

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK
MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st APRIL 2016

15th APRIL 2016

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Cappamore
Kilmallock**

Re: Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works - (SMDW)

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and

taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the "strategic" budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

**Seán Coughlan,
Acting Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT <i>Road Works Scheme 2016</i>

Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	€1,837,150
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	€523,108
General Maintenance (GM)	€919,300
Parking	€33,136
Tar Patching (TP)	€454,945
Structures (STR)	€0
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€240,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€30,000
Development Fund	€40,000
General Maintenance of National Roads-N21	€113,000
Severe Weather Expenditure	€621,280
Total Defined MD spending	€4,811,919

Note: * an additional €10,000 for Community Initiative will be funded by Tourism

	€400,000
Winter Maintenance (WM)	Total City and County €180,000
Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)	Total City and County €181,500
Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)	Total City and County €2,525,401
Public Lighting	Total City and County

Regional Roads Surface Dressing			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R512	Mountfox Kilmallock	1000	€30,000
R513	Ballylanders - Mitchelstown	800	€34,000
R662	Galbally Ballyfaskin Road	700	€19,250
R663	Garryspillane- Galbally Road	800	€22,000
R506	Collins cross towards Murroe	1500	€42,082
Total		4800	€147,332

Regional Roads Road Reconstruction

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R513	Ballylanders - Mitchelstown	1000	€175,000
R517	Kilfinane - Mitchelstown	1000	€135,150
R513	Knocklong Cross To Bridge	200	€40,000
R515	Thomastown, Effin	523	€85,000
R512	Railway Road Kilmallock	400	€65,000
R505	Cappamore village overlay	462	€125,000
R505	Leahys cross to Cappamore	200	€39,000
R506	Collins cross, Murroe	200	€36,000
	Total	3985	€700,150

**Local Roads
Surface Dressing**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L8610	Ballygibba Cross - Sheehys Cross	1200	€27,000
L8513	Ballycullane Bulgaden	1500	€23,625
L8609	Ballymuddagh, Dromin	700	€14,175
L1536	Garryncoonagh, Effin	600	€13,500
LP1528	Kilglass, Kilbehenny	500	€10,125
LP1502	Holycross - Kilballyowen	900	€20,250
LP1157	Herbertstown-Pallas	1000	€20,250
LS8552	Glenoshee, Ardpartick (Cycle Track rd)	700	€12,600
LS5060	Kilculane, Knockainey	1100	€14,850
LS8661	Curraghturk, Ballylanders	800	€12,600
LS8537	Knockcommane, Kilbehenny	400	€6,300
LT15284/5	Boher Kilbehenny	1200	€16,200
LT15221	Kilscanlon Galbally	532	€7,182
L1412	Rockbarton	526	€12,984
LP1504	Bulgaden Road	640	€12,960
LT15081	Baggottstown, Knockainey	900	€12,150
LS8566	Cush Martinstown	1200	€18,900
LP1124	Abington PC towards Ketts X	1500	€42,500
LS5018	Keanes road to Murroewood	1000	€22,500
LS5069	Old Pallas towards Cloverfield	1500	€29,250
LP1153	Dromkeen church to Longstone	1200	€25,875
	Total	19598	€375,776

**Local Roads
Road Reconstruction**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
LS8634	Lower Main Street Kilfinane	200	€20,000
LP1516	Kilfinane - Ballylanders	1000	€95,000
LP1527	Gearagh, Anglesborough	1000	€87,400
LS8639	Bogroad, Ballylanders	600	€51,300
LS5065	Rootaigh, Kilteely	1000	€85,500
LT66201	Annagh, Galbally	400	€22,800

LS8640	Glenahoglish, Ballylanders	1000	€57,000
LT85601	Hillroad, Knockainey	500	€28,500
L1537	Garrienderk, Bruree	800	€68,400
L8581	Foxhall, Colemans Well	1100	€83,600
L8008	Glenogra Meanus	1000	€66,500
L1543	Colmanswell Church	500	€47,500
L1550	Clonbrien Athlacca	710	€54,000
LS5145	Connollys cross to Dunvullen	700	€75,000
LP1127	Murroe village to Mongfune	1600	€100,000
LS5032	Gurtnagera, Doon	1000	€45,000
LS5091	OPW road, Caherline	1000	€47,000
LS5029	S Fox to Reenavanna	1750	€60,000
LS5027	Dromsally to Cappamore	900	€42,500
	Total	16760	€1,137,000

