

## **Limerick City and County Council**

**January 2016 Council Meeting**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

**I will move at the next meeting that Management introduce a scheme that will attract ratepayers, who have legacy arrears that predate 31/12/2014, to engage with the Finance Department to put in place a payment plan that will clear the said same arrears.**

### **Reply to Notice of Motion:**

The level of arrears at the 31st December 2015 will be approximately €21.47m. This will be a reduction of 14% on the arrears figure at the 31st December 2014. This will result in a collection rate of 71% an increase of 6% on 2014.

A full end of year Review has been carried out for all Commercial Rate arrears at 31st December 2015. A significant number of our customers are now on payment plans which are designed to clear the current year rates and also reducing opening arrears. The Council will continue to initiate legal proceedings in cases where no progress is being made in recovering the arrears due.

Based on the information from the end of year reviews, management will revert to Council with a proposal to continue to reduce the level of arrears.

**Sean Coughlan**

**A/Head of Finance**

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**We, the Members of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, call on the Council to provide continued funding for the successful Airshow on the Shannon Estuary promoted by the Foynes Flying Boat Museum.**

### **Reply to Notice of Motion:**

Specific budgetary provision for the Airshow on the Shannon Estuary promoted by the Foynes Flying Boat Museum has not been provided in the Council's Annual Budget 2016. To ensure that the Council has a balanced revenue account, it is not possible at this time to provide funding towards this project.

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**We, the Members of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, call on the Council to continue to supply full funding for the Adare and Croom Public Parks through central budget as heretofore.**

### **Reply to Notice of Motion:**

A specific budgetary provision to fund maintenance of Adare and Croom Town Parks was not made in Budget 2016. An amount of €40,000 has been provided in Budget 2016 for Parks, Pitches and Playgrounds, part of of the GMA allocation for the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District.

**Sean Coughlan**

**A/Head of Finance**