

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council

13th July 2017

Re: Development Fund Allocations 2017

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2017. It is intended to bring the 2018/2019 Development Fund proposals to the September Council meeting.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13th February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contributions total income of €2m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for 2017. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2017 - 2021 for the administrative area of Limerick in January 2017. The monies outlined below are a combination of receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the Council.

The €2m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2017. The proposals may be revised if additional funding becomes available or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included or if there is a shortfall in collection. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

The Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings. In determining the allocations for 2017 a number of additional guiding principles were adopted namely; strategically focussed projects, continuation of existing commitments, provision of matching funds for initiatives in Clar and Hinterland projects, Forward Planning Costs and geographical considerations.

Ninety five projects with a value of €11m were put forward for consideration for funding. The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 21 projects/initiatives for 2017. Additional funding will be allocated for 2018/2019 as outlined above.

A sum of €150,000 p.a. is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawn down of bonds in order to bring such unfinished estates up to the minimum standards.

In 2017, €200,000 has been allocated to Parnell Street Phase IV works. Matching funding has been made available for various Clar and Hinterland projects incl. NCW Regional Athletics Track, Murroe Sports Facility, County wide CCTV initiative, Patrickswell Village Renewal, etc

A sum of €350,000 p.a. is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan/Municipal level. Proposals consistent with the Development Contribution Scheme will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

Account is taken of commitments given to local community groups to provide funding in respect of Lough Gur Heritage Centre and Ballyneety Community Park.

There is also a specific allocation for small infrastructural works outlined in the Age Friendly Limerick Strategy 2015-2020.

A sum of €100,000 is provided towards Forward Planning costs which represents 5% of the estimated yearly income.

Provision has also been made for preparatory works for various infrastructural projects e.g. the Dock Road, Newcastle West Traffic Management, Childers Road, Ballysimon Road and Corbally Road.

A full breakdown of the allocations for 2017 is attached for your information.

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Development Fund 2017 – Proposed Allocations

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed	Comment
Transportation & Surface Water	Kilmallock Foot Bridge	€36,000	Hinterland co-funding
	Taking in Charge - Housing Estates	€150,000	On-going rolling programme
	Patrickswell Village Renewal	€125,000	Hinterland co-funding
	Parnell Street Works (Phase IV)	€200,000	Complementary works to existing scheme
	NCW Transport Study	€37,500	Co funding initiative with TII
	Childers Road / Ballysimon Road	€50,000	R509 design and surface water upgrade
	Corbally Traffic Study	€25,000	Grove island/Mill Road improvements
	Dock Road Study	€37,500	Detailed Design
	Surface Water Study	€25,000	Identify capacity for future development
	Metropolitan Depot Design	€50,000	Replacement depot for metro area
Recreation & Amenity	Murroe Sports Facility	€200,000	Hinterland co-funding
	Ballyneety Community Park	€50,000	Year 3 of five year commitment
	NCW Regional athletics Track	€226,000	Hinterland co-funding
	Lough Gur Centre	€5,000	Year 4 of four year commitment
Community & Tourism	Age Friendly Capital works	€20,000	Age Friendly Strategy - small capital works
	CCTV Initiative	€200,000	Hinterland co-funding
	Rathkeale Pre Social Cohesion Fund	€25,500	Hinterland co-funding
	Capital Investment - Business Infrastructure	€31,500	Minor works/ studies that will facilitate the establishment of business
	Clar Projects	€56,000	Various projects
Ancillary	Municipal Allocations	€350,000	€140k to Metro, €70k to each Municipal District. Dev Contribution Scheme projects to be agreed at District level.
	Forward Planning Costs	€100,000	5% of projected Income
TOTAL		€2,000,000	

