

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Sean Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting:

if the Council has any agenda in place to deal with or combat any threat of terrorism in our City and if not, can they do so and keep Councillors apprised.

REPLY

A Framework for Major Emergency Management (2006) enables An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive and Local Authorities (or Principal Response Agencies) to prepare for and make a coordinated response to major emergencies. An Garda Síochána is the lead agency in responding to a terrorist type incident and is responsible for leading the coordination between the Principal Response Agencies.

The other Principal Response Agencies (i.e. Local Authorities and the Health Service Executive) ensure effective liaison is maintained with An Garda Síochána at all times during an incident and to support the response as appropriate.

An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive and Limerick City & County Council are in on going regular contact.

Signed: 
Philippa King
A/ Director of Service
Regional Services Directorate

Date: 16/6/2017.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017

Question submitted by Cllr. Keller

I will ask at the next meeting, given recent reports on concerning levels of radon levels across the country, what monitoring of this harmful gas is there in the District?

Response

The Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland, which recently merged with the EPA, is the competent authority for monitoring ionising radiation levels in the country.

The RPII has produced a map of Ireland which indicates areas which are likely to be at risk from Radon (called high radon areas). The higher risk areas are shown in light and dark brown. This interactive map can be found at: <http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/>

Limerick has relatively few areas which are considered to be at high risk. However, it is possible to find individual residences with high radon in low risk areas and visa versa.

The EPA/RPII provides a radon measuring service. Radon monitors will be sent to a homeowner on request and these are placed in the main bedroom and living area for three months. They are then returned to the EPA who will issue results to the homeowner.

Further information is available at: <http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radon/>



Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Physical Development Directorate
13th June 2017

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville

I will ask at the next meeting, as part of the Healthy Ireland initiative, has consideration been given to requiring a Health Impact Assessment to be included in major planning applications and Council Plans for the District.

Reply:

Healthy Ireland is a Government-led initiative which aims to create an Irish society where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health, and where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society. Healthy Ireland has come about because of concerns that the current health status of people living in Ireland, including lifestyle trends and health inequalities, are leading us towards a future that is dangerously unhealthy, and a very likely unaffordable society. Healthy Ireland refers to health and wellbeing being assessed as part of social impact assessments with tools and supports to be developed for local authorities working with other sectors. Limerick City and County Council has employed a Healthy Limerick Co-Ordinator, with the role of ensuring that there is a collaborative cross organisational approach to health and well being, which makes the best use of resources and actively addresses health issues.

While, the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 -2016 (As Extended), already contains an objective which, requires a Sustainability Statement and Social Infrastructure Assessment be carried out on residential developments of 5 or more dwellings and commercial/industrial developments over 1,000m². It is proposed that all future plans, will consider objectives and policies on health and well being. In line with the National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040, Issues and Choices Paper, which was published in February 2017, for the first time highlighted the issue of Health and Wellbeing. Health needs to be considered from planning stage to implementation and beyond.

**Pat Daly,
Director,
Economic Development Directorate.**

Limerick City and County Council
Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick
19th June 2017

Question submitted by Cllr. Cian Prendiville

"I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of households in the Metropolitan District in receipt of HAP, Rent Allowance, RAS or in a council or AHB house".

Reply:

The following is a breakdown of the number of households in the Metropolitan District in receipt of HAP, Rent Allowance, RAS, Local Authority or AHB accommodation.

Please note that these figures do not include Rent Allowance recipients as this scheme is operated by the DSP and not by the Local Authority.

HAP	1273
RAS	785
Local Authority (LCCC)	3113
AHB's	644 + 92 (RAS)
Total Households	5,907

Signed: 

Dave Hennessy
A/ Senior Executive Officer

14th June 2017

Limerick City and County Council

Metropolitan District of Limerick

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2017

Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the current situation with regard to Rathbane Golf Club, in terms of membership fees, financial sustainability and long term plans for the Golf Club.

Reply to Question:

The current position in relation to Rathbane Golf Club is that the tender evaluation process was completed in November 2016 and a tender has been awarded to Mack Trading Limited as a result of same. The Contracts are currently with our Solicitor and are waiting to be signed.

**Carmel Kirby
A/Director of Service
Social Development**

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Metropolitan District of Limerick

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH MAY, 2017

Question submitted by Cmhrl. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting what the current expected completion date is for the Regeneration Project in Limerick.

Response to Question

The Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan was adopted in February 2014. The plan is a 10 year programme based on an annual budget of approximately of €30 million and covers physical, economic and social interventions.

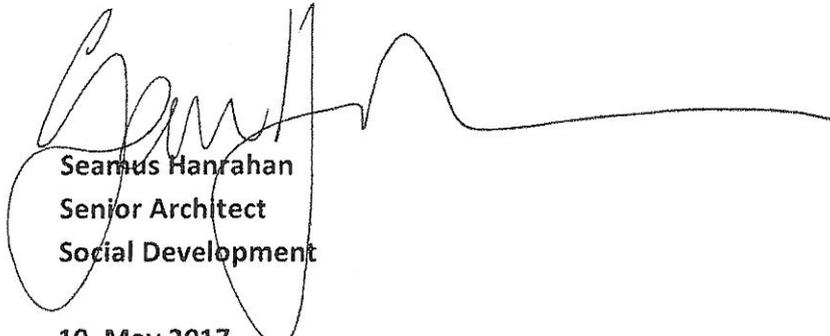
The Social and Economic pillars of the programme are rolled out on an annual basis and were subject to a review published in December 2016, available on www.limerick.ie

Elements of the physical programme, such as the thermal upgrading of existing housing stock, are set to be completed in 2018. Status on new build activity;

Overall number of new build units to be constructed 549

Complete: 122 Units 22%

On Site: 124 Units 22%



Seamus Hanrahan
Senior Architect
Social Development

19 May 2017

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 19th June, 2017

Question submitted by Cmhlr. Séighín Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting what the current situation is regarding the Council owned car park in Arthur's Quay, and when it is expected to be returned to the Council Chamber for either the approval or refusal of its lease.

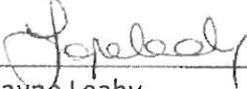
Question submitted by Cllr. Malachy McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the status of the Arthurs Quay Car Park with regard to the proposed renewal of the lease that was deferred last year.

REPLY:

The Council has held a lease on Arthurs Quay Multi Storey Car Park for the past 26 years with an option to purchase the car park into infinity. The council has entered into a sub letting arrangement over the same period for the operation of the car park.

Negotiations are still ongoing regarding the future arrangements for the car park. It is intended to be in a position to shortly revert to the council with proposals in this regard.



Jayne Leahy
Head of Property Services

Date: 13th June 2017