

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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THIS MONTH:

**New Limerick.ie launched by Minister of State**

**107,157 people visited Limerick.ie website**

**Limerick City and County Council named Smarter Travel Walking Workplace 2017**

**Funding of €1.6 million for Child and Family Centre, Le Chéile School Campus, Roxboro**

**Over 16,500 volunteers participated in Team Limerick Clean-up 3**

**Iceland to open in Moyross**

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## Empowering the Citizen

### 1. Community Support Services

#### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,371
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#### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units April 2017	25	3	0	4	32
Year to Date	76	7	1	9	93

#### Cemeteries

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

- Kilmurry: 4
- Castlemungret: 13
- Mount St. Oliver: 13
- Mount St. Lawrence: 14

#### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

Total number of waivers issued for Limerick City and County Council for April 2017 is 34 waivers, three were refused.

#### Limerick Homeless Action Team

– Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data.

Gender	Total
Male	170
Female	119
Total	289

18-24	39
25-44	181
45-64	63
65+	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>

**Table 3: Accommodation Type**

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	57
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	194
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support) (TEA)	38
Other	0
<b>Unique Total</b>	<b>289</b>

**Table 4: Age Group (as per CSO)**

County	Total
Limerick City and County Council	289
Total	289

**Table 5: Families with dependent children breakdown**

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	25	25	40
Couples with dependent children	9	18	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>

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## 2. Environmental Awareness

### Team Limerick Clean Up (TLC)

- Over 16,500 volunteers participated in TLC3 on Good Friday.
- TLC3 supplies distributed over three TLC distribution days the first week in April. Locations – Newcastle West, Kilmallock, Rathkeale and Limerick City.
- Over 244 Litter collection points across the City and County.
- 68 tonnes of litter collected, (approx 2,600 household wheelie bins). Feedback from a number of groups was that there was less litter on routes that were covered in 2014/15.
- Nine Mr Binman trucks and crews.
- No Health and Safety incidents reported from the Good Friday event.
- Limerick's Going for Gold Environment Improvement Grant and Competition Application announced.

### Lifelong Learning Week

- Facilitated the Irish Peat Land Conservation Council Environmental stand at the Lifelong Learning Festival Show Case Event in Mary Immaculate College.

## 3. Social Development

### Local Community Development Committee

The Local Community Development Committee met twice in April and received an update on the Local Economic Community Plan. They considered Expressions of Interest in LEADER funding, the roll out of the Community Facilities Scheme and announcements regarding CLAR. Members of the local Independent Evaluation Committees received training on evaluating LEADER grants.

### Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee

The Home and Social Development SPC received an update on the Housing Needs Assessment, Public

Land Activation and presentations on the Housing Loans and the Repair and Lease Scheme.

A site visit to a number of projects on Nicholas Street for local councillors and TDs was held prior to the Housing SPC meeting. The various stabilisation and refurbishment projects that have taken place and that are underway along this historic street, including the Fireplace Site, were explained in detail by Maria Donoghue and Sarah McCutcheon.

### Healthy Limerick

- 24 participants from a range of agencies and sectors in Limerick participated in the Healthy Limerick social connectedness workshop in April.
- Three areas of action are now being explored: transport, sense of community and political engagement. These relate well to the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP's) cross-cutting action areas: 1) Community Participation and Community Development, 2) Whole of government approach and local policy coordination and 3) Innovation, as well as several themes under the social and physical pillars.
- The coordinator is delivering a series of workshops internally and for local groups on the social determinants of health.

### Learning Limerick

The seventh Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival ran from 1st to 7th April, commencing with a showcase event in Mary Immaculate College offering a wide range of interactive events, activities and workshops – providing a snapshot of what the whole festival week entailed. The Festival's theme was 'Communities, Connecting, Learning' and over 200 events were held throughout Limerick City and County.

### Suicide Prevention Group

Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Limerick Mental Health gave a presentation on services they provide in Limerick City and County to the Suicide Prevention Group.

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

- An outline of the aims of Healthy Limerick was given to the SPC with the purpose of improving the health, positive wellbeing and quality of life by ensuring all sectors are aware of the social determinants approach to health and collaborate to achieve a Healthy Limerick.
- The interim results and findings from consultancy group GM Innovations was give to the SPC on developing a Framework Document and Strategy for Festivals and Events.

## Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- LSP hosted a Physical Activity and Mental Health seminar for post primary senior cycle students. 700 students attended presentations from Mental Health First Aid Ireland, Jessie Barr and Cathal Sheridan on the importance of Sport and Physical Activity for positive mental health. The final presentation was from Professor Bill O'Connor on the workings of the brain.
- 67 women have signed up to the Women on Wheels 10 week outdoor cycling programme. This programme caters for beginners and intermediate cyclists. All sessions are delivered by cycling tutors with road captains to assist.
- 30 primary schools completed the Barringtons Hospital Great Limerick Run (GLR) Kids Run for Fun training programme delivered by LSP tutors.
- All LSP community health and fitness programmes are up and running across the County i.e. Move and Lose, New Year New Start, Older Adult Fitness programmes at 7 Hubs, Men on the Move @ 4 sites, 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 April, the Customer Services Department supported the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,012 requests for service (cases).

- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay in April was 3,196, this is higher than recent months due to the Customer Services role in the Summary of Social Housing Assessment 2017 carried out by Community Support Services.
- Customer Services (CS) was also involved with the role out of MyLimerick.ie, which went live at the end of the month with CS working very closely with Digital Strategy to improve and ensure a positive digital experience and usage for customers.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) for each Department in April:

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,259
Community Support Services	280
Planning and Environmental Services	249
Other Departments	87
Customer Services	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,543</b>

- 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:
  - "Excellent adviser. Very nice and helpful"
  - "Very friendly and very helpful"
  - "Put through to the required department immediately. Request for dog litter signs put in place the next day."

## 5. Library Services

- The official opening of Éigse Michael Hartnett 2017 was held in Newcastle West Library. The Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon, officiated, and the presentation of the Michael Hartnett Poetry Award was made to Seosamh ÓMurchú. Special guest on the night was

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Philomena Lee who was interviewed by Seamus Hennessy. The interview was based on Philomena's life which is chronicled in the book "The Lost Child of Philomena Lee" by Martin Sixsmith.

- The annual Glór na nGael Art Awards were presented on 27th April to the four Parish schools. This event promotes the use of the Irish language among young people. The artwork with captions as gaeilge is displayed in the library.
- Lifelong Learning Week was marked in The Granary Library, with an introduction to studying for a Local History MA at UL by course director, David Fleming, a guide to the Local Studies Website of Limerick City and County Library by Mike McGuire, a lecture by David Bracken on the diary of Fr. Martin Drea and Toni O'Malley gave a presentation on the history of Limerick Lace.
- Writer Kathryn Guille gave a talk "Characters in Love –how Shakespeare's lovers influenced the sonnet" and "The Art of Life – The Poetry of Paul Durcan" was given by Dr. John McDonagh.
- For music enthusiasts the Rock Record Round Table kicked off at lunchtime on Friday 21st April, with a wonderful session of offbeat, early 70's folk-rock presented by John O'Regan.
- Dooradoyle Library also celebrated Lifelong Learning Week with "Kitchen Crafters" visiting the library for a workshop on printing, sewing, making a teddy bear from a sock and making a child's dress from a pillowcase.
- The April art exhibition "Unseen" by Jean Ryan Hakizimana was officially opened by Senator Maria Byrne on Friday 7th April. Well known locally, Jean was born in Rwanda but has made Limerick his home. Jean also held a painting workshop for beginners.
- On 6th April, Limerick Childcare Committee held a public talk on Early Childhood.
- Abbeyfeale Library hosted the opening of the Fleadh by the Feale 2017 with the presentation of the Art Poster Competition prizes, an exhibition, and traditional entertainment from pupils of Scoil Mháthair Dé. Also on the night the Limerick.ie Road Show bus parked outside the library and provided great insight into the new Limerick.ie website.
- "Spring into Storytime" was celebrated with large numbers attending storytime sessions throughout Limerick's branch libraries. This programme is part

of the "Right to Read Campaign" a celebration of families reading together.

- Moyross group, "Threads", held an Easter Craft Fair in Watch House Cross Library on 7th and 8th April, displaying their knitting, crochet and card making skills.
- Tablets and ipads five part class for Silver Learners started on Thursday 27th April.
- Glin Library held a Storytime session on Wednesday 26th April with Ballyhahill Preschool who enjoyed listening to stories and drawing.
- On Thursday 27th April, a small, but passionate group of poetry lovers attended the Lunchtime Recitation hour to celebrate National Poetry Ireland Day.

