

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2016**

30<sup>TH</sup> March 2016

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Newcastle West**

**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 of 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 Newcastle West is set out at appendix 1 attached.

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

**Gordon Daly,  
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

<b>NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b> <i>Road Works Scheme 2016</i>
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<b>Work Category</b>	<b>€</b>
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	1,417,230
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	403,651
General Maintenance (GM)	847,350
Parking	37,020
Tar Patching (TP)	350,958
Structures (STR)	143,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	105,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	35,000
General Maintenance of National Roads-N21	101,301
Severe Weather Spending	255,990

<b>Total Defined MD spending</b>		<b>€</b> <b>3,696,500</b>
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<b>Winter Maintenance (WM)</b>	<b>€400,000</b> Total City and County
<b>Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)</b>	<b>€180,000</b> Total City and County
<b>Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)</b>	<b>€181,500</b> Total City and County
<b>Public Lighting</b>	<b>€2,525,401</b> Total City and County

<b>Regional Roads Surface Dressing</b>			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R-515	Milford Road, Dromcolloghier	1200	€40,000
R-519	Kilmeedy towards Feenagh	2000	€60,000
R-524	Athea Village - Glin Road	1000	€30,000
R-523	Carrigkerry to Athea road - Glin	1000	€30,000
R-521	Newcastle West to Ardagh Road	1000	€30,000
<b>Total</b>		6200	<b>€190,000</b>

### Regional Roads Road Reconstruction

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R523	Athea - CarrigKerry Road	1000	€100,000
R522	North Road, Dromcolloghier Road ( Outside GAA Field)	1000	€120,000
R519	Kilmeedy Village towards Carrowmore	1000	€100,000
R576	Fealesbridge to N21, Abbeyfeale	1000	€100,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>4000</b>	<b>€420,000</b>

### Local Roads Surface Dressing

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L-70442	Knockawarraighe, Mountcollins	1300	€20,000
L-1330	SugarHill to Horans Cross, Abbeyfeale	2000	€42,800
L-1330	Keale gate- Booster Road, Templeglantine	1000	€20,000
L-1238	Upper Derreen, Athea	1000	€23,000
L-1233	Ballycullane Lower, Glin	1000	€9,500
L-1349	Galvins Road, Doonakenna	1000	€20,000
L-52301	Upper Athea, Link Road	1000	€20,000
L-1304	Curragh, Castlemahon	1000	€15,000
L-1337	Cooleroe, Castlemahon	1000	€15,000
L1542	Ballyagran	630	€14,179
L1542	Drewscourt East, Ballyagran	631	€14,170
<b>Total</b>		<b>11561</b>	<b>€213,649</b>

### Local Roads Road Reconstruction

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L1324	Tournafulla Village	1000	€111,230
L1330	SugarHill, Rooska, Newcastle West	2000	€180,000
L52301	Link Road upper Athea ( Johns Roads)	1000	€70,000
L1330	Keale gate - Booster Road, Templeglantine	1000	€95,000
R524	Glin Village	410	€100,000
L6093	Tullyleague, Glin	750	€70,000
L12302	Killeany Beg, Glin	300	€20,000
L70702	Fairy Street, Athea	500	€40,000
L1333	Dunganville, Ardagh	1000	€80,000
L7098	Dromdeeveen, Broadford	500	€41,000

L52104	Glenville Ardagh (Smith O'Brien), Ardagh	800	€50,000
L7001	Ardagh old creamery road	200	€40,000
L7012	Gorteen, Feenagh ( Kilmallock area)	1300	€100,000

<b>Total</b>		<b>10760</b>	<b>€997,230</b>
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<b>Bridge Rehabilitation Works-Structures (STR)</b>			
<b>Allocation = €143000</b>			
Road No.	Description		Total Cost (€)
L6081	Knocknagornagh, Athea		€50,000
L60722	White River Bridge, Glensharrold, Carrigkerry		€35,000
L1226	Glenbaun, Carrigkerry		€25,000
L1226	Knockdown, Athea		€20,000
L6072	Glensharrold, Carrigkerry		€13,000

<b>Total</b>			<b>€143,000</b>
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<b>Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI)</b>			
<b>Allocation = €35,000</b>			
Road No.	Description		Total Cost (€)
L1311 / L7026	Junction at Coolygorman Cross, Broadford		€20,000
L1312/ L1313	Ballygeal, Castlemahon		€15,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€35,000</b>

<b>General Municipal Allocation (GMA) from the Travel and Transport Budget</b>			
<b>Allocation = €105,000</b>			
	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
	Abbeyfeale - Pipe existing open drain near Funeral Home		€20,000
	Abbeyfeale - Overlay road at rear of Pet World		€15,000
	Mountcollins - Footpath upgrades		€10,000
	Athea - Footpaths upgrades		€10,000
	Glin - Footpaths upgrades		€10,000
	Broadford - Footpaths upgrades		€10,000
	Newcastle West - Footpaths upgrades Cork Road		€10,000
	Knockaderry - Footpaths upgrades		€9,150
	Footpaths in Ballyagran		€10,850
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>€105,000</b>

<b>Storm Damage ( Severe Weather )</b>			
<b>Phase 1 Allocation = €255,990</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost (€)</b>
L70671	Port, Abbeyfeale	900	€62,100
L7052	Glenshesk, Templeglantine	60	€17,250
L7037	Cleanglass, Tournafulla	1000	€52,440
L7024	Mountplummer, Broadford	1000	€55,200
L1315	Glebe, Monagea, Newcastle West	1000	€51,750
R515	Templeglantine West	200	€17,250
<b>Total</b>		4160	€255,990

**Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Newcastle West Municipal District:**

**Restoration Improvement (RI) €1,417,230**

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) €403,651**

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 €847,350**

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) €350,958**

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

**Structures (STR) €143,000**

Details of the funding made available for structures in the District is provided. The 2016 approved schemes are provided.

**€35,000**

**Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)**

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.

**Parking Management (PM) €37,020**

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

**General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €105,000**

This allocation is presented above.

**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.

## Home and Social Development

The Local Authority of Limerick City & County Council was created in June 2014 with the resultant creation of new Districts. 2015 was used as 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 **592** no of Council housing units within the Newcastle West District. In 2015 we received **1016** 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:

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

## **Pre letting Repairs**

**Vacancies: In 2015 there were 40 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 considerably 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:

<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>€133,977</b>
<b>Pre Lettings:</b>	<b>€185,925</b>

## **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 of 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 Newcastle West 2016**  
**€114,370**

**Estimated Overall District Spend for Newcastle West**  
**€571,850.**

## **SCHEDULE OF WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORATE FOR THE NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT IN 2016**

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 Newcastle West 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 Newcastle West 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.
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The Litter Team issues fines under the Litter Pollution Act and Bye Laws for Household and Commercial Waste. It is estimated that approx 40 litter fines will be issued in 2016 in respect of the Newcastle West 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 40 notices/directions under the Waste Management Act and Litter Pollution Act will issue in Newcastle West 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 10 court proceedings in 2016 in the Newcastle Municipal district.

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

### **Cemeteries**

There are approx. 250 cemeteries in Limerick. There are approx 30 cemeteries in Newcastle West Municipal District. The cemeteries budget for general maintenance works for the Newcastle West Municipal District is €26,000. 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. 30 such grants will be provided in the area at a cost of €11,000.

### **Pollution Control Team: Discharge Licensing.**

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Newcastle West 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 Newcastle West 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 Newcastle West 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 29 hectares of grass are cut every two weeks between March and September. The concentration moves to tree pruning and hedge cutting during the Autumn and Winter season when the Parks and Landscaping team carry out a mixture of planned and responsive works. Parks and Landscaping will also provide assistance this year to groups engaged in activities to mark the 1916 anniversary celebrations.

The Environment Department 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 the Newcastle West Municipal District, in support of the activities outlined above will involve expenditure in the amount of €97,000 in respect of Parks, Pitches and Open Spaces, €8,750 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 Station Road Newcastle West which operates from 10a.m. to 5p.m on Wednesdays 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 is a network of 12 bottle bank locations in the NCW municipal district which are operated under contract by the recycling team.