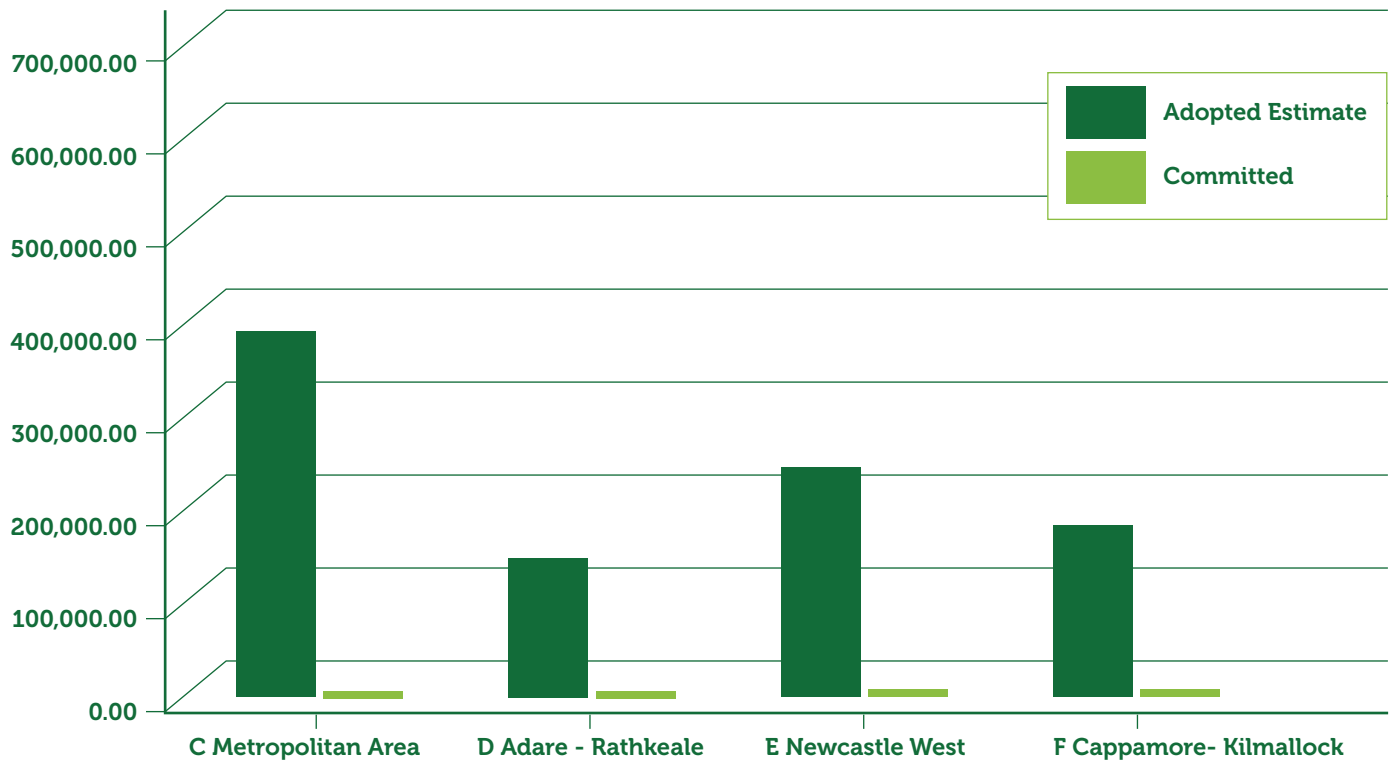
No of days in overdraft 0

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### 4. General Municipal Allocation 2017

Adopted Estimate €0.953 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 28th February 2017



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	353,000.00	1,583.00
D Adare - Rathkeale	125,000.00	2,000.00
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	0.00
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	0.00