

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

## THIS MONTH:

**HAP Shared Services in Limerick now serves 28 Local Authorities**

**Awards abound in Excellence in Local Government  
and Pride of Place**

**Plans launched for Great Southern Trail Improvements**

**Strategic purchases in Regeneration areas**

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### Empowering the Citizen

#### 1. Community Support Services

##### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3698
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##### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units November 2016	27	3	3	3	36
Year to Date	170	25	29	34	258

##### Cemeteries:-

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

- Kilmurry: 5
- Castlemungret: 6
- Mount St. Oliver: 17
- Mount St. Lawrence: 21

##### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

Total Waiver processed for Limerick City & County Council for November 2016 is 15 waivers.

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

Limerick City & County Council have received 68 applications to date.

##### Team Limerick Clean-Up

Team Limerick Clean-Up won an Excellence in Local Government Award in the best community initiative category. The Excellence in Local Government Award is run by Chambers Ireland to showcase best practice in Local Government. The awards recognise the skills, hard work, innovation and enthusiasm within the sector that can often go unrecognised. The award was accepted by Limerick City and County Council on behalf of the 13,500 volunteers involved in Team Limerick Clean-Up.

#### 2. Community and Leisure

##### Pride of Place Achievements

Limerick is celebrating on the double following two awards at the IPB Pride of Place Awards for 2016. Broadford and Liskennett were the Limerick winners at the gala ceremony in Waterfront Hall, Belfast on 26th November, 2016.

**Broadford** scooped overall winner in the 0-300 population category at the Pride of Place Awards. The great work the local development association and various groups are doing have highlighted various projects being undertaken in the fight back against rural depopulation.

These projects include the re-development of the national school for use as a community centre; development of sheltered housing with day care facilities; development of a community crèche, an arboretum and a millennium garden as well as upgrading of community facilities including a playground, Enterprise Centre and local walking routes.

**Liskennett Farm** received one of the Special Awards on the night.

Liskennett Farm run by St Joseph's Foundation in Granagh, is a new development for children and adults with autism, which officially opened in September 2015. It incorporated an Equestrian Centre/ Open Farm, a day-centre and residential service and is committed to improving and enriching the lives and opportunities of more than 900 children and adults with autism/ learning disabilities, while working with the local community to provide a multi-purpose facility for their needs.

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A total of four Limerick groups and communities were shortlisted for the awards. In addition to the two winners, there were entries from Murroe Community Council in the 1,000 to 2,000 population category and Limerick Youth Theatre in the Community Arts Initiative section.

### Learning Limerick

A delegation from Limerick attended a Conference of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities which took place in Hangzhou, China on 15th and 16th November, 2016. The delegation comprised of Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon, Director of Service, Josephine Cotter Coughlan and Eimear Brophy, Limerick Clare Education Training Board. Both Josephine and Eimear gave presentations on the work being carried out by Learning Limerick and specifically on the theme of Distributing Learning Resources evenly between Urban Communities and Rural Areas.

Among other issues discussed at the conference included better use of ICT to develop Learning Cities, monitoring the progress being made in the building of a Learning City and how lifelong learning can be a major catalyst in the development of sustainable cities.

The Hangzhou Statement of the Members of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities prepared and agreed by the Mayors of the Learning Cities will be placed as an item on agenda for the next Council Meeting.

### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC operational sub-group met weekly in November to focus on the implementation of the new LEADER funding and grants under the Rural Development Strategy. The timing of funding calls has now been agreed to start from early January 2017.

The evaluation sub-group attended a Pobal regional seminar on evaluation of Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP).

### Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

The Home and Social Development SPC held a workshop to consider the drafting of a new allocation scheme and propose an amendment to the national Tenants Purchase Scheme.

### Traveller Accommodation

Limerick City & County Council is currently carrying out a review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme for County Limerick which relates to the accommodation needs of members of the Traveller

Community in Limerick City and County. The closing date for submissions is the 15th December, 2016.

### Healthy Limerick

Mo Foley Walsh has started work as coordinator of Healthy Limerick which aims to promote health and wellbeing and tackle health inequalities for people in Limerick with all stakeholders. This is a new joint initiative through the LCDC with the HSE as a funding partner and Limerick City and County Council as employer.

### Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- LSP secured Rowing Ergometers for 9 Post Primary Schools so as to deliver 1st year Rowing Initiative.
- LSP trained 32 Transition Year students to become Rowing Instructors to deliver the programme.
- 10 Community Coaches completed the 10 week Fit for Work and Life Education Programme in association with Irish Cancer Society and Paul Partnership.
- LSP delivered community health programmes for
  - Move and Lose – Physical Activity and Nutrition
  - Sports Hall Athletics at 3 Hubs
  - Men on the Move at 4 locations
  - Women on Wheels Turbo programme
  - Older Adult Go for Life Games Hubs x 6
- The LSP was shortlisted for the National Sports Industry Awards for its Positive Ageing Week and Physical Activity Programmes.

## 3. HAP Shared Services Centre

- Limerick City & 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 17,460 HAP tenancies have been set-up since project commencement. There are currently 15,831 active HAP tenancies.
- For 2016 a total 11,305 HAP tenancies have been set-up to date.
- A weekly average of 236 HAP tenancies has been set-up during 2016.
- 253 HAP tenancies have been signed-up to start week commencing 28th November, 2016 and a

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further 424 have already been signed up for week commencing 5th December, 2016.

- Nine new local authorities have joined HAP and their HAP financial 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, number of local authorities being handled by the HAP Shared Services Centre, in addition to the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.
- The HAP SSC will handle circa €230m in 2017, rising to over €600m in 2021, involving at that stage, 84,000 tenancies.
- There are currently 33 people employed in the HAP SSC with further vacancies to be filled in the coming months.

### 4. Civic Reception

A civic reception was accorded to Mary Immaculate College Senior Hurling Team on Thursday, 10th November, 2016 in recognition of their achievement in winning the Fitzgibbon Cup. This event was held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle.

### 5. Customer Services

- The Customer Services Department continues to support the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,694 requests for service (cases) in November.
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay in November was 3,969.
- Customer Services supported all frontline queries on the Refuse Waiver Scheme which saw over 3,000 application forms issued in November.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) by Department for November.

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	2,024
Community Support Services	244
Planning and Environmental Services	166
Other Departments	108
Customer Services	81
Digital Strategy	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,694</b>

- Customer Services continued to survey customers during the month of November 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:

*"First call logged but not assigned to anyone. No call back after a week. Second call worked"*

*"I was renewing my parking permit and the service was quick and easy and very friendly."*

*"I reported a fly-tip and it was cleared. However it did take about a week before it was cleared."*

### 6. Library Services

- Dooradoyle Library hosted "Freeman's Choice" an exhibition of paintings by Dr. Thomas Ryan, R.H.A. and Freeman of Limerick, for the month of November. This event was officially opened by Mayor, Kieran O'Hanlon on Wednesday 2nd November, 2016. City & County Librarian Damien Brady welcomed Dr. Ryan, his family and guests to his native city. Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon emphasised Dr. Ryan's contribution to the arts both in Limerick, through his long association with the Limerick Art Society, and nationally through The Royal Hibernian Academy.
- Jon Sousa, from Colorado, USA, performed some of his favourite tunes at his lunchtime concert in the Granary Library on Friday 4th November, 2016. A traditional Irish music guitarist and former student at the Irish World Academy of Music & Dance, Jon entertained the audience with traditional music as well as versions of well know pieces such as "Wonderful World" and "Over the Rainbow".
- That same evening the latest edition of the "Old Limerick Journal" (Winter 2016) was launched by Bishop John Fleming.
- An illustrated lecture was presented by Patrick C. Kennedy, former Mayor of Limerick entitled "Irish Barristers who died in the Great War" on 15th November, 2016.
- On Monday 21st November, 2016 this busy branch rocked to the sound of laughter as 190 children from local schools attended the library for a visit

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with author, comedian and actor David O'Doherty and author and illustrator Chris Judge of the "Danger is Everywhere" series of children's books. The children participated enthusiastically with David's fantastic wordplay and Chris' illustrations.

- The library was delighted to host the launch of the new book by Maureen Sparling, "One Flew Over Thomond Bridge" on 22nd November, 2016. This is the author and poet's 11th publication and follows her outstanding success with "Ten Lamb Chops for a Pound."
- An information evening for the Open University on Thursday 24th November, 2016 featured a representative discussing courses, study methods & other aspects of learning with the Open University.
- A Fair-trade presentation for the "Young at Heart" Christmas card competition was held on 29th November, 2016.
- The University of the Third Age (UA3) was launched by David Lee on the 30th November, 2016. The University of the Third Age is a learning circle or cooperative. Members learn from one another by sharing knowledge and experiences & engaging in shared activities.
- On Friday 18th November, 2016 author, Ré O'Laighléis visited Newcastle West Library. This event was sponsored by Foras na Gaeilge. Ré O'Laighléis is the writer of children's, teenage and adult fiction in English and Irish. His best known collections include the multi-translated "Ecstasy and other stories", "Heart of the Burren", "Punk" and "Gafa".
- On Friday 25th November, 2016 the West Limerick Heritage Journal was launched in the library by local Historian John Cussen. This is the newest initiative of the West Limerick Heritage Network which was established in 2014, with the support of West Limerick Resources. Local Councillors, historians, writers and a large section of the local community were present on the night.
- "Threads", a Moyross craft group held a craft fair in the library, on the 18th and 19th November, 2016. Also in Watch House Cross Library, Adult Learners from the north side of Limerick City were presented with their QQI awards. Certificates were presented by Councillor Vivienne Crowley to over 40 learners on 15th November, 2016.
- Senior Infants from St. Michael's Infant School enjoyed listening to 'bear stories' and making and decorating their own care bear.

## 7. Digital Strategy

The Digital Strategy Department has been working on a Data Catalogue and Map Catalogue as part of the 'Insight Limerick' initiative. Insight Limerick aims to address the need for information sharing by increasing transparency and ease of access to data. Staff can search the new 'Data Catalogue' for data sets related to Limerick about when the data was created, by whom, usage restrictions, and other information such as how to view and access that data. Also available is the new 'Map Catalogue', an inventory of unique maps displaying information on distinct areas of interest, such as the new Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) flooding data provided in November 2016 by the Office of Public Works. The Data Catalogue and Map Catalogue are not officially rolled out yet, but staff are invited to test the service and provide their feedback. The Data Catalogue and Map Catalogue may be accessed through the main Insight Limerick webpage <http://10.50.0.224/insight/>

## 8. Limerick Arts Office

- The Arts Office hosted a Festivals Funding Workshop on Friday 18th November, 2016 which was attended by 32 festival organisers from Limerick City and County. Speakers included Audrey Keane from Creative Europe Desk at the Arts Council and Marian Leydon, Client Services Manager Festivals and Events at Faille Ireland.
- A Survey of Festivals and Events in Limerick took place in November. The responses are currently being reviewed and will be presented in a full report in early 2017 to inform a strategy for Festivals and Events.
- The final concert in the Castleconnell Concert Series took place on Tuesday 29th November, 2016 with the Vanburgh Quartet. There was a full house for the event.

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

- Amanda Coogan and Maggi Madden's exhibitions were officially opened on 24th November, 2016 by Patrick Murphy, Director, RHA Dublin. Amanda Coogan and five performers gave a live performance from 12 noon- 4pm on Friday 25th November, 2016 with 270 attending over the 4 hours.
- Reception at British Council HQ in London on 30th November, 2016 for the Perspectives Exhibition with two works from the Permanent Collection from Limerick City Gallery of Art included: View from Thomond Bridge and John Shinnors' Cows Come Home. The opening was attended by the Irish Ambassador to UK, Dan Mulhall and Ciaran Devane, CEO British Council.
- The HUB Space is used by local Limerick Art groups on a regular basis on Thursday evenings and at the weekend for workshops, ART SPACE, for children between 4 -12 years, two sessions each Saturday for 6 weeks. Sessions run by trained artists and facilitators.

### 10. Limerick 2020

- Light Up Limerick took place on Sunday 20th November, 2016, programmed and coordinated by Limerick 2020 with estimated audiences of 15,000 in attendance - the largest attendance in the past 3 years.
- A formal request to the November Council meeting to secure funding into the future for culture was successful.
- One of the bid book projects, developed by Ormston House called 'World Recipe Exchange' has been accepted to the Ideas Lab run by the European Cultural Foundation.

