

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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THIS MONTH:

Seventh Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival launched

700 primary school children participated in Sportshall Athletics Finals

Adare Manor Resort announced 300 new direct jobs

€6 million to be invested in Barrington's Hospital

€15.43 million funding for construction of distributor roads in Mungret and Greenpark

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,382
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units March 2017	26	0	1	1	28
Year to Date	51	4	1	5	61

2. Cemeteries

Total No of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 5
- Castlemungret: 20
- Mount St. Oliver: 19
- Mount St. Lawrence: 14

3. Environmental Awareness

- 15 Green School Assessments/Visits.
- Managing waste and composting talk to the Grow it Yourself (GIY) group in Caherconlish.
- Participating in the National – Local Authority Prevention Network Plenary.
- Limerick's Going for Gold Environment Improvement Grant and Competition Application announced.
- Mayor Kieran O' Hanlon launched Fairtrade Fortnight locally. Fairtrade worker, Heydi Janeth Espino Mairena from the Soppexcca Coffee Co-operative, Nicaragua was among the special guests in attendance at the launch. Heydi gave a first hand account of what FairTrade means for her community.
- Successful Limerick City and County Council annual Tidy Towns Seminar took place in Woodlands Hotel Adare Limerick. 120 participants were treated to presentations/talks on Listowel Tidy Towns, The Limerick City and County Council Invasive Plant Species App and Ideas for the Managing Waste and Resource Efficiency Category and an open discussion chaired by Tidy Towns Adjudicator Lorraine Power.

- 3 Live 95 fm interviews - Composting / TLC, Health and Safety update and the Tidy Towns Seminar.
- Managing Waste talk to Active retirement group.

4. Social Development

Healthy Limerick

- Where we live, learn, work and play can have a greater impact than medical care on how long and well we live. One aspect is the evidence-based link between our wellbeing and our sense of connection, belonging and engagement in the world. For this reason, Healthy Limerick has chosen the theme of social connectedness - a theme that cuts across social, economic and physical priorities in Limerick. A range of stakeholders from the public, private and community sectors has been invited to a workshop with the purpose of developing a Limerick-specific model of social connectedness in early April.
- A pilot workshop for the Council staff has been developed to begin the process of ensuring all sectors in Limerick are aware of and collaborate to achieve a Healthy Limerick working with the social determinants approach to health.
- A series of messages supporting the core idea that 'Health is Everybody's Business' has been developed for a Twitter campaign in April.
- In March, presentations on Healthy Limerick were made to the Homeless Action Team and Limerick Sports Partnership. There is a number of presentations planned for April.

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- The Coordinator of Healthy Limerick is now a member of the Healthy Ireland Steering Group Committee for the UL Hospitals Group.

Age Friendly Limerick

- Meeting of Age Friendly Limerick took place on 16th of March.
- 6 Objectives of Age Friendly Strategy completed.
- 17 Age Friendly Ambassadors now located within the Council.
- Age Friendly Parking erected in new areas across city and county.
- Age Friendly webpage agefriendly.ie/limerick operational.

Learning Limerick

The launch of the seventh Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival was held in the Foynes Flying Boat Museum on Monday, 20th March.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- 650 post primary children completed an eight week Rowing programme delivered by TY VIP's with blitz final in UL.
- 700 primary school children participated in Sportshall Athletics Finals.
- 50 qualify for national finals in Athlone.
- 4th community coaching 14 week QQI course for Jobseekers commenced in Croom with 12 participants.
- Excellent Men on the Move 12 week fitness programme commenced in Mungret with 55 participants.
- The Beat the Street initiative has commenced with the recruitment of the programme coordinator.
- All LSP programmes based on community health are in full swing for more info see info@limericksports.ie

5. Customer Services

Customer Services Department

- For the month of March, the Customer Services Department supported the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,543 requests for service (cases).
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay in March was 3,706.
- Customer Services continued to work very closely with Operations and Maintenance teams during the month of March. As a result of this work there was a reduction in the number of cases open for Operations and Maintenance. It also helped to create awareness around the need for staff to keep cases up to date on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management).
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) for each Department in March-

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,787
Community Support Services	266
Planning and Environmental Services	207
Other Departments	112
Customer Services	112
Digital Strategy	59
Total	2,543

- Customer Services conducts an online satisfaction survey on a monthly basis with 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 customers during the month:
 - *Positive, friendly customer service, extremely friendly and efficient.*
 - *Very good at looking after people.*
 - *The girl at customer services went out of her way to help me.*



6. Library Services

- The Granary Branch welcomed author & actress Carol Drinkwater on Thursday 2nd March. Fellow author Roisin Meaney chatted with Carol about her life and work. Carol is well known for her portrayal of Helen Herriot in the BBC television series "All Creatures Great and Small" and for her award winning books.
- The Clonlara House Session Group performed at lunch time on Friday 10th March. This group of nine musicians play instruments including pipes, accordion, violin, mandola, flute, banjo and guitar. They played a wonderful selection of traditional Irish music to a very appreciative audience.
- A stunning exhibition of ceramics "Kiln Time" by Limerick School of Art & Design 3rd Year students ran from 6th to 11th March.
- "Ridding the burden – An early history of the Limerick Lunatic Asylum, 1822–1922" was the title of a lecture given on the 28th March by Triona Waters. Triona is a PhD Research and Departmental Assistant in Department of History, Mary Immaculate College. The lecture focused on the planning, opening and early days of the asylum in the context of Limerick city life.
- World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 2nd of March in Dooradoyle and Watch House Cross libraries. Both hosted table quizzes and in conjunction with the Council's Environment Awareness section, invited schools to attend "The Rubbish Monster" an interactive puppet show which teaches the importance of recycling. Children and some members of staff, attended dressed as their favourite book character.
- Also in Dooradoyle on 9th of March, "Basement Artists" launched their exhibition titled "Freedom". This is a group of seven artists who come together to paint and discuss art.
- On 23rd March, Tom McElligott launched his collection of short stories "A Table for Two". It is published by the Limerick Writers Centre and was launched by Sheila Queally.
- Newcastle West held an exhibition of paintings from the Killulta ICA Painters, titled "Obair na mBan". It was opened on 7th of March by Rita Horgan an ICA guild member from Abbeyfeale and was on display throughout the month of March.
- Kilmallock Library celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Fenian attack on the RIC Barracks at

Kilmallock in March of 1867. Students from Kilmallock National School came to the Library on Tuesday 14th March to hear Michael from "Irish History Live" take them on a brisk march through Irish History from the Battle of the Boyne up to the formation of the Irish Republic. This fast and sometimes furious run through of Irish History put the Fenian attack at Kilmallock into historical context. Students got to try on clothes from different periods in history and to handle historical weapons including Pikes, Pistols and Blunderbusses. Everybody learned a lot and had some great fun along the way also. The Library is currently exhibiting some wonderful historical artefacts from this period of history.

7. Digital Strategy Department

- The Digital Strategy Department held a public stakeholder consultation session on 3rd of March in the Savoy Hotel. The session was attended by 34 representatives from a number of organisations from across Limerick including the Gardai, HSE, UL and LIT. The aim of the session was to raise awareness of the different digital projects and initiatives from each stakeholder and to determine a means of aligning this work in the context of a digital strategy for Limerick.

IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Limerick

- The IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Report was officially launched on 24th March with over 60 attendees. The report by top experts at IBM has made fifteen recommendations which enable the Council to respond to the needs of older people through better use and management of shared information. See <https://www.limerick.ie/scc> for more information.

Quantum Geographical Information System (QGIS)

- QGIS is a desktop application that makes it easy to view and edit the wide array of Council GIS information such as roads, public lighting and property. A total of 48 staff have been trained in QGIS so far. Those staff that have received training have reported that they are very happy with the system and the speed with which they can now access Council GIS information.

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CRM mobile app

- The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) mobile app is a smartphone and tablet based app that allows Council staff the facility to create and access cases in the Council CRM regardless of their location. The app will shortly enter a pilot phase with eight users from across the Council including housing maintenance, animal control, street cleansing and roads. This app will help improve the time it takes to resolve customer cases.

Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS)

- The Council has commissioned a project to standardise how documents are created, filed, stored and accessed digitally. The Corporate Services department along with Archives and Digital Strategy are now managing their documents electronically in the Alfresco EDRMS system. This system makes it easier to find relevant documents across the organisation, and ensures compliance in terms of document retention and auditing.

Techtown

- Members of the Digital Strategy and Economic Development and Planning teams travelled to Barnsley in the UK to take part in workshop for the EU project 'Techtown'. TechTown is a network of 11 cities which aims to explore how small and medium sized cities can maximise the job creation potential of the digital economy. Limerick aims to employ the Techtown initiative to better measure its digital economy and to create a baseline against which its digital strategy can be measured. For more information see <http://urbact.eu/techtown>

8. Limerick Arts Office

- Limerick Arts Office is managing the delivery of a memorial sculpture of Terry Wogan. Artist Rory Breslin has been selected through a tender process.
- The annual Grants under the Arts Act 2017 were processed, assessed by a panel and recommendations passed by Council on Monday 27th March. There were 75 applications, 41 of which were successful, with a total grant allocation of €20,000.

- St. Patrick's Festival, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the International Band Championships: Despite very poor weather conditions Limerick still managed to deliver: 2 parades; 60 commissioned artists/performers; 95 volunteers; 17 marching bands; 1000 musicians; and audience of 55,000.
- Marie Le Sourd, EU Cultural Management and Funding Consultant was invited to visit Limerick in partnership with the Irish World Academy at UL and as part of the MA in Festive Arts lecture series, she gave insights to those in attendance on funding opportunities for the mobility of Artists. In the afternoon at Culture House she provided 5 one to one sessions to creative practitioners and Limerick Cultural Organisations on European/internationalisation of careers, accessing funding and networking.
- The Éigse Michael Hartnett press launch took place on the 20th of March, in the Red Door Gallery in Newcastle West. This Literary and Arts Festival is co-delivered by the Council's Arts Office and the Éigse Committee.
- Limerick's newest Festival, Limerick Fringe, took place with 60 performances over 3 days in multiple venues across the city.
- Creative Ireland is the Government's Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016 – a five-year initiative, from 2017 to 2022, which places creativity at the centre of public policy. A public meeting took place on Friday 10th March coordinated by Limerick Arts Office.

9. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Continued exhibit of three exhibitions, The Painting Show from the British Council, Buzz & Hum, Richard Gorman & Samuel Walsh, and Watercolours/Drawing from the Permanent Collection running until 16th April 2017.
- Thursday 2nd March continued with LCGA spring events with 'Anger is an Energy.... Punk Rock and Me' a discussion by Dr. Eoin Devereux on the Punk rock influence in Limerick in the early 1980's with an attendance of 60 people.

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- 'Artists talk' with Celia Hempton on 9th March, one of the young painters from The Painting Show, who discussed her method of painting with an attendance of 25-30 people.
- LCGA celebrated International Women's Day with Limerick Ukealadies + 1, with a lunch time concert, attendance of 60 people.
- Sixth concert in the series by the RTE Contempo Quartet of the Bartok Project on Thursday 16th March, with an attendance of 50 people.
- LCGA hosted the official launch of the publication by Ann McGarry, Care of Leadership, a practice for developing Leadership Effectiveness on 30th March.
- LCGA continued to host a series of workshops and demonstrations for the members of the Limerick Art Society.
- artSPACE: the series of weekend children's workshops continued through March and will continue until mid April.
- Continuing plans for LCGA's series of events/talks for spring 2017 with events taking place through April to mid May.
- Visitor to the Gallery for March : 7,115.

10. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 158 complaints were received in March.
- 70 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in eight cases (six under the Litter Pollution Acts and two under the Waste Management Acts).
- Two Statutory Notices were issued under Section 9 of the Litter Pollution Acts.
- 26 warning letters were issued.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act 1996.
- 11 Directions were served under the Waste Management Act 1996.

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 23 complaints were received in March.
- 25 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.
- One Certificate of Compliance was issued under Article 18 of the European Union (Installations and Activities using Organic Solvents) Regulations, 2012 & 2014.
- Four Statutory Notices were served under Section 12 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 23 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 110 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.
- Four Warning Letters were issued.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases.

Oil Spill at Allaghaun River, Abbeyfeale on Thursday 23 March 2017

- The Council received a call from a member of the public about a strong smell of oil/gas and possible pollution in the river near the bridge. Engineers were dispatched to Abbeyfeale to locate the source of the oil.
- The oil was a light type of oil believed to be similar to home heating oil which evaporates quickly – not like crude oil which leaves a sludge type material.
- The clean up of the spillage was helped by the good weather with good evaporation.
- The banks of the river were searched to locate the source of the spillage. Crews checked both sides of the river along with Inland Fisheries Ireland personnel. It was found to be coming from an industrial premises adjacent to a small tributary which drains into the Allaghaun River further up stream. The source of the oil is an industrial premises and this has been stopped.
- Several measures were put in place.
- A boom and special highly absorbent pads, which only soak up oil were placed near the entry point of the oil into the water.

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- Another boom has been placed across the Allaghaun River near the road bridge just outside Abbeyfeale town to contain any remaining oil -mainly there as a precaution.
- Crews from Limerick City and County Council worked overnight and will maintain a 24 hour presence in the area until the water is clear.
- Investigations are continuing into the cause of the incident.
- An estimated several hundred litres of oil is believed to have escaped into the water.
- Clean-up operation is underway. The owners of the industrial premises have been notified and have been in contact with Council officials.
- Environmental Services will work with Inland Fisheries Ireland to identify the impact the spill will have on wildlife.

11. Fire and Emergency Services

Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/03/17 – 31/03/17	92	46	138
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	41%	20%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	21%	14%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	14%	3%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications	13	10	0	12	
Disability Access Cert Applications	10	11	0	9	
Licensing Applications	3	0	0	0	
Commencement Notice	43	39	4		
Completion Certificate	17	16	1		
Sugar CRM Cases	3				0
Planning Referrals	31				27

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Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of March 2017

- Sportshall Athletics UL with LSP
- Regional Competition, Tralee, Co Kerry
- Rás Luimini Cycle Race, Caherconlish
- St Patrick’s Day Parade, Limerick City
- St Patrick’s Day Parade, Newcastle West
- St Patrick’s Day Parade, Rathkeale
- International Band Parade, Limerick City
- Curraghchase Exercise

Major Emergency Plan

- A draft Business Continuity Plan has been submitted to the Management Team for review.
- Successful RSA inspection.

12. Public Interest Development Office

- Living Limerick - City Engage is a new programme of public consultation developed to create a vision for living in Limerick City. The first community engagement week was held from the 28th of February to the 3rd of March, and included two community learning events, a street design workshop for O’Connell Street, a Pecha Kucha night, and an Open Critique. Further information is available at <https://www.limerick.ie/council/living-limerick-city-engage>.
- The Public Interest Development Office is continuing to liaise with property owners in the Georgian Quarter in relation to vacancy, dereliction and development. A one stop shop clinic has been set up by the Public Interest Development Office for prospective applicants and property owners of pre 1915 buildings to meet with a range of Council staff to discuss their development/ refurbishment proposals. Two clinics were held in March.

Forward Planning

- The following schools were awarded their prizes during March for the art competition on Limerick’s heritage: Martinstown NS, Hertbertstown NS, Scoil Naomh Iosef Dromcollogher, Cloverfield NS, Christian Brothers National School Doon and a commendation to St. Mary’s NS Abbeyfeale. This competition was part funded by the Heritage Council.

13. Access to Information

	March	2017 (Jan to Dec)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	21	45
FOI Internal Appeals	-	1
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	4	7
Total AIE Requests	-	2



Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

92 new planning applications were received as follows:

- 55 domestic developments
- six agricultural developments
- 12 commercial developments/change of use
- two educational developments
- three Part 8 developments
- 14 other developments.

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of a new three storey advanced office building for IDA Ireland at the National Technology Park.
- Part 8 to extend the Great Southern Greenway walking & cycling route from Rathkeale to Ballingarrane along the former Limerick to Kerry line.
- Part 8 for seven residential units at Kilmurry Court, Garryowen.
- Part 8 for 27 residential units at Palm Court, Keyes Park, Southhill.

Veterinary Services

- 10 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 36 dogs.
- 10 food samples were submitted during March 2017 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological sampling programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

Investment

- The five-star Adare Manor resort, which is currently undergoing a multi-million euro renovation and upgrading, announced 300 new direct jobs, bringing the number of personnel employed to over 350 people. During the construction stage over 670 persons have been employed on site with several others employed indirectly in the project. €22 million was spent on the golf course and €150 million spent on extending the hotel. It is estimated that the resort will contribute €15 million to the local economy annually, when it opens in Q4 2017.
- The Bon Secours group announced it is to invest another €6 million in Barrington's Hospital in Limerick city. The initial €6m investment will be made in Limerick within the next 12 to 18 months.
- Newcastle West's only hotel, the renamed Longcourt House Hotel, will be open for business by December after a €3 million refit and rebuild. The project is expected to create up to 50 jobs.
- GKinetic and Design Pro will create 15 new jobs in West Limerick after developing a new range of run-of-river hydrokinetic turbines. Following a successful test period and a €2.7 million investment, 15 jobs were created during project development stage with an estimated 35 additional positions after commercial roll out.

2. Public Interest Development Office

- In March 2017, the Programme Secretariat for Interreg Northern Periphery & Arctic approved a new project entitled PLACE-EE (Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement - Exchange and Enterprise), of which Limerick City and County Council is a project partner. The lead partner is Ulster University; the project has a total budget value of approximately €1.74 million with a 65% co-financing rate. PLACE-EE is a transnational partnership of public health agencies, local authorities, academics and ICT experts dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people. The aim of the project is to develop and implement locally derived sustainable solutions to encourage internet use and person-centred e-health.

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- Limerick City and County Council is a partner in Techtown, an EU co-financed project through URBACT. A staff member attended the Techtown project transnational meeting in Barnsley, England; where the key focus of this meeting was 'spaces and places for creative industries'. Key learnings will be presented to the Local Action Group in April, and will form part of a new Integrated Action Plan being devised through the project to support Limerick in measuring its digital economy.
- Eight town and village renewal projects throughout County Limerick are nearing completion; the total funding for the projects is €447,058 of which €380,000 was allocated from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.

3. Forward Planning

- A joint submission on behalf of Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council, Tipperary County Council, Shannon Group, Shannon Foynes Port Company, University of Limerick, Limerick Institute of Technology and Mid West Region Action Plan for Jobs was made to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to the Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework (NPF). The submission proposes that the Mid West Limerick City Region, building on the strong governance structures that already exist, will be developed into a dynamic Tier 2 City Region, identified in the NPF as a focus for growth which can exert critical mass leverage to contribute towards national development and competitiveness.
- Two of the applications made under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund were successful with the Government announcing €15.43 million funding for construction of distributor roads in Mungret and Greenpark. The purpose of the funding is to unlock substantial lands within public and private ownership and see more homes built to meet the current and emerging housing need.

4. Communications and Marketing

- PR/Marketing campaign carried out for Limerick St Patrick's Day Parade and International Band Championship including securing page one photo on Irish Independent.
- Hosted international media trip for St Patrick's Festival in association with Fáilte Ireland.
- A new series of short videos focusing on some of the characters across County Limerick was unveiled in a digital marketing campaign. 'Limerick.ie - Our County, Our Stories', features an array of characters who capture the unique essence of County Limerick people. The videos can be viewed on Limerick.ie social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Vimeo and Youtube). New stories appeared on social media and on www.limerick.ie over the month of March.
- Limerick St. Patrick's Festival featured in German Tourism Ireland March 2017 ezine, circulated to over 3,000 German media.
- Seventh monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Communications and Marketing.
- Promoted Limerick as a destination in advertising and editorial feature for international coach tour operators for Coach Tours UK magazine.
- A total of 5 of Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout March.

Social Media

- Participated in the national #OurCouncilDay Twitter initiative.
- The #OurCountyOurStories video campaign running across Limerick.ie social media.
- Continued co-ordination of Riverfest Limerick's social media marketing.
- Promoted Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival across social media.
- Posted 39 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 15,490.
- Tweeted 36 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 11,928.

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- Posted 13 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,698.
- Tweeted 22 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,622.

Limerick.ie

A total of 106,467 people visited the Limerick.ie website in March 2017 – a 20% increase on the same period in 2016.

421 events, 3 amenities and 32 news items were added to Limerick.ie in March 2017.

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in March 2017 were:

1. Limerick City and County Council | Limerick.ie
2. Limerick.ie | The Official Guide to Limerick, Ireland
3. Limerick St. Patrick's Festival | Limerick.ie
4. What's On | Limerick.ie
5. Search for a Planning Application | Limerick.ie

5. Housing Capital and Regeneration

General Housing Programme (excluding Regeneration)

- Approval was issued by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DoHPCLG) of five new houses on an infill site at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. This approach to development utilises small-scale infill sites that will contribute positively to the consolidation of the town.
- Approval was issued by the DoHPCLG for the development of ten houses at Towerfield in Croom. This project is being developed by the Croom Voluntary Housing Association.
- The DoHPCLG made a recent announcement that the Council will receive funding for two Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) proposals. These projects are:

Greenpark €4.93 million: This is a Major Urban Housing Development Site, located between the Dock Road and the South Circular Road in the inner suburbs of Limerick City. This area is comprised of the lands in former use as a racecourse, which remain undeveloped, comprising a 44 hectare site. Works proposed include the upgrading of roads infrastructure to support the development of approximately 400 units by 2021, with the potential for 700 homes to be delivered on the identified lands long term. The total length of the new link road will be 1,000 metres.

Mungret €10.5 million: This site is located approximately 5km to the southwest of Limerick City. Limerick City and County Council is a partial owner of the lands. Works proposed include the upgrading of roads to allow for the development of 450 homes by 2021, with a potential for 2700 homes estimated to be provided on the lands. The infrastructure will also ensure the delivery of a post primary school in the area within the next three years.

- A presentation on Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness was delivered by Seamus Hanrahan and Sinead Hourigan on 28th March 2017 to the Limerick City & County Community and Voluntary Housing Forum. The presentation outlined the current status of housing provision in the city and county and outlined the strategic objectives of the local authority under the Rebuilding Ireland programme. It highlighted the mechanisms available to Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) in order to acquire, build or lease social housing units, in particular the 'Repair and Lease Scheme' and 'Buy & Renew Scheme'. Approximately 70 members of the voluntary housing sector attended the event.

Regeneration Programme

- Approval to proceed to construction of the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre was issued by the DoHPCLG in March. This is a transformational project located in the heart of Moyross, which is also being supported by the JP McManus Benevolent Fund.
- Part 8 Planning Application has been submitted for Palm Court (27 Units), Southill.

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- Stabilisation works have commenced on the central wall of the Fireplace Site, which required consent from the Department of Arts Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs prior to commencement. This consent included the collation of an archaeological report and conservation engineer's specification, in addition to mortar testing to establish the correct mortar to be used in the works, and a very detailed 3D-laser scan survey. A protective canopy has been placed around the entire structure to shield it from the weather as expert stonemasons begin the intricate and delicate work of restoring the fireplace.
- The Council hosted Sligo County Council who recently launched the Sligo East City, Cranmore and Environs Regeneration Masterplan 2016 in Sligo City, and Longford County Council who are commencing a regeneration programme.

Regeneration Programme – Social/ Economic

- Tom Mc Namara & Partners have been appointed as project managers for Fulflex refurbishment in Southill. The conditional survey contract award is underway by Elliott Maguire Landers Architects
- The members of the Moyross Dalgaish Park Residents took part in a consultation process
- Ongoing consultation on Civic Engagement with Paul Partnership
- Ongoing actions to improve safety in-conjunction with Gardaí.

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Organisational Development

1. Communications

- Issued 29 news releases from the Office of Communications/Marketing
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 82 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total fans now 8,049

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council	27.03.2017	Dooradoyle
Corporate Policy Group	20.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Joint Policing Committee	24.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Party Leaders Meeting	27.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Metropolitan District of Limerick	20.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Operational Briefing's		
Limerick City East	07.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City North	07.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City West	07.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of:		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale. Monthly Meeting	14.03.2017	Ballyhahill
Special Meeting – Policing issues in District	14.03.2017	Rathkeale
Special Meeting – Deputations, Foynes Yacht Club, Circuit of Munster	06.03.2017	Rathkeale
General Municipal Allocation Workshop	06.03.2017	Rathkeale
General Municipal Allocation Workshop	30.03.2017	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West. Monthly Meeting	01.03.2017	Newcastle West
Briefing with Members of the Municipal District of Listowel	01.03.2017	Newcastle West
Briefing with Members of the Oireachtas	06.03.2017	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock. Monthly Meeting	23.03.2017	Killmallock
Local Community Development Committee	07.03.2017	Merchant's Quay
Local Economic and Community Plan	20.03.2017	Dooradoyle
Audit Committee	22.03.2017	Dooradoyle
Public Consultation for managing flood risk in Castleconnell, Montpelier and Springfield	23.03.2017	Castleconnell

3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

BA Refreshers	21 Fire Fighters
CFBT Refreshers	21 Fire Fighters
Abrasive Wheels Operator	26 Fire Fighters
RSA Daily Vehicle Checks	20 Fire Fighters
Hazardous Materials Decontamination	19 Fire Fighters
Child Protection	26 Fire Fighters
NDFEM Pump Operator	1 Officer

Initial Recruit Course	3 Fire Fighters
Emergency First Responder Initial	10 Fire Fighters
NDFEM Sub Officer Course	1 Officer
Manual Handling	11 Staff Members
DeWalt Power Tools	30 Fire Fighters

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Financial Matters

1. Home Improvement Schemes

MARCH 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€4,915.00	1	€37,177.40	2	€11,990.00	2
Metropolitan	€13,245.00	3	€15,594.25	1	€13,537.50	5
Newcastle West	€17,631.74	4	€9,405.00	1	€37,754.45	8
Rathkeale	€6,397.38	2	€3,172.50	1	€18,670.13	5
	€42,189.12	10	€65,349.15	5	€81,952.08	20

Total Monies issued in March 2017 = €189,490.35

Total Grants issued in March 2017 = 35

JANUARY TO MARCH 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€17,153.46	4	€63,399.25	4	€24,816.00	5
Metropolitan	€39,749.47	10	€63,037.21	6	€29,250.00	12
Newcastle West	€58,507.34	14	€37,105.63	5	€73,261.11	18
Rathkeale	€20,627.38	5	€10,998.50	2	€31,444.83	7
	€136,037.65	33	€174,540.59	17	€158,771.94	42

Total Monies issued January to March 2017 = €469,350.18

Total Grants issued January to March 2017 = 92

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2017	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/03/2017	% Collection
€1,957,582	€3,531,514	€5,489,096	€3,253,116	€2,235,980	59.3%

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 31st March 2017	18,789,867	53,938,424	280,533	531,044	71,916,713	10,092,055	61,824,658	4,757,029	15%

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 31st March 2017	537,803	-	537,803	435,853	101,950	81%

* Accruals for Jan, Feb, March not applied as 3rd April

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

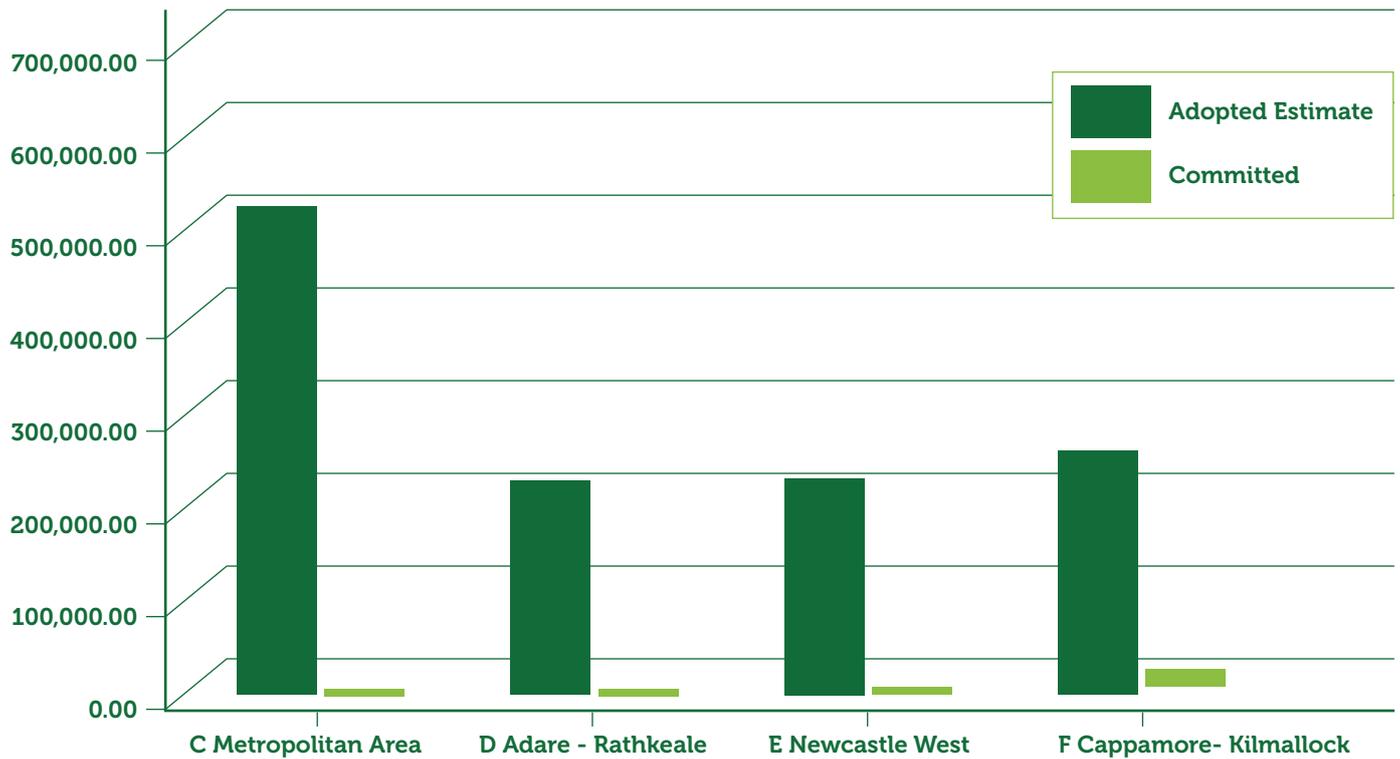
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2017

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 31st March 2017



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	1,583
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	2,000
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	0
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	22,980