

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

**New  
Powerboat**  
launched named  
**FIRE  
SWIFT**



**10,054**

**Volunteers in  
massive Limerick  
wide TLC clean up**

**100**

New Jobs at  
**Dell**  
welcomed

## Our Vision

- That the people of Limerick are supported by a professional, proactive and accessible local government structure at the heart of a wider public service.
- That Limerick is acknowledged for its inclusive participation of all its citizens in the development of their community.
- That Limerick is the desired location for business development, cultural enrichment and educational opportunity.
- That Limerick and the Mid-West will compete with other European destinations in terms of business, tourism, living and investment.

## Our Strategy

- Empowering the citizen to participate in the development of their community, both rural and urban.
- An environment for real economic development and job creation.
- A new model of local governance and service delivery.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT****Empowering the Citizen****1. Home and Social Development Update****Waiting List**

Approved Applicants for Social Housing Support and Areas	Approved Applicants to the 30th of April 2015
Metropolitan District of Limerick	3,741
Municipal Districts:	
Adare-Rathkeale	316
Cappamore-Kilmallock	333
Newcastle West	346
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,736</b>

**Allocations**

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
Year to end of last month	32	16	16	26	90
No. of Units Allocated April	12	4	6	4	26
Year to Date	44	20	22	30	116

**Home Improvement Schemes**

Private Housing Grant Aid	Number of Grants paid at the 30th April 2015	Euro Amount
MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	25	€95,195.66
HAGS (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	17	€162,906.74
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	22	€93,943.32

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### 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @01/01/2015	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance @31/04/15	% Collection
1,830,818	3,957,020	5,787,838	3,979,103	1,808,735	68.75

### 3. Team Limerick Clean Up

- The first Team Limerick Cleanup, (TLC), took place on Good Friday, 3rd April 2015. The TLC initiative was led by Irish Rugby Captain, Paul O Connell and co-ordinated by a steering group made up of Limerick City and County Council, Mr. Binman, the McManus Benevolent Fund, Limerick City Business Association. Local media, the Limerick Leader and Live 95FM were partners on the project. TLC was one of the most exciting campaigns ever to be held in Limerick. The equivalent of 4,000, 240 L wheelie bins of TLC bagged litter were removed from the land/streetscapes across Limerick. 10,054 volunteers took part in a massive County Wide clean up across Limerick City and County which is the equivalent of 502 people litter picking for one week! There was massive good will towards the project from across Limerick. TLC put Limerick on the national stage in an exceptionally positive light over the Easter weekend.
- Environment Department participated in the LIT Scifest event on April 28th.

### 4. Cemeteries

- Works commenced on the extension to Askeaton Cemetery. These works are being carried out by Council area based staff.

### 5. Streamscapes Loobagh

- The Environment Dept launched a pilot environmental education initiative, 'StreamScapes Loobagh', in April. The programme focuses on the aquatic and biodiversity resources of the River Loobagh Catchment in south County Limerick.
- The pilot is utilising the award-winning 'StreamScapes' programme to enable communities of the River Loobagh to learn about the important links between high status local water quality and human health, thriving socio-economy, higher value agricultural produce and biodiversity.
- The initiative involves field studies and theory sessions with local schools and community groups, and is backed up by a dedicated local environmental booklet which will be widely and freely distributed throughout

Loobagh communities.

- The first school visits took place in Kilfinane on 27th and 28th April and there was a visit to the river by community groups on the evening of 27th.

### 6. PPN/LCDC Progress

#### Public Participation Network

Elections for 10 member Secretariat (Organising Committee) completed in April. Design of nomination and election structures for nominations onto SPCs, JPC and LCDC underway.

#### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC held its monthly meeting on 7th April, 2015.
- Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme: Programme Implementers began the roll out of the programme from 1st April, 2015. Programme funding for Q2 2015 received and distributed to Programme Implementers.
- Rural Development Programme: A Rural Development Working Group established from the LCDC to progress the completion of the Expression of Interest (EOI) submission. Ongoing discussions with rural Local Development Companies to progress the submission of an agreed single EOI for Limerick.
- Local Economic Community Plan (LECP): A 10 person Advisory Steering Group established to oversee the development of the Local Economic Community Plan. Membership drawn from Economic Development and Planning SPC, LCDC, Community Directorate and Economic Development and Planning Directorate. Final draft of Socio-Economic Statement and high level goals prepared by advisory steering group for adoption by LCDC and Economic Development and Planning SPC.

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### 7. Pride of Place

Following a call for participants, four communities/ community groups have been selected to represent Limerick in the all-island Pride of Place competition. The participants (and the categories they will represent) are as follows:

Name of Entrant	Category
Kilteely	Population 0-300
Bruff/Grange/Meanus	Over 2,000
Tait House Southill	Age Friendly Initiative
Scanlon Park, Castleconnell	Housing Estate

### 8. Tourism Diaspora Initiative

This initiative builds on the success of the Gathering in 2013, and follows from the inaugural Tourism Diaspora initiative in 2014. The initiative is designed to support community events and festivals which target additional overseas visitors.

A total of 19 applications have been selected to receive funding under this initiative in Limerick in 2015. Funding is jointly provided by Failte Ireland, Irish Public Bodies and Local Authorities.

### 9. Comhairle na nÓg

Confirmation received from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs that funding application for the enhanced Comhairle na nÓg programme for 2015 approved.

### 10. Sports Capital Grants

Two applications were submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for Sports Capital Grants:

Grove Island Leisure Centre – Proposed climbing wall;

Askeaton Leisure Centre – proposed disability accessible treadmill.

### 11. Libraries

- The Modern Irish Quartet, featuring Tony Miceli (vibes) and Richie Buckley (saxophone) played to a full house of 160 people on 13th April at the Granary Library. Their repertoire of folk music given a jazz interpretation went down very well with an enthusiastic audience.
- RTÉ ConTempo String Quartet continued their monthly recital series at the Granary Library on Friday 24th April. There were over 100 in attendance for another

wonderful recital by ConTempo, with their guest, cellist, Christopher Marwood.

- Kilmallock Library exhibited photographs by member of the Kilmallock Women's Group during the month of April. The Women's Group which meets every Wednesday worked with artist Jacki Hehir on a Beginners Photography Project culminating in the Exhibition at Kilmallock Library. All photographs were inspired by the theme of "Home" and the photographs reflected a diverse interpretation on the theme. The opening of the exhibition was very well attended.
- Abbeyfeale Library held the prize giving ceremony for Fleadh by the Feale Library Art Competition on Thursday 30th April. Entries were submitted from all local national schools and a large crowd of approximately 150 attended.

### 12. Museum – Appointment of a Design Team

- Following a competitive tender process, Healy Partner Architects were appointed as the design team for the adaptation of the Franciscan Friary, Henry Street into Limerick Museum.

### 13. Limerick Archives and Arts Update

#### Archives

Limerick Archives in partnership with Mary Immaculate College published *City and Cemetery: A History of Mount St Lawrence Cemetery*. The book explores the history of Limerick's largest cemetery where over 70,000 people are buried. With over 80 oral history interviews and illustrated with images from family albums, the book is a major social history of Limerick.

#### Arts

- Éigse Michael Hartnett, Literary and Arts Festival (16th-18th April), Newcastle West, County Limerick
- Advice and support documentation provided for applications to Arts Council for the Ireland 2016 national projects call out; Dance Artist Residency Scheme; Theatre Artist Development Scheme and training for Limerick Ceramics artists
- Two Arts Office e-newsletters, two Éigse e-shots, Twitter and Facebook campaigns completed

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### 14. Fire and Emergency Services Update

#### Launch of On-Site Co-ordination Vehicle

The official launch of the Council's new On-Site Co-ordination vehicle was held on Tuesday 28th April beside the garden area in Merchants Quay. All Councillors including the Mayor and staff within the Fire Service were invited to attend.

#### Name and launch of new powerboat

The new powerboat was officially named Fire Swift at the launch on the 16th April at Steamboat Quay. It was deemed a great success. There was a great turnout on the day including the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive, Director of Services and other members of the Council.

#### Breathing Apparatus Refresher Training

Crews from all seven stations in Limerick completed their bi annual Breathing Apparatus Refresher training.

#### Transition Year Courses

Transition Year Courses were held in Kilmallock and Rathkeale Fire Stations. Students were awarded certificates for attending the course.

#### Civil Defence

The Civil Defence team are currently moving their office to the new head quarters in the Docklands Business Park, Dock Road, Limerick.

### 15. Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information Requests 2015	Freedom of Information Requests April 2015	Ombudsman Requests 2015	Ombudsman Requests April 2015	AIE Requests 2015	AIE Requests April 2015
44	14	8	2	2	0
1 Internal Appeal	1 Information Commissioner Appeal				

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## Economic Development and Planning

### 1. Planning Update

- Ninety nine (99) new planning applications were received during April 2015. Breakdown as follows; Domestic (47), Housing Developments (3); Commercial Developments (15); Industrial (5), Retail (4), Education (8), Other (16) and Part VIII (2).
- Fifty six (56) planning applications were granted including a Garage Forecourt and Retail development on the Dock Road and an extension to the Aldi Retail unit at Rhebogoe.
- A decision was made by An Bord Pleanála to grant permission to the Horizon Mall Retail development at the Parkway subject to conditions.
- Five housing estates were taken in charge during the month (Two in the Metropolitan District, two in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District and one in the Adare-Rathkeale District)
- The four week public display period for the variation to the Limerick County Development Plan to incorporate the Limerick Northern Distributed road commenced.
- Briefing meetings with the local elected representatives and community groups in relation to the proposed master plan for Mungret took place.

### 2. Economic Development / Property

- Job announcements for Limerick
  - 28 new jobs in customer engagement technology at Payback Loyalty, National Technology Park, Plassey
  - 100 new jobs in innovation technology R&D roles at Dell at its plant in Raheen
- Tender for 'Expressions of Interest' to participate in the development of the Opera Site published and received
- Two applications made for EU Horizon 2020 funding
- The Business & Retail Incentive Scheme (BRIS) has been extended until December 2016 in Limerick City, Kilmallock, Rathkeale, Newcastle West, and Abbeyfeale

### 3. Marketing Update

- Limerick Marketing in association with Fáilte Ireland and Limerick Chamber held a series of workshops specifically designed for businesses across the city and county with front of house staff this April. The workshops, which were very well received, gave attendees the opportunity to assess the tourism attractions and facilities that Limerick has on its doorstep from the perspective of the visitor.
- Limerick Marketing hosted a visit by Irish Independent travel journalist Pól O'Conghaile to Limerick. His subsequent article and online video piece have had a hugely positive reaction so far, with approximately 3 million page views and 600k users each day, 280k Facebook fans and 180k Twitter fans.

### 4. Travel and Transport

#### Public Consultations

1. The Public Consultation for the Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme on Route Options concluded on 10th April and it is expected that a preferred route should be selected by the end of the year.
2. The Part 8 for Mungret Environs Roadworks 2015 was advertised during April and can be viewed online or at the Council's offices. This scheme involves an upgrade of Roads, and junctions in the Mungret Environs as well as the provision of new footpaths and Cycle Lanes.
3. Public consultation took place for the Parnell Street, Wickham Street and Davis Street Urban Realm and Street Improvement Works. The objective of this scheme is to create a high quality and safe urban environment attractive to investors, employers, residents and tourists and to generate a sense of pride in the City. The Council proposes to redevelop the vicinity of Parnell Street, Davis Street, Wickham Street and the immediate local environs. The proposal seeks to greatly improve the street environment and create an area that is both welcoming and safe for the pedestrian, cyclist and motorist alike.

The Part 8 planning process for this scheme will commence in the coming weeks.

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### Tenders

1. Tenders have commenced for the appointment of Engineering Consultants to the following Pavement Overlay Projects  
N21 Adare Western Approach  
N21 Ballinlyny  
N21 Ballymurragh East
2. Tenders have commenced for the appointment of Engineering Consultants for King's Island Flood Relief Scheme for the design of a new flood protection scheme.
3. Consultants Tender awarded to MHL limited for Mungret Environs Roadworks Stages 2 and 3

### Construction Contracts were awarded during April for the following Schemes.

1. Limerick City Environs Road & Footpath Repairs Works 2015 - Lot 1 & 2

Lot 1 was awarded to **Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Ltd**  
Lot 2 was awarded to **Maramba Road Services Ltd**

**Caherconlish Burial Ground** - Erection of a retaining wall and boundary walls for the Cemetery extension. Contract awarded to **Stephen Finn Ltd.**

### Schedule of Municipal District Works 2015

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Metropolitan District of Limerick and the Municipal districts of Newcastle West, Adare-Rathkeale and Cappamore-Kilmallock were prepared and brought before the members for approval. The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out the program of works for the year and these schedules were approved by the members.

### Limerick Smarter Travel

#### Route 2 Phase 2

#### Walkway/Cycleway, University of Limerick to Canal Bank (Kevin Hannon Bridge)

An Bord Pleanála granted permission in April to Limerick Smarter Travel to upgrade the walkway/cycleway from University of Limerick to the Canal Bank (Kevin Hannon Bridge). Construction is due to commence this summer consisting of an improved walking and cycling surface along the banks of the River Shannon from Kevin Hannon Bridge to UL Boat Club in Plassey. At the entrance to the grounds of the University of Limerick, it joins with existing walking and cycling paths on the campus grounds. The construction of the new walking and cycling surface will wind around trees and historic structures. This type of

construction reduces the impact of development on the bank but also promotes universal accessibility to this nature area.

The current towpath was used to haul barges in the 18th century and will be upgraded from an unsurfaced pathway to a 2-3m wide bitmac pathway with kerbing.

Three new footbridges will be constructed and the existing bridge will be widened. Ducting, new public lighting, signage and CCTV will also be installed along the route.

## Organisational Development

### 1. Call-out for Change Liaison Network

Following the success of the Change Project Managers group for the MOVE programme in 2013, a new network is being set up called the Change Liaison Network. It will be an interactive network of people from across the organisation (section, geographic and grade) to engage in two-way communication on the Change Programme and on areas of continuous improvement in each department/section.

Expressions of interest have been sought by directors from staff and a list of the people in the network will be published shortly.

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### 2. Managing Council Assets

#### New Approach to Managing Council Assets Progressing Well

Work is well underway towards setting up a new structure for managing council assets. This structure will comprise of 3 units:

- **Property** – responsible for buying and selling Council Land and Property (social, corporate and development land and property)
- **Maintenance** – responsible for maintaining and protecting all Council assets. It will oversee the delivery of 'outdoor' operations service e.g. housing maintenance, road maintenance, public realm etc
- **Procurement** – responsible for procuring assets from procurement to delivery.

Project teams for property and maintenance have been established and comprise staff from various departments. Additional staff will be co-opted onto these teams as required. The project teams are preparing the service catalogue for those new units and mapping the current and future processes. The project team for Procurement will be established shortly.

### 3. CRM Progress

#### Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Progressing in Environment, Housing, Finance and Roads Services

In April, the roll-out of CRM commenced in Finance and Roads Services with 60 staff being trained in the use of the system.

The Change Management Team is working with all teams in Environment Services with a view to using CRM as a tool for their services. Some of the teams have started using the *Inspections/Enforcements/Prosecutions Module* and the *Licence/Certificates/Permits Module* e.g. the waste team, the air & water pollution team, the veterinary team and the cemeteries team.

### 4. Mayoral Reception

A Mayoral Reception was held in the Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay on Thursday, 2nd April, for 70 underage rugby players aged 11 to 14 from two rugby clubs in Turin, Italy who were in Limerick to play in the Shannon RFC underage Festival of Rugby Tournament in Coonagh organised by Shannon RFC.

### 5. Civic Reception

A Civic Reception was held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle on Thursday, 30th April for An Garda Síochána in recognition of their dedicated and unselfish contribution to successfully combating criminality and supporting communities in Limerick.

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## Financial Matters

### 1. Financial Matters

#### Revenue Account with Adopted Budget (Including Transfers) to period 201502

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET
	Actual	Budget	Remaining	% Spent	Actual	Budget	Not Rec'd	% Rec'd	Variance
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
A - Housing and Building	3,758,693	35,279,019	31,520,326	11%	3,025,320	35,332,212	32,306,892	9%	(786,566)
B - Road Transport & Safety	2,618,452	29,876,433	27,257,981	9%	862,571	15,177,857	14,315,285	6%	12,942,696
C - Water Services	1,273,438	15,812,219	14,538,781	8%	1,239,804	15,420,905	14,181,101	8%	357,681
D - Development Management	946,762	11,789,066	10,842,304	8%	481,975	3,568,433	3,086,458	14%	7,755,846
E - Environmental Services	4,516,144	30,112,265	25,596,121	15%	781,648	7,903,372	7,121,724	10%	18,474,398
F - Recreation and Amenity	1,521,614	11,622,907	10,101,293	13%	100,292	525,902	425,610	19%	9,675,683
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	532,031	2,555,506	2,023,476	21%	27,518	1,424,047	1,396,530	2%	626,946
H - Miscellaneous Services	3,698,050	18,824,694	15,126,644	20%	437,759	6,487,058	6,049,299	7%	9,077,344
J - Central Management Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LG - Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	2,356,546	14,139,276	11,782,730	17%	(11,782,730)
PL - Pension Levy	-	-	-	-	390,000	2,919,982	2,529,982	13%	(2,529,982)
RA - Commercial Rates	-	-	-	-	8,820,975	52,973,063	44,152,089	17%	(44,152,089)
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>18,865,184</b>	<b>155,872,109</b>	<b>137,006,926</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>18,524,408</b>	<b>155,872,108</b>	<b>137,347,700</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>(340,773)</b>