## 6. Limerick Arts Office

- The Cross Party Culture and Arts working group put in place by the elected members, undertook research visits to Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow in order to learn and gather information on delivery models. Recommendations from the visits will inform the current process of a new model of delivery for Culture and Arts by the Council.
- The Creative Ireland, Culture and Creativity Plan Limerick has been prepared across departments in Limerick City and County Council. The projects included in the plan respond to Pillar 2 of the Creative Ireland Programme - Enabling Creativity in Every Community and determine gaps in current opportunities and services focused on the area of active engagement through culture and creativity. This initial stage of implementation focuses on building capacity around existing projects driven by access and engagement. The first public manifestation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Limerick took place on Easter Monday as part of Cruinniú na Cásca. Walking Limerick - Luimneach ag Siúl, a programme of free guided walking tours was delivered in collaboration with local civic organisations and tour guides who are active and passionate about connecting citizens to the heritage of Limerick.

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- Limerick Arts Office partnered on two applications to the Arts Council for funding under their grant scheme An Invitation to Collaborate. This funding scheme supports initiatives in the field of local-authority-led arts development and is rooted in the policies set out in the Arts Council's ten-year strategy (2016--2025), Making Great Art Work: Leading the Development of the Arts in Ireland.

The first is a research project involving a strategic partnership of four Local Authorities, Leitrim, Kildare, Fingal and Limerick to collaborate to evaluate the role and function of services, leading to recommendations to meet the sectors' needs. This progresses Aim and Objective 7 of the Limerick Cultural Strategy - to become a centre for active research and problem solving.

The second application was for a large-scale interdisciplinary project with a powerful youth focus with multiple local partners. This progresses Aim and Objective 6 of the Limerick Cultural Strategy - to engage citizens through involvement in culture.

- Limerick Arts Office secured €10,000 in total from Fáilte Ireland from the Regional Festivals and Participatory Events Scheme. Two separate applications were made for Riverfest and the International Marching Band Championships, securing the maximum of €5,000 each.
- In line with the strategic decision by the Metropolitan District Council to allocate General Municipal Allocation funds to Festivals and Events, Limerick Arts Office has designed and opened a grant scheme for festivals and events. This scheme has 2 strands seeking to a) fund feasibility studies for new festival concepts and b) develop capacity around existing festivals and events.

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

- Work continues with the accreditation process for LCGA to gain interim accreditation on Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) in association with the Heritage Council which needs to be prepared by September 2017.
- Renewal of the LCGA Café licence agreement with Zest café is nearing completion.

- Work on the essential work for Emergency and Health and Safety will be project managed by Property Services and the tender process will commence in mid-May.
- LCGA played host to three events for Lifelong Learning 2017, with attendance of over 60 people.
- The Hunt Museum borrowed 11 artworks from LCGA's Permanent Collection for inclusion in their exhibition Virtú an exhibition by Limerick School of Art and Design and The Hunt Museum.
- A number of exhibitions opened on Thursday 27th including Reconstructing Memory by Cléa van der Grijn, Highlights from the Greave Collection, from The Model, Sligo and a selection from the Permanent Collection.
- As part of the Opening celebration LCGA hosted a performance by poet and performer Óscar Mascareñas (Mexico/Ireland), and voice artist Steve Boyland (Liverpool), to celebrate Poetry Day Ireland 2017.

### 8. Planning and Environment

#### Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 209 complaints were received in April.
- 22 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in 10 cases, all under the Waste Management Act.
- 27 warning letters were issued.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act 1996.
- Four Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.

#### Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 27 complaints were received in April.
- Six site inspections were undertaken by the team.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 12 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- Four Warning Letters were issued.