**Bridge Rehabilitation Works-Structures
(STR)**

Road No.	Description		Total Cost (€)
	Total		€0

**Low Cost Safety Improvement
Schemes (LCSI)
Allocation = €30000**

Road No.	Description		Total Cost (€)
R662	Bennett's Junction, Lissard, Galbally		€30,000
	Total		€30,000

**General Municipal Allocation (GMA)
from the Travel and Transport Budget**

	Total Allocation = €240,000		€240,000
	Roads-Allocation €140,000		

Road No.	Description	Total Cost (€)	
	Kilfinane, Forest View Footpaths	€20,000	
	Knocklong, Traffic Calming	€10,000	
	Bruree, Pedestrian Crossing & PL	€60,000	
	Kilmallock, Footpaths Glenfield	€20,000	
	Junctions Maintenance	€17,000	
	Presentations	€3,000	
	Community Initiative*	€10,000	
	Sub-Total	€140,000	

Note: * an additional €10,000 for Community Initiative will be funded by Tourism

Special Projects-Allocation €100,000

Road No.	Description	Total Cost (€)	

Mill Bar Road Footpaths		25,000	
	Nicker School to Pallas CC Footpath	50000	
	Caherconlish Lynch's Cross	17000	
	Junctions Maintenance	8000	
	Sub-Total	€100,000	

Severe Weather Expenditure			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R513	Ballylanders - Mitchelstown-reconstruction and drainage	810	€121,670
R517	Darragh, Glenroe concrete drainage channel	300	€23,700
LT66201	Kilinane, Galbally-Reconstruction & drainage	200	€21,200
LP1527	Gearagh, Anglesborough-Reconstruction & drainage	200	€15,200
LP1572	Ballyorgan Road, Kilfinane-Drainage	120	€12,000
LS8537	Knockcommon, Kilbehenny-Drainage	50	€12,500
LS5054	Knockroe, Killeely-Drainage	14	€3,500
LS8646	Boreenkyle, Ballylanders-Reconstruction & drainage	200	€31,200
LS8522	Duntryleague, Galbally-Concrete drainage channel	90	€5,400
507	Near Derraun Bridge-raise road level	200	€20,000
1133	Cappamore village-Reconstruction & drainage	500	€180,000
5038	Lisowen-Reconstruction & drainage	500	€59,910
5098	Rath Bridge-raise road level	200	€15,000
11281	Shanaclune-raise road level	600	€25,000
11282	Lackabeg-Reconstruction & drainage	400	€25,000
11332	Gurtavalla South-raise road level	400	€30,000
5043	Monahilla, Oola-raise road level	200	€20,000
	Total	4984	€621,280

Development Fund			
Number	Description		Total Cost (€)
1	Killeely Footpaths		€15,000
2	Hospital Footpaths		€12,000
3	Caherconlish Footpaths		€13,000
	Total		€40,000

**Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Cappamore
Kilmallock Municipal District:**

Restoration Improvement (RI)

€1,837,150

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). Many roads have deteriorated to such an extent that they require resurfacing, reshaping and strengthening to enable them to cater for the heavy vehicles and to prevent water lodging.

Restoration Maintenance (RM) €523,108

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM). A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

General Maintenance €919,300

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

Tar Patching (TP) €454,945

Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

Structures (STR) €0,000

There is no scheme under this heading in Cappamore/Kilmallock this year

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI) €30,000

The 2016 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There is currently one scheme in the Cappamore Kilmallock District.

Parking Management (PM) €33,136

This includes for disc parking operation, wages, traffic fines management system, communication equipment.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €240,000

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

Items for which expenditure is provided on a City and County at large basis

Public Lighting (PL) €2,525,401

This covers the operation, repair and maintenance of Public Lighting. The supply of energy is purchased through the National Procurement Service (NPS). The repair, replacement and maintenance of public lights are tendered separately. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS) €628,518

This includes for school wardens, road safety plan, road safety education and training. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Winter Maintenance (WM) €400,000

This provision is for the treatment of roads in severe weather in accordance with the Winter Service Plan and pertains to the whole City and County area.

Community Involvement schemes (CIS) €180,000

No grant will be forthcoming in 2016 but local authorities can set aside up to 7.5% of the RI and RM grants for CIS schemes. It is proposed to allocate the same funding as 2015. Circular RW3/2015 sets out the details of the Community Involvement Scheme. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

€181,500

The 2016 Road Grants allow for the allocation of up to 15% of the Discretionary Grant to be allocated to Local Improvement Schemes on private roads. An increased local contribution of 20% is now required for participating communities. Given the general pressure that exists on resources for the maintenance and upkeep of the public road system it is proposed to maintain the same allocation as 2015. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Overheads (OH)

€1,247,009

This includes for insurances (EL/PL), Health and Safety training and equipment, sick pay, holiday pay, legal costs, office expenses, etc. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Work Category – Home and Social Development

Limerick City & County Council was created in June 2014 with the resultant creation of new Districts. 2015 is the baseline for data for the new organisation. Other Housing Services, for example, assessments, allocations, rent Collection, estate Management and homeless services are not broken down per district and are serviced centrally.

There are **752** no of Council housing units within the Cappamore/Kilmallock District. In 2015 we received **783** no of repair requests for the area. Approximately 98% of all repair requests in 2015 were closed within the year.

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below.

Emergency Repairs

- Fire
- Flood including significant leaks or flooding from water or heating pipes
- No electricity
- No gas
- No water
- No hot water
- No heating
- Blocked flue to open fire or boiler
- Blocked or leaking foul drains
- Unsafe access path or step

Urgent repairs

- Faulty sockets or switches
- Faulty storage heaters
- Faulty door entry system
- Partial loss of water supply
- Loose or detached banister or hand rail
- Unsafe timber flooring or stair treads
- Storm damage

Routine Repairs

- All other items of joinery, electrical, plumbing and plaster work.

Time Scales for Carrying Out Repairs

The aim is to carry out repairs within the following timescales:

Category of Repair	Timescale
Emergency	1 to 3 working days
Urgent	Within 7 working days
Routine	Within 6 working weeks

Pre letting Repairs

Vacancies: In 2015 there were 47 no of allocations to casual vacancies (including transfers)

Should a tenant wish to surrender their property, they have an obligation to provide notice to Limerick City & County Council (4 weeks) of their intention to vacate. On foot of this notice, we will carry out an inspection of the dwelling where all necessary repair works are identified. If there are no repairs required, the property will immediately be subject to relet procedures. A gas safety check will be carried out on any property that has a gas heating system, before the new tenant moves in, and an electrical safety check will be carried out to all vacant properties.

The cost of making good a vacant house varies considerable depending on the age of the house, the condition the tenant has left it in and current letting standards.

A budgetary provision for maintenance and pre lettings for 2016 has been made as follows:

Maintenance: €227,814

Pre Lettings: €201,716

The following Traveller specific accommodation is situated within the District:

- Kilmallock Halting Site

A budgetary provision of €2500 has been made for site maintenance and repair.

PRIVATE HOUSING GRANTS

The following private house grants are available from the Council:

HAGS- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme:

Available to assist in the carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who has enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairments. The types of works available include the provision of access ramps, downstairs toilet facilities, stair-lifts, accessible showers, adaptations to facilitate wheelchair access, extensions and any other works deemed necessary. Applicable to works costing in excess of €6,000.00.

MAGS- Mobility Aids Grant Scheme:

Available to cover works to address mobility problems, primarily associated with ageing. The type of works available include: grab rails, access ramps, level access showers, and stair-lifts. Applicable to works not in excess of €6,000.00.

HOPS- Housing Aid Older People:

Available to assist older people living in poor conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. The types of works available under the scheme include: re-roofing, re-wiring, and the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of windows & doors.

The Council is required to provide 20% towards the costs of such grants with the DECLG meeting 80%. A similar provision to 2015 has been provided in 2016. Assuming DECLG approval to maximise the Council's provision, the overall spend on private house grants for 2016 is estimated as follows:

Revenue Budget Provision for Cappamore/Kilmallock District 2016 €89,352

Estimated Overall Cappamore/Kilmallock District Spend €446,760

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE OF WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORATE FOR THE CAPPAMORE – KILMALLOCK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT IN 2016</p>

The Environment Department covers a broad range of activities including waste, litter, pollution, veterinary services, parks, playgrounds and cemeteries.

The proposed schedule of works for the Cappamore - Kilmallock Municipal District for 2016 may be summarised as set out here under.

Waste Regulation, Monitoring and Enforcement Expenditure

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government has set four priorities for Waste Enforcement in 2016. These are:

1. Roll out of the pay-by-weight household waste collection systems
2. Implementation of the enhanced waste tyres producers responsibility initiative
3. Illegal Dumping (including fuel laundering waste dumping)
4. Implementation of the household food waste regulations and associated roll out of the brown bin.

The Council will expend €140,000 in relation to Waste Regulation, Monitoring and Enforcement Expenditure. The Environmental Department will carry out approximately 100 planned inspections in addition to investigating waste related complaints in the Cappamore - Kilmallock Municipal District during 2016.

Litter Team

The Litter Team is actively involved in enforcing the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act, the Waste Management Act, and Bye Laws for Household and Commercial Waste. This team carries out daily patrols, monitors high risk areas and responds to complaints received regarding the following:

- instances of littering, dumping,
- waste which is not presented for collection in a satisfactory manner,
- illegal signage,
- graffiti,
- abandoned cars,
- illegal storage of waste,
- backyard burning
- no refuse collection service in place at households/commercial premises.

The Litter Team issues fines under the Litter Pollution Act and Bye Laws for Household and Commercial Waste. It is estimated that approx 25 litter fines will be issued in 2016 in respect of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District.

The Litter Team issues questionnaires to householders and owners of commercial premises to establish if they have a refuse collection service in place and serves notices if no response is received. This team also monitors the accumulation of waste/litter and serves notices/directions under the Litter Pollution Act and Waste Management Act on householders and landowners to require them to keep their property free of litter/waste.

It is estimated that approx 10 notices/directions under the Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act will issue in Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District in 2016.

The Litter Team initiates court proceedings for non payment of fines and non-compliance with notices/directions and will take approx 5 court proceedings in 2016 in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal district.

There is one full time Environmental Control Officer/Inspector and one inspector who works part of his time in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal district and the approximate cost of this service is €65,000.

Cemeteries

There are approx. 250 cemeteries in Limerick. There are approx 55 cemeteries in Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District. The cemeteries budget for general maintenance works for the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District is €48,000. The Council relies on burial ground committees and FAS/TUS/RSS schemes to carry out grass cutting and maintenance works in cemeteries. The Council allocates burial ground grants to burial ground committees. It is estimated that approx. 50 such grants will be provided in the area at a cost of €18,000.

Pollution Control Team: Discharge Licensing.

From 1st January 2014, Irish Water became the statutory body for the administration of licences to discharge to the public sewers. The Pollution Control Team works in partnership with Irish Water in this regard and a service level agreement is in place.

The Pollution Control Team carried out 30 onsite discharge licence inspections to sewers throughout the City & County in 2015, and anticipates a similar level of activity in 2016. Based on 2015 levels of activity, it is likely that 7 inspections will be carried out in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District in 2016.

Discharge to sewer licences are inspected on rotation, with emphasis being put on recently granted licences in order to ensure the adoption of best practices.

The total number of inspections of water licences for 2015 was 126. This included 99 administrative desktop inspections and 24 onsite visits. The Pollution Control Team undertook 8 onsite visits in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District in 2015, and anticipates a similar level of activity in 2016.

Discharge licensing inspections are carried out on a county wide basis. The cost of the inspection, and of any sample which the Council takes as part of that inspection, is borne by the licence holder. This charge is invoiced in the year following the year of audit. Charges are set by way of a condition of each individual licence.

Pollution Control Team: Air Pollution.

The Pollution Control Team is responsible for the enforcement of the requirements of the Air Pollution Act 1987 and related Regulations. This includes:

- The European Union (Installations and Activities using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012 and 2014. These Regulations control the use of solvents in dry cleaners. 12 inspections of relevant premises were carried out in 2015.
- The European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 and 2014. These regulations control the use of certain solvent-based substances in car repair installations, among other activities. During 2015, 12 inspections of premises were carried out with respect to these Regulations. It is envisaged that a similar number will be carried out in 2016.

Please take note that the managing of the Air Pollution Act (Petrol Vapour Emissions Regulations) 1997 has been transferred to the Fire and Rescue Department.

Water Quality Management

Under the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) there is an obligation on the Council to achieve a significant improvement in river water quality. The Environment Water Quality Team undertake a programme of farm inspections and general monitoring of rivers with a view to achieving significant improvement in water quality.

This team carried out 767 farm inspections in 2015. A minimum of 500 inspections is planned for 2016.

It is envisaged that a number of these farm surveys will be undertaken in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District in 2016.

Septic Tank Inspections

The Water Services (amendment) Act 2012 required the registration and inspection of septic tanks and other onsite treatment systems. The EPA publishes the National Inspection Plan and based on the national priorities Limerick City & County Council identify properties to be inspected within each risk category.

Work continues in this area for 2016. Systems for inspection will be selected in accordance with the National Inspection Plan published by the EPA in February 2013. The EPA has stipulated that Limerick complete a minimum of 42 inspections by 31st December 2016. These will be carried out throughout the Metropolitan District of Limerick and the Municipal Districts at properties to be identified within each risk category. Inspections are to commence in March 2016.

Parks, Open Spaces & Green Areas

The Parks and Landscaping team in the Environment Department carries out a wide range of functions in relation to parks and open spaces. These works include tree pruning, grass cutting, hedge trimming and small maintenance and landscaping works. Grass cutting is carried out throughout the summer period and a total of 12 hectares of grass are cut. The concentration moves to tree pruning, landscaping and hedge cutting during the Autumn and Winter season when the Parks and Landscaping team carry out a mixture of planned and responsive works. Lough Gur receives maintenance attention from the Parks and Landscaping team and is a much appreciated part of the landscape. Parks and landscaping

will also provide assistance this year to groups engaged in activities to mark the 1916 anniversary celebrations.

The Parks and Landscaping team also undertakes playground maintenance, community clean ups, round about maintenance, litter picking and waste disposal etc. The Environment Department also provides grant aid to community groups.

The 2016 work programme in support of the activities as outline above will involve expenditure in amount of €123,500 (including both discretionary and nondiscretionary expenditure) in respect of Parks, Pitches and Open Spaces. €6,750 in respect of Playground Maintenance and the provision of Environment grants to Community Groups of €6,600.

Maintenance of Open Spaces Grant Scheme in Housing Developments

Limerick City & County Council will administer the maintenance of open spaces grant scheme in housing developments in 2016. There is a total budget of €61,500 to be spent across the 4 Municipal Districts. The grant is allocated on an application basis based on a number of factors including acreage of green space to be maintained, number of houses in the estate and number of applications received by the Council for the scheme.

Horse Control

Limerick City & County Council seized 343 stray horses in 2015, of which 10 were reclaimed by their owners.

The 2016 annual budget adopted by the Council in relation to Animal Welfare Services is €549,611. It is forecast that the number of animals likely to be reclaimed will be minimal.

Dog Control

The Dog Warden Service dealt with a total of 693 stray and unwanted dogs during 2015. Of these 693 dogs, 48 were reclaimed and 396 re-homed. Regrettably, it was necessary to put 249 dogs to sleep but on a positive note this reflected a reduction of 12% on 2014. It is

anticipated that, due to the introduction of a dedicated facebook page in June 2015, re-homing rates will continue to improve.

Limerick Going for Gold Environment Improvement Grant Scheme

Limerick City & County Council will administer a Limerick Going for Gold Environment Improvement Grant Scheme across all four municipal districts in 2016. €76,000 is set aside in the budget for this scheme. A matching contribution is also expected from the McManus Charitable Foundation. The grant will be allocated on the basis of applications received, considered in accordance with relevant criteria. The Environment Department will also operate the Limerick Going for Gold Competition and the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund.

Anti-litter Awareness Initiatives

The Council's Anti litter awareness Initiatives funds programmes such as anti dog litter campaigns, national spring clean, adverts in local media. There is a sum of €58,750 which will be allocated in 2016. A significant portion of this funding will be part of Limerick City & County Councils contribution to Team Limerick Clean Up.

Recovery and Recycling Facilities operation

The Environment Department is responsible for the operation of the Civic Amenity Centre at Shannon Development Ind. Est., Bruree Road which operates from 10a.m. to 5p.m on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The centre accepts a large amount of different types of recyclable items. There is also a free bring bank centre available 24hrs at this location for disposal of glass and cans. There are 19 bring bank locations in the Cappamore/Kilmallock district operated under contract by the Recycling team.