### 11. Planning and Environment

#### Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 112 complaints were received in November.
- 37 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month of November.
- 4 statutory Notices were issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- 2 statutory Notices were issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act.

- 1 statutory Notice was issued under Section 110 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in 2 cases.

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) has set the national waste priorities for 2017 as follows:-

- Illegal Dumping including Construction and Demolition waste.
- Household Waste Management compliance including Brown Bin.
- End of Life Vehicles.
- Tyres - producer responsibility initiative.

During November, the Environmental Protection Agency published its quadrennial report on Ireland's Environment.

The main topic messages from the report are:

- Implementation of environmental legislation.
- Mitigate against climate change.
- Restore and protect water quality.
- Protect wild places and biodiversity.
- Community engagement in the protection of the environment.
- Sustainable economic development.

#### Water Pollution

- 1 statutory Notice was issued under Section 12 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act.
- 1 Certificate of Compliance was issued under Article 17 of the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations, 2012.

#### Veterinary Services

- Ongoing official food safety controls were undertaken from 20 approved meat processing establishments.
- 16 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 51 dogs.
- Our veterinary officers inspected and passed fit for human consumption 189 cattle, 617 sheep and 27 pigs processed in local abattoirs

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

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### 12. Fire and Emergency Services

#### Statistics

Year	No of Fire Related Calls	No of Non Fire Related Calls	Total
1/11/16 – 30/11/16	74	42	116
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1352</b>

Year	No of Fire Certificates received	No of Disability Access Certificates received	No of Commencement Notices received	No of Completion Certificates validated	Total
1/11/16 – 30/11/16	15	10	29	15	69
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>790</b>

#### Major Emergency Plan

A Table-Top Exercise was held in Foynes Fire Station to test the External Emergency Plan for Atlantic Fuels Supply Company. This was attended by representatives from Limerick City & County Council including Fire and Emergency Services, An Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive, Ambulance Service, Shannon Foynes Port Company and Atlantic Fuels.

The final draft of the Flood Response Plan was presented to Management Team and the Operations & Maintenance Section.

#### Section 26 Plan

The draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan was adopted by Limerick City and County Council at its monthly meeting held on Monday 28th November, 2016.

**Mass for Deceased** members of Limerick Fire Service was held on Friday 25th November, 2016 at St. John's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, Limerick.

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

- Civil Defence Officer Association Training & Educational Seminar Athlone
- National Radiation Exercise
- Recruitment Day Docklands
- Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships UL

#### Certification Night 16th November, 2016 Civil Defence HQ Docklands, Dock Road, Limerick

Attended by 42 volunteers which included fourteen Recruits,

98 Certificates were issued in the following disciplines:

Cardiac First Response, Occupational First Aid, First Aid Response Instructor, 1916 Commemoration, Manual Handling, Manual Handling Instructor, People Moving, People Moving Instructor, Search Skills, Kayaking, Radio Operators level 2.

**Mass for Deceased** members of Limerick Civil Defence was held on Sunday 27th November, 2016 in St. Michael's Church, Denmark Street, Limerick.

### 13. Access to Information

	November	2016 (Jan to Nov)
Total Freedom of information requests	6	150
FOI Internal Appeals	1	4
Information Commissioner Appeals	–	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	2	25
Total AIE Requests	–	3

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#### 1. Planning Applications

92 new planning applications were received as follows:

- 61 domestic developments
- 2 housing developments
- 11 agricultural developments
- 3 commercial developments
- 2 educational developments
- 1 part 8 development
- 12 other developments

The current applications include proposals for:

- Outline permission for a housing development of 66 houses at Knockhill, Ennis Road
- Residential development of 12 units at Old Cratloe Road
- Single storey restaurant building at Ennis Road, Clonmacken
- Part 8 to upgrade the Great Southern trail

#### 2. Taking in Charge of Estates

- Templegreen, Newcastle West was taken in charge in November.