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**9. Fire and Emergency Services**

**Statistics**

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/04/17 – 30/04/17	126	39	165
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	57%	57%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	35%	37%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	8%	6%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications	11	2	1	10	
Disability Access Cert Applications	5	0	0	11	
Licensing Applications	6	3			
Commencement Notice	36	34	2		
Completion Certificate	15	15	0		
Sugar CRM Cases	3				2
Planning Referrals	21				14

**Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of April 2017**

- Nenagh Classic Cycle
- Pallasgreen Community Walk/Run
- Team Limerick Clean-up 3
- Hosted Regional Competition, Curraghchase
- Conferring Ceremony, Civil Defence HQ, Roscrea
- NECC (National Emergency Coordinate Centre) CDO Seminar, Dublin
- Le Cheile, UL
- SEAPT (Shannon Estuary Anti Pollution Team) Exercise, Clare
- Riverfest BBQ
- Barringtons Hospital Great Limerick Run

**10. 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 second community engagement week was held from the 24th to the 28th April. The focus of week two was Limerick's Riverways, and various events were hosted to capture opinions, comments and future hopes and aspirations of citizens. The week included two community learning events, an intergenerational design workshop with primary and post primary students, a Pecha Kucha 20x20 Night held in the Curragower Pub, with 10 speakers drawn from the fishing, tourism, rowing, business, voluntary and recreational communities, and a Community Auditing and Mapping Workshop along Merchant's Quay, the Potato Market and Arthur's Quay. Further information is available at <https://www.limerick.ie/council/livinglimerick-city-engage>.

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As part of the roll out of the revised Living City Initiative tax incentive, a workshop was held on the 12th April, and was very well attended by professionals in the fields of development, financing, estate management, construction, architecture, engineering and tax advice.

### 11. Limerick Smarter Travel

The participation of Limerick's Workplaces and Campuses in the Smarter Travel Campus and Workplace Programme has been recognised nationally at the 2017 National Transport Authority Smarter Travel Awards. The awards recognise workplaces and campuses that support sustainable transport and Limerick was very successful in winning eight out of the sixteen awards presented on the day.

Limerick City and County Council was named Smarter Travel Walking Workplace 2017.

Limerick Smarter Travel works with a number of Limerick's largest workplaces and campuses in the promotion of sustainable travel modes to and within their sites. These workplaces are partners of both the Limerick Smarter Travel project and the National Transport Authority.

### 12. Access to Information

	April	2017 (Jan to April)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	7	52
FOI Internal Appeals	-	1
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	10
Total AIE Requests	-	2

### 13. Veterinary Services

- Seven stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 25 dogs.
- 20 food samples were submitted during April 2017 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological sampling programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.



## Economic Development and Planning

### 1. Planning Applications

99 new planning applications were received as follows;

- Two housing developments
- 50 domestic developments
- 13 agricultural developments
- Seven commercial developments/change of use
- Eight educational developments
- One Part 8 development
- 18 other developments.

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of 58 housing units at Churchtown Road, Newcastle West.
- Development of a Solar Farm at Ballyculhane, Kilmallock, County Limerick.
- Extension to the Flying Boat and Maritime Museum at Aras Ide, Foynes.
- Part 8 for the construction of a pedestrian pathway at Ash Hill, Kilmallock.

### Taking in Charge

Three housing estates taken in charge in April as follows;

- Caisleann na hAbhann, Castletroy
- Woodhaven, Castletroy
- Inse Bui, Cappamore

### Investment

- SL Controls, which is based in Castletroy, announced it will recruit 15 highly-skilled engineers. The company specialises in pharmaceutical serialisation, which is the practice of tracking and tracing prescription drugs and healthcare products, from the producer to the consumer.

- Iceland has confirmed that it will open a store at Watch House Cross in Moyross. 35 new jobs will be created in Limerick as part of a €12 million investment by Iceland in 9 new outlets throughout the country this year.
- Kirby Group, a high-value engineering and construction specialist, have announced an expansion at their Limerick facility with 30 new jobs to be created.

### 2. Public Interest Development Office

- The Limerick Chamber of Commerce, with the support of the Public Interest Development office, has established the Greater Mid West Region Freight Forum, as a governance model to support the freight and logistics industry as a key strategic sector with potential for further growth in jobs and investment. The first event was held on the 12th of April, and is the result of Limerick City and County Council's participation in the Interreg Westflows project, which concluded in 2015.
- The Public Interest Development Office is continuing to liaise with property owners in the Georgian Quarter in relation to vacancy, dereliction and development, with a specific place based targeted vacancy initiative in two blocks bounded by Catherine Street and O'Connell Street, Cecil Street and Mallow Street. A one stop shop Clinic has been set up for prospective applicants and property owners of pre 1915 buildings to come and meet with a range of Council staff to discuss their development/ refurbishment proposals.

### 3. Forward Planning

- The Chief Executive's report on proposed variation 5 (a) to the County Development Plan 2010 -2016 (as extended) to incorporate the preferred route for the Limerick Northern Distributor Road (LNDR) into the County Development Plan was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members on the 20th April 2017. The report lists the 145 submissions made, gives a summary of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive on each submission.

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- The Chief Executive's report on proposed variation 6 (a) to the Limerick City Development Plan 2010 -2016 (as Extended) to incorporate the objectives of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members on the 20th April 2017. The report lists the 18 submissions made, gives a summary of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive on each submission.
- The Chief Executive's report on proposed variation 5 (b) to the County Development Plan 2010 – 2016 to incorporate the Vacant Site Levy as provided for in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members on the 20th April 2017. The report lists the five submissions made, gives a summary of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive on each submission.
- The Chief Executive's report on proposed Variation 6 (b) to the City Development Plan 2010 – 2016 to incorporate the Vacant Site Levy as provided for in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members on the 20th April 2017. The report lists the six submissions made, gives a summary of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive on each submission.
- At the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting on the 20th April the Elected Members resolved to extend the life of the Hospital Local Area Plan 2012, by a further five years. The Members requested that an amendment be prepared to the Local Area Plan in relation to the zoning matrix. Work will commence on the proposed amendment next month.
- At the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting on the 20th April the Elected Members resolved to extend the life of the Bruff Local Area Plan 2012, by a further five years.
- The closing date for the public display period for the Proposed Limerick's Heritage Plan 2017-2030 was the 10th April. Eight submissions were received from the public. The final document will be published later in the summer.

## 4. Communications and Marketing

- New Limerick.ie digital experience platform launched by Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, TD at an event in Merchant's Quay
- Five week Limerick.ie marketing campaign rolled out across Limerick including a county-wide roadshow with a 50 seater Limerick.ie bus, new brochure, video, merchandise, radio, print and digital advertising campaign
- Digital, print and radio marketing campaign for Riverfest underway with successful launch of 2017 event in House Limerick
- Achieved extensive national media coverage for launch of Gardens International construction works
- Eighth monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued
- A total of three Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout April

### Social Media

- Co-ordinated Riverfest Limerick's social media marketing with Riverfest 2017 highlights video having more than 130,000 views to date
- Posted 20 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 15,853
- Tweeted 21 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 12,123
- Posted 5 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,764
- Tweeted 10 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now

### Limerick.ie

A total of 107,157 people visited the Limerick.ie website in April 2017 – a 23% increase on the same period in 2016.

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

1. Riverfest | Limerick.ie
2. What's On | Limerick.ie

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### 5. Housing Capital and Regeneration

#### General Housing Programme (excluding Regeneration)

- A Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale focused on the role of Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and included a presentation which outlined the role of AHBs in the provision of housing as part of Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan, details on how AHBs are operating in Limerick City and County, and the mechanisms available to AHBs in order to acquire, build or lease social housing units, in particular the 'Repair and Lease Scheme' and 'Buy and Renew Scheme'.
- Part 8 Planning Application has been submitted for Kilmurry Court (7 units), Garryowen.

#### Regeneration Programme

- Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (HPCLG), Simon Coveney, visited Limerick on 24th April 2017. During this visit, the Minister viewed progress at the Lord Edward Street building site (81 units) which is the largest new build social housing project in the country. Minister Coveney also visited Moyross and turned the sod at the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre. The €3 million investment in upgrading and expanding the existing facility is an important contribution to the future of Moyross and is co-funded by the JP McManus Fund.
- The Thermal Upgrade Programme continues apace across all regeneration areas with contracts issued for Tender.
- Approval was issued by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) for the restoration of the Turner Vinery at Tait House, Southill. The restoration of the Vinery, a structure of national significance, will

deliver significant economic benefits to the local community as part of the Tait House campus redevelopment

#### Regeneration Programme – Social/Economic

- Funding of €1.6 million from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) with co funding by JP McManus Fund has been secured for the Child and Family Centre, Le Chéile School Campus, Roxboro. This funding will allow the school to offer a full suite of services to meet the needs of the school population and their families. This will deliver further on the social objectives of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP), working with children and young people to support individuals and families to enable them to reach their full potential in educational attainment and opportunities.
- The Council in conjunction with Tait House, has progressed occupancy of a light industrial enterprise already creating six jobs so far at the Fullflex Building, Galvone Industrial Estate, Roxboro. The Council is proactively progressing further occupancy this year to deliver on the objectives of Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP) - creating jobs and stimulating social enterprise and innovation in regeneration areas.
- The recent announcement that Iceland are to occupy a large vacant unit at Watch House Cross in Moyross creating 35 jobs, will assist in developing a more sustainable level of economic activity in Moyross.
- The members of the Moyross Cliona Park Residents took part in a consultation process.
- The Limerick City Community Safety Partnership (LCCSP) continue to successfully deliver services such as Internet Safety, Traffic Club, Active Citizenship and 'JUMP' to national schools across the City and regeneration areas. A number of camps were held at St. Mary's School, Bishop's Street, St. John's (DEIS) National School during Easter Holidays with in excess of 30-40 children attending various events. Both events were run in conjunction with the Schools Completion Programme and children attending received Easter Eggs.

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- The Community co-ordinators continue to work with Active Retirement Groups and organised a Tea Dance for senior citizens at the Glentworth Hotel. In excess of 180 senior citizens were in attendance and enjoyed Afternoon Tea, Bingo and dance.

The Community co-ordinators organised an event called 'Go for Life' as part of the Lifelong Learning Week at St. Brigid's Active Retirement Club to encourage all older peoples awareness of the benefits of an active lifestyle.

### 6. Water Services

#### Minor Capital Works

- Watermain rehabilitation works completed at Loughill and Elm Park, Ennis Road.
- Watermain rehabilitation works have commenced at the Bog Road, Castleconnell.
- Watermain Leak Location contract commenced in Limerick City.

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

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



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## Organisational Development

### 1. Communications

- Issued 21 news releases from the Office of Communications/Marketing
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 41 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total followers now 8,155.

### 2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b>	18.04.2017	Merchant's Quay
<b>Operational Briefing's</b> Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	04.04.2017 04.04.2017 04.04.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b>		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale. Monthly Meeting	11.04.2017	Rathkeale
Special Meeting – To Discuss The Culture and Arts Cross Party Working Group Budget	18.04.2017	Rathkeale
Special Meeting – Ascertain detailed information on the Involvement of Approved Housing Bodies in the District	27.04.2017	Dooradoyle
(b) Newcastle West. Monthly Meeting	12.04.2017	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock. Monthly Meeting	20.04.2017	Killmallock
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b>		
Travel and Transportation	03.04.2017	Merchant's Quay
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	03.04.2017	Merchant's Quay
Environment	10.04.2017	Merchant's Quay
Home and Social Development	10.04.2017	Dooradoyle
Community Leisure and Emergency Services	26.04.2017	Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	04.04.2017	Merchant's Quay
Suicide Prevention Group Meeting	26.04.2017	Dooradoyle

### 3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

BA Refreshers	11 Fire Fighters
CFBT Refreshers	11 Fire Fighters
Abrasive Wheels Operator	14 Fire Fighters
RSA Daily Vehicle Checks	12 Fire Fighters
Hazardous Materials Decontamination	10 Fire Fighters
Child Protection	13 Fire Fighters
Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)	110 Fire Fighters
Sub Officer Course	1 Officer

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## Financial Matters

### 1. Home Improvement Schemes

APRIL 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€4,415.00	1	€26,025.26	2	€10,437.41	2
Metropolitan	€17,565.00	4	€8,107.50	1	€21,835.00	9
Newcastle West	€7,024.00	2	€3,311.25	1	€21,445.40	4
Rathkeale	€8,304.00	2	€7,848.06	2	€10,592.50	2
	<b>€37,308.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>€45,292.07</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>€64,310.31</b>	<b>17</b>

Total Monies issued in April 2017 = €146,910.38.35

Total Grants issued in April 2017 = 32

JANUARY TO APRIL 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€21,568.46	5	€89,424.50	6	€35,253.00	7
Metropolitan	€57,314.47	14	€71,144.71	7	€51,085.00	21
Newcastle West	€65,531.34	16	€40,416.88	6	€94,706.51	22
Rathkeale	€28,931.38	7	€18,846.56	3	€42,037.33	9
	<b>€173,345.65</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>€219,832.65</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>€223,081.44</b>	<b>59</b>

