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Re: Development Fund Allocations 2016

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2016.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13th February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contribution total income of €1.75 net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for this year and the expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The monies outlined below are to be collected under the various Development Contribution Schemes adopted by Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council and are specific to the area in which they are to be collected. Consequently €1.4m is proposed to be assigned in the 'old' County area and €0.35m in the 'old' City area.

Eighty two projects with a value of €27.8m were put forward for consideration for funding. The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 30 projects/initiatives. The criteria for assessment of projects included, meeting the City /County split, and apportioning the funds across the Transport, Recreation/Amenity, and Community/Ancillary areas as set out in the various Contribution Schemes. The proposal also takes into account a geographical split of available monies.

The €1.75m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2016. The proposals may be revised during the year if additional funding becomes available or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included or if there is a shortfall in collection. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

A sum of €200,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of named housing estates throughout the City and County. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the draw down of bonds in order to bring such unfinished estates up to the minimum standards.

Provision is made for the completion of the footpath connection and public lighting between Cois na Feile and Abbeyfeale. Monies have been provided for the design work for the Croom Distributor Road and the design of the UL/City Centre Bus corridor. €50,000 has been allocated for the upgrade of the Market Yard, Newcastle West. €50,000 has also been provided for the pedestrian bridge in Kilmallock. A similar sum has been provided for the upgrade of Steam Boat Quay in the City.

A sum of €350,000 is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan/Municipal level. Proposals will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

Account is taken of commitments given to local community groups to provide funding in respect of Community Enterprise Centre at Croom, Lough Gur Heritage Centre, Enterprise Units at Kilmallock, Rathkeale and Kantoher etc. Provision has also been made to assist in the development of the Ballyneety Recreational & Community Park. A sum of €50,000 has been provided for the upgrade of facilities in the Peoples Park and the O'Brien Park in the City.

There is also a specific allocation for small infrastructural works outlined in the Age Friendly Limerick Strategy 2015-2020.

Under the community heading support is to be provided for the refurbishment of the Thomas Kennedy Centre in Bruff, upgrade of facilities in 58 O'Connell Street to facilitate a Cultural Hub, Castleconnell Boat Club, and upgrade works for Mungret College.

A sum of €150,000 is provided towards Forward Planning costs. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Development Contribution Scheme which takes account of the critical nature of Forward Planning in identifying the infrastructural requirements for the coming years and in putting in place the various land use strategies and plans to facilitate the long term development of the City and County.

A full breakdown of the allocations for 2016 is attached for your information.

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Economic Development

Development Fund 2016 – Proposed Allocations

Note: Income from Development Levies for 2016 (excluding water) is estimated as €1.75m (€1.4m from County Schemes and €0.35m from City Schemes).

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed	Comment	
Transportation Projects	Footpath - Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale	€91,000	Completion of footpath and public lighting works at Cois na Feile	
	Mungret Road Improvements	€100,000	Upgrade of roads in Mungret area to facilitate the park and school development of the area	
	Croom Distributor Road	€100,000	Design costs	
	Lynchs Corner, Caherconlish	€50,000	Part funding of works	
	River Arra Wall, Newcastle West	€10,000	Making good the wall and environmental works	
	Market Yard, Newcastle West Upgrade	€50,000	Upgrade of facilities	
	River Loobagh, Kilmallock	€10,000	Physical improvement works on river - weirs, rubble mats, pools etc.	
	Kilmallock - Pedestrian Bridge	€50,000	Part funding of bridge	
	Steamboat Quay upgrade	€50,000	Physical improvements works	
	King Johns Castle Nicholas Street	€9,000	Co funding with Shannon Heritage - car parking, signage etc.	
	UL/City Centre Bus Corridor Design	€50,000	Design work for bus corridor link	
	Unfinished Estates (incl. TIC) in conjunction with Service operations	€200,000	Works associated with roads, open spaces, lighting, etc. Paddocks, Bruree; Marine Cove, Foynes; Glendale/Glenbrook, Singland; Cois Gruda, Castletroy.	
	Sub Total		€770,000	

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Recreation/Amenity/Community Projects	Adare Walkway	€20,000	Repair of damage done to embankment
	Ballyneety Recreational & Community Park	€50,000	Development of a recreational park
	Litter Bin Replacement	€20,000	Ongoing replacement programme across Limerick
	Kilmallock Town Wall - looped walk	€10,000	Provision of recreational facility in town
	Peoples Park and O'Brien Park upgrade	€50,000	Upgrade of footpaths and playgrounds
	Capital Works – Age Friendly	€30,000	Age Friendly Strategy commitments - small capital works, etc
	Refurbishment of Thomas Kennedy Centre, Bruff	€20,000	Development of a tourism hub
	Mungret College -	€85,000	Essential roof repairs to facilitate usage of the facility
	58 O'Connell Street - Narrative 4	€20,000	Establishment of facility in 58 O'Connell Street
	Castleconnell Boat Club -	€10,000	Building of flood defence wall around boat house
	Irish Ancestry Research Centre - 58 O'Connell Street	€20,000	Improvement works at 58 O'Connell Street to accommodate GLN
	Croom Community Enterprise Centre	€30,000	Annual commitment to 2016
	Rathkeale Enterprise Centre	€45,000	Works on building to allow for letting
	Kantohar Enterprise Centre	€25,000	Upgrade of facility to allow for letting
	Kilmallock Enterprise Projects	€25,000	Annual Commitment to 2016
	Lough Gur Heritage Centre	€20,000	Annual commitment to 2017.
	Sub total	€480,000	
Ancilliary	Municipal / Metropolitan District allocation	€350,000	Projects to be agreed at Metro/Municipal level. €140k to Metro and €70k to each Municipal District
	Salaries – Forward Planning	€150,000	Salary and associated costs for two staff members
	Sub-Total	€500,000	
Grand Total		€1,750,000	