### 3. Communications and Marketing

- Launched Christmas in Limerick Marketing campaign
  - Successfully promoted Light up Limerick event with PR coverage including RTÉ Six One News and 9.00pm RTÉ News, page one of the Irish Times and Irish Examiner
  - Printed and distributed Christmas in Limerick events guide across Munster
  - Began radio, print, advertising and social media Christmas in Limerick campaign
- Joint major Winter safety and wellbeing campaign launched by Limerick Public Services co-ordinated by Office of Communications and Marketing
- Launched new diaspora website Global Limerick.ie
- Secured Limerick as front page of European Business Magazine with four page feature inside
- Third monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Communications and Marketing
- A total of nine Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout November

#### Social Media

- Posted 43 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 13,951.
- Tweeted 31 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 11,440.
- Posted 10 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,297.
- Tweeted 22 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,401.
- Co-ordinating management of Christmas in Limerick social media.

#### Limerick.ie

80,803 people visited the Limerick.ie website in November 2016 – a 27% increase on the same period in 2015.

10,825 people visited the Christmas.limerick.ie website in November 2016.



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- 222 events, 5 amenities and 44 news items were added to Limerick.ie in November 2016
- The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in November 2016 were:
  - i. Limerick City and County Council | Limerick.ie
  - ii. Current Job Vacancies | Limerick.ie
  - iii. Clerical Officer - Expressions of Interest | Limerick.ie
  - iv. Limerick.ie | Home
  - v. What's On | Limerick.ie

### 4. Housing Capital and Regeneration

#### New Build General Housing Projects

The number of current approved General Housing projects across Limerick currently stands at 332 housing units which are located throughout the city and county towns. These projects include the activities of 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, as at 30th November 2016, 50 properties have reached 'Sale Agreed' status, with the majority of these approaching 'Completion' status. The overall target for 2016 is 50 properties completed.

An industrial unit in the Galvone Industrial Estate has been acquired by Limerick City & County Council. Given that this unit is in line of the proposed connection from O'Malley Park to the Childers Road, this is a strategic purchase with a long term objective of increasing connectivity between Southill and the greater City.

Limerick City & County Council has acquired the Galvone Arms bar and adjacent former petrol station building in Southill. This is a strategic acquisition, which is proposed for longer term redevelopment.

#### Thermal Upgrade Project

The Thermal Upgrade 2016 programme has now reached 244 homes currently under construction, with a further 222 homes in preparation for construction works in 2017.

#### New Build Replacement Housing

Palm Court, Keyes Park, Southill (26 units) - Site enabling works for de-risking purposes have been completed in preparation for the Main Contract commencement.

#### Public Realm Works

##### Southill

Major refurbishment and upgrading of public lighting system is underway in Southill, Roxboro Road and Childers Road with an investment of €210,000, while additional upgrading of the public footpath network is underway.

##### St. Mary's Park

A major resurfacing of roads and footpaths have been completed, while the lead pipe replacement works have reached Substantial Completion. These works will go some way towards improving quality of life for the residents.

##### Moyross

An investment of circa. €110,000 towards the upgrading and replacement of CCTV system in Moyross has taken place. This work is essential to the success of the CCTV programme to modernise, expand and upgrade the network to achieve the community safety objectives as set out in the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan.

#### Limerick Equine Academy

Approval has been received from the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine for the development of the Equine Academy, initiated by Limerick City & County Council. Based in the Moyross, this programme will be run throughout Limerick City with the support of RACE Ireland and leading trainers such as Jim Bolger. On foot of the success of Pineview Gardens resident, Lee Quinn, and receipt of his recent Garda Youth Award in November 2016 for all his hard work and determination to succeed as a jockey, this initiative is to be welcomed.

#### University of Limerick Voice Newspaper

Members of the Southside and Northside Limerick City & County Council offices have been actively engaging with journalism students from the University of Limerick in preparation for the upcoming Voice

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newspaper publication. This is a collaborative project, part-funded by Limerick City & County Council, which was initiated as a Moyross Voice piece, but which has expanded to encompass all of Limerick City. Existing links with Limerick City & County Council will be maintained through the dedication of 4 number pages to Regeneration news from across the 4 number regeneration areas.

### Terms of Reference

Existing Regeneration Committee Terms of Reference that have been in place since formation of the Limerick Regeneration Agency in 2008 have been reviewed for update. All revisions and reaffirmations have been drawn up and presented for approval to the Community Consultative Forum with representative members from each regeneration area.

### Great Southern Trail

- A Part VIII application has just been lodged for enhancement works on the 42 km Trail between Rathkeale and the Limerick Kerry border near Abbeyfeale, connecting Ardagh, Newcastle West and Barnagh along the route.
- Plans and details of the proposed scheme are available for inspection at the Council's offices in Merchant's Quay, Dooradoyle, Rathkeale, Newcastle West and at Abbeyfeale Library until Monday 9th January, 2017. Closing date for submissions is Monday 23rd January, 2017.

### Forward Planning

- Additional information was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments call for proposals under the €200m Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund for four applications to alleviate infrastructural blockages which are the main impediments to the development of certain key sites for housing development.

## 5. Water Services

### Minor Capital Works

The completion date for the City water mains rehabilitation and lead service replacement contract (Work Package 2) has been extended into December.

The testing contract for the Adare/ Croom/ Patrickswell trunks mains has been completed.

Watermain rehabilitation works have commenced at Carrigeen, Croom and Loughill.

## 6. Investment

Eason has announced that it is to open a new store in Limerick's Crescent Shopping Centre, creating 20 jobs in the process. The bookseller is investing upwards of €500,000 in opening the store, bringing to three the number it operates in Limerick.

## 7. Capital Limerick

Limerick City and County Council has established formal linkages with Capital Limerick, which is Dublin based organisation comprising Limerick people and those with a connection to Limerick. The purpose of the group is the promotion of Limerick in the capital and beyond.

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#### 1. Training

- 3 number Winching courses in Newcastle West Fire Station
- 3 number HIAB courses in Newcastle West Fire Station
- 2 number Child Protection Courses
- 2 number Working at Heights Courses
- 2 number Patient Moving Courses
- 2 number Entanglement Procedure Courses
- 2 number Confined Access Courses
- 2 number Advanced Cardiac 1st Responder courses
- 1 number Tunnel inter-agency Exercise
- On-going 'on-station' training
- IPB half day seminar on Managing Serious Incidents where there is a Risk of Criminal Investigation
- 2 day procurement course
- Inter-agency training on major emergency event in Atlantic Fuels (Foynes)
- 1 number Emergency 1st Responder Refresher Training Course

#### 2. Innovate Limerick

Innovate Limerick won the 2016 Excellence in Local Government Award for Promoting Economic Development. The Excellence in Local Government Awards, which are run by Chambers Ireland, showcase best practice in local government.

### 3. Water Services

The Water Services Laboratory has received accreditation from the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) for a further six Drinking Water parameters, making it now fully accredited for all of the statutory Drinking Water Check suite of parameters. These are the main element of the Drinking Water monitoring programme conducted by the Laboratory on behalf of Irish Water. Work is continuing on extending the range of accredited parameters in the Drinking Water Audit and Waste Water monitoring suites.

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Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Meeting	28.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Special Meeting in relation to Limerick/Foynes Road Improvements Scheme	28.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Briefing: Budget 2017	07.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Budget Meeting 2017	11.11.2016	Dooradoyle
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b>		
Monthly Meeting	21.11.2016	Merchant's Quay
Party Leader's Meeting	11.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Party Leader's Meeting	28.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Corporate Policy Group	07.11.2016	Dooradoyle
Corporate Policy Group	21.11.2016	Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b>		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale		
Monthly Meeting	08.11.2016	Kilcorman
Special Meeting	14.11.2016	Rathkeale
Special Meeting	23.11.2016	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West		
Monthly Meeting	09.11.2016	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock		
Monthly Meeting	17.11.2016	Kilmallock
<b>Operational Briefings</b>		
Limerick City East	01.11.2016	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City North	01.11.2016	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City West	01.11.2016	Merchant's Quay
Local Community Development Committee	01.11.2016	Merchant's Quay

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Private Housing Grant Aid	Number of grants paid at Nov. 2016	Euro amount
MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	173	€718,251.68
HAGS (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	103	€881,745.42
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	228	€867,218.84

**Rent Collection**

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2016	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/11/2016	% Collection
€2,035,821	€11,656,631	€13,692,452	€11,709,211	€1,983,241	85.5%

**Commercial Rates and Loans****Draft Collection Figures**

Commercial Rates 2016	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 30th November 2016	21,453,866	47,747,606	69,201,472	49,327,519	19,873,953	71%

**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 November 2016	478,053	1,326,439	1,804,492	1,402,825	401,667	78%

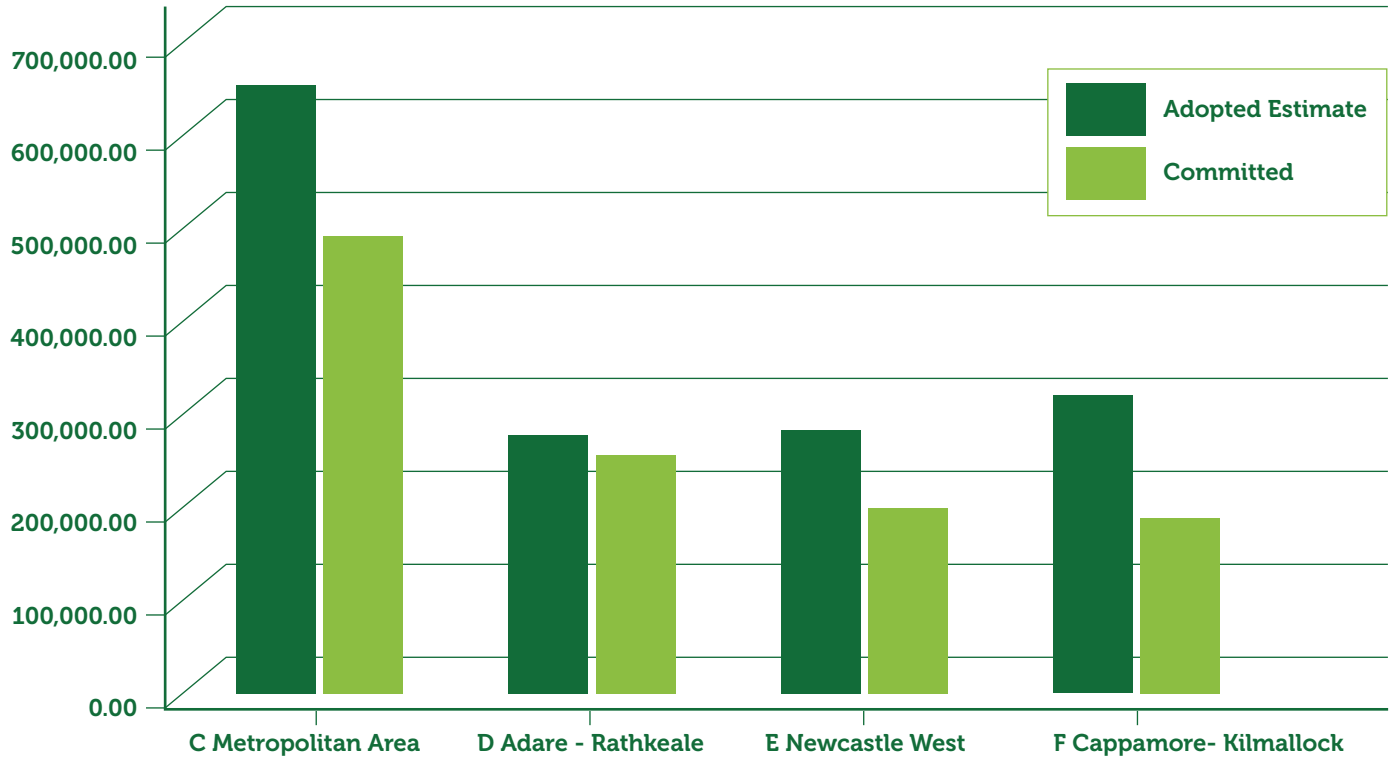
**Overdraft Facility**

No of days in overdraft 0

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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

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



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	640,000.00	475,426.90
D Adare - Rathkeale	275,000.00	246,474.84
E Newcastle West	275,000.00	187,192.89
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	310,000.00	186,428.64