Total Monies issued January to April 2017 = €616,260.14

Total Grants issued January to April 2017 = 123

### 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2017	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/04/2017	% Collection
€1,957,582	€4,271,225	€6,228,807	€4,122,649	€2,106,158	66.19%

### 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 30th April 2017	18,789,867	53,941,451	351,563	714,533	71,665,221	18,065,606	53,599,615	4,535,674	27%

#### 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 30th April 2017	537,803	387,071	924,874	516,519	408,355	56%

#### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

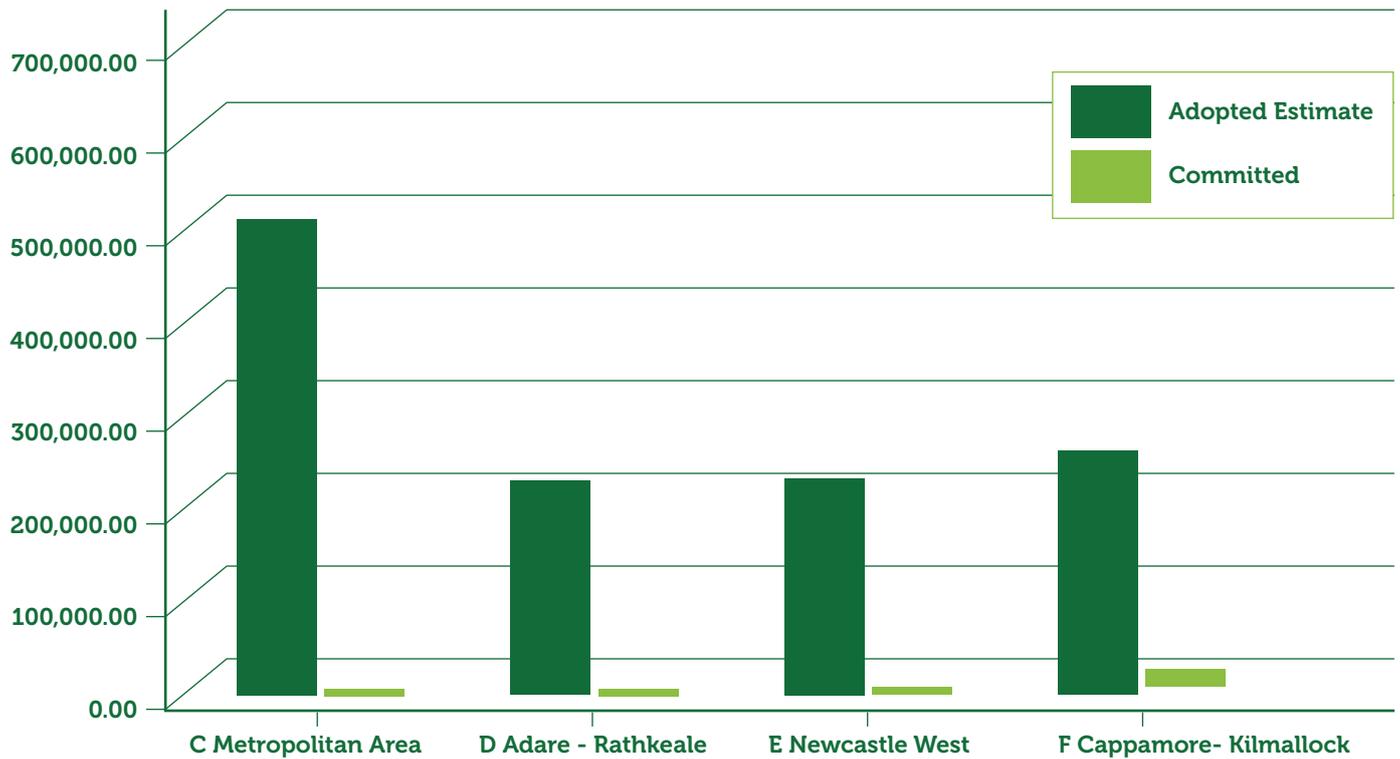
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**4. General Municipal Allocation 2017**

**Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million**

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 30th April 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	278,85.2