

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

I will move at the next meeting that approved housing bodies be invited to present their suggestions and plans to the elected members of the District as to how we can fast track the development of 23 sites identified as suitable for housing and in Council ownership.

Response to Notice of Motion

The policy document 'Assessment for Selecting Sites for Social Housing' (ASH) identified 23 sites in Limerick city within the ownership of Limerick City and County Council which passed the Stage A 'Strategic Constraints' filter.

Limerick City and County Council are currently engaging with the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) regarding the potential involvement of Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) with appropriate capacity to advance the delivery of social housing. When specific proposals are developed, engagement with the elected members will take place.



Pat Dowling  
Director of Service  
Social Development

11th May 2016

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**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**  
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**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville**

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Metropolitan District write to the EPA asking for them to resume monitoring air quality in Limerick City.

**Reply:**

The EPA divides the county into four zones (A,B, C & D) for the purposes of air quality monitoring. Zones A & B relate to Dublin and Cork respectively and both of these areas have permanent air quality monitoring stations. Limerick is a Zone C (towns with populations greater than 15,000). Zone D relates to smaller towns and rural areas.

Present EPA policy is to use mobile assessment units in Zones C & D which are left in place for approximately 12 months. Limerick was last assessed by this unit in 2000. At the time air quality was good for all parameters with the exception of PM10, which was above the upper threshold value.

There was a permanent station monitoring for NOx and Ozone at the Park Road Depot. However this was removed in 2011 because of access difficulties.

Currently the EPA are developing a National Ambient Air Monitoring Programme. This will allow for doubling of the monitoring network and is likely to include re-establishing a monitoring station in Limerick. However, it is likely to be 2017 to 2018 before this is in place.

Consideration can also be given to the installations of a number of real time monitoring stations for particulates in the City. All these matters can be examined further.

**Anne Goggin,  
Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Section,  
Physical Development Directorate.**

**Metropolitan District of Limerick  
Limerick City & County Council**

**Economic Development**

**Date: 16th May 2016.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - Cllr Daniel Butler**

I will move at the next meeting that the Council appoint a dedicated European Officer whose function it would be to identify programmes that could be authorised or monies drawn down for council activities.

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**RESPONSE**

The Economic Development Directorate has responsibility for European Projects and there is an established expertise within the directorate for EU projects. To date the team has managed 3 projects to conclusion that were transferred from the Mid-West Regional Authority.

The team

- was successful in securing €4.2 million in ERDF funding to improve the public realm on O'Connell Street
- is participating in an URBACT network that will investigate the potential of developing the digital economy to support economic development
- has prepared and submitted an application under the Urban Innovative Actions initiative (€5mil)
- is preparing an application for funding to support "smart aging"

It is anticipated that in the course of 2016 that a further 2 applications will be made for funding.

**Signed: P. Daly,  
Director of Services,  
Economic Development**

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**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Costelloe**

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council consider the purchase of vacant houses at St. Ann's Court (off Bishops Street), King's Island, currently owned by Saint Vincent DePaul (SVP) and that the amount of €1,984,600 allocated to Shelbourne Square, North Circular Road be reallocated to facilitate this purchase.

**Response to Notice of Motion:**

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) are currently in discussions with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding a replacement project for the Shelbourne Square, North Circular Road project. This replacement project will require a similar level of funding to that connected to the Shelbourne Square scheme.

St. Ann's Court is not within the ownership of LCCC. LCCC will engage with the owners with a view to establishing their future intentions for this site.

  
Pat Dowling  
Director of Service  
Social Development

11th May 2016

**Limerick City and County Council**

**May 2016 Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick**

**Meeting to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Malachy McCreesh**

I will move at the next meeting that this District seeks clarification from Planning and Environmental Services as to what public consultation process will be included in the decision regarding the revised planning application lodged by Irish Cement seeking permission to gradually replace imported fossil fuels at its Castlemungret factory.

**Reply**

The planning application by Irish Cement was lodged with Limerick City and County Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Sites notices were erected at the site and a newspaper advert was placed in the Irish Independent newspaper. Submissions from the general public can be received by the planning authority for a 5 week period up until the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The planning application is due for decision on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016. The planning file can be viewed on Limerick City and County Council website or at the front desk in Planning and Environmental Services Department in County Hall, Dooradoyle.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**S. Duclot,  
A/Senior Planner,  
Planning and Environmental Services.**