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### Capital Account Report to Period 201502

	OBAL	EXPEND	INCOME			TRANSFERS			CBAL	
	Balance at 01/01/2015	Expenditure	Grants	Loans	Other	Total Income	Transfer from Revenue	Transfer to Revenue	Internal Transfers	Balance at 28/02/2015
	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
01 - HOUSING AND BUILDING	(3,701,148)	3,542,006	(6,336,088)	(53,459)	(89,772)	(89,772)	-	-	-	(6,638,461)
02 - ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY	(3,673,192)	1,020,386	(5,947,523)	-	(425,549)	(425,549)	(6,854)	-	-	(9,032,733)
03 - WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE	(814,534)	122,063	-	-	(57,000)	(57,000)	-	-	-	(749,472)
04 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS	(28,126,413)	89,822	(171,252)	-	(588,828)	(588,828)	(600,000)	-	-	(29,396,671)
05 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	(2,007,993)	90,927	(1,321,980)	-	(51,449)	(51,449)	-	-	-	(3,290,496)
06 - RECREATION AND AMENITY	(1,628,344)	228,377	(450)	-	(8,075)	(8,075)	-	-	-	(1,408,493)
08 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	(13,815,734)	379,271	(2,945,000)	-	(37,475)	(37,475)	(50,996)	-	-	(16,469,934)
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>(53,767,358)</b>	<b>5,472,850</b>	<b>(16,722,293.04)</b>	<b>(53,459)</b>	<b>1,258,148</b>	<b>1,258,148</b>	<b>(657,850)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(66,986,258)</b>

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT****Rates**

On the 8th April, 2015, the District Court granted judgements to the Council totalling €48,571.89 for outstanding monies due from commercial rates. Costs were awarded in all cases.

Despite its best efforts, the Council feels that it is left with no option, in certain cases, but to pursue outstanding monies through the courts.

The list of judgements granted by the Court is as follows;

NAME	TOTAL Including Costs
Eastway Tile & Timber Services Ltd.	€ 8,534.92
Gary Dundon t/a Pro-Image Sign & Tint	€14,059.04
Edward Byrnes t/a Cash for Clothes	€ 1,726.96
JVR European Food Supply Ltd.	€ 5,804.92
Pat Barry t/a The Gentry Barber Shop	€ 4,256.06
Richmond Dry Cleaning Services	€ 7,759.60
Brendan O'Riordan	€ 1,346.47
Lars Devane t/a Snap Printing	€ 5,083.92

**DRAFT COLLECTION FIGURES**

Collection Rates 2015	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	%
As at 31 March	24,959,434	52,197,219	77,156,653	9,033,865	68,122,788	12

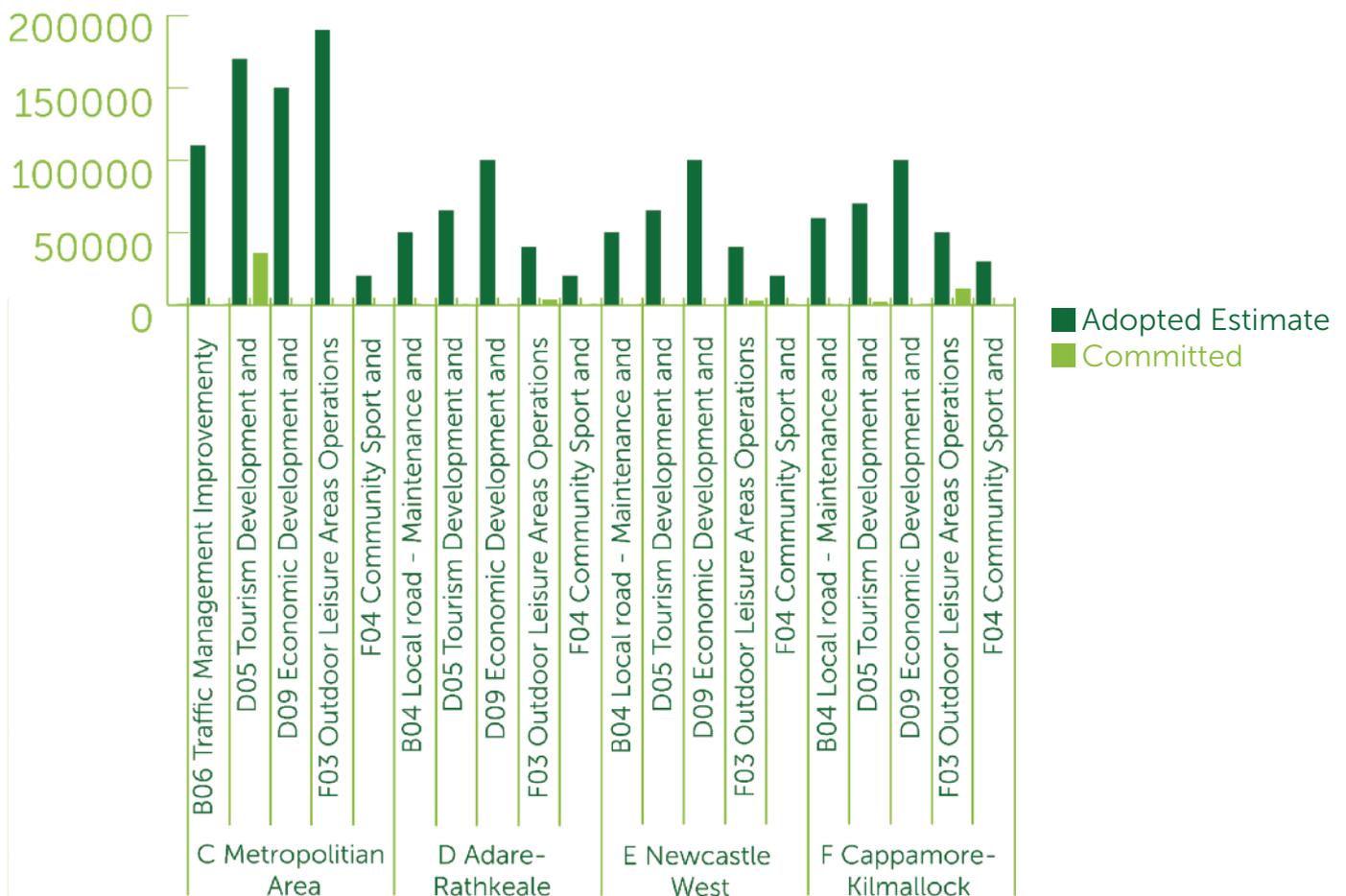
**RECOURSE TO OVERDRAFT FACILITY**

No of days in overdraft                      0

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Municip (Code) + (Text)	Svc (Code) + (Text)	Period (Yr) 2015 Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	B06 Traffic Management Improvement	€110,000	€0
	D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	€170,000	€35,696
	D09 Economic Development and Promotion	€150,000	€0
	F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	€190,000	€0
	F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	€20,000	€0
D Adare - Rathkeale	B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€50,000	€0
	D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	€65,000	€0
	D09 Economic Development and Promotion	€100,000	€0
	F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	€40,000	€3,561
	F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	€20,000	€0
E Newcastle West	B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€50,000	€0
	D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	€65,000	€0
	D09 Economic Development and Promotion	€100,000	€0
	F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	€40,000	€2,985
	F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	€20,000	€0
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€60,000	€0
	D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	€70,000	€2,299
	D09 Economic Development and Promotion	€100,000	€0
	F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	€50,000	€11,154
	F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	€30,000	€0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>€1,500,000</b>	<b>€55,694</b>



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### 2. ICT Update

#### Limerick.ie

The initial phase in the procurement for the Architecture and Design of Limerick.ie has been completed with six completed responses received on eTenders.gov.ie. A short-listing exercise identified four candidates to be invited to the dialogue stage of the competition to present their intended approach to the solution required.

Current status :

- Competitive dialogue meetings held with four companies. Confirmed preliminary solutions submitted.
- Draft of development tender for Limerick.ie completed.

#### Geographic Information System (GIS)

On-going work on consolidating systems, datasets and databases and migration to new City and County server environment. Development has also commenced on a new browser independent Planning Enquiry system which will replace the Internet Explorer dependent MapGuide Planning Enquiry.

#### Granary Refurbishment

New ICT room now in place waiting for air conditioning units and active equipment to be installed. Cabling has been upgraded throughout and improved connectivity with City Hall is in place by way of a fibre link. The old wireless link is now in place as a backup link for the Granary building. The improved connectivity will allow for the future HAP move as well as much needed disaster recovery option for Merchants Quay.

#### Private Wi-Fi

Patrick Street offices have been provided with both public and private wifi facilities. Further offices will be upgraded over the coming months during the merging of both the City and County Wifi systems.