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THIS MONTH:

Northern Trust announces 400 new jobs as Golden Disc opens in City Centre

Limerick Go for Life team win at National Finals

Limerick Smarter Travel ran 'Be Spoke' Limerick's cycling festival

New home for Limerick Museum see visitors jump

15 Town and Village applications submitted

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,160
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units June 2017	24	1	3	4	32
Year to Date	120	9	6	16	151

Cemeteries

Total No of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 3
- Castlemungret: 10
- Mount St. Oliver: 19
- Mount St. Lawrence: 13

Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

Total number of waivers issued for Limerick City and County Council for June 2017 is 21 waivers, 9 were refused.

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

Limerick City and County Council has received 14 applications to date.

Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data.

Gender	Total
Male	163
Female	115
Total	278

Age Group	Total
18-24	38
25-44	171
45-64	62
65+	7
Total	278

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	56
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	191
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support) (TEA)	32
Other	0
Total	279

Table 4: Families with dependent children breakdown

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	34	34	70
Couples with dependent children	8	16	16
Total	42	50	86

2. HAP Shared Services

- Limerick City and County Council operates the Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SSC) on behalf of 31 Local Authorities and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.
- Overall a total of 26,863 HAP tenancies have been set-up since project commencement in 2014. There are currently 23,843 active HAP tenancies.
- This year to date 8,633 HAP tenancies have been set-up, at an average of 332 per week.

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- The HAP SSC will handle circa €230m in financial transactions in 2017, rising to over €600m in 2021, involving at that stage, 84,000 tenancies.
- There are currently 44 people employed in the HAP SSC with new colleagues joining us in the coming weeks.
- Redevelopment work in the HAP SSC offices on two floors of the Granary Building in Michael Street, Limerick completed in June, 2017.

3. Social Development

Local Community Development Committee

- The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) met in June and received a presentation on the *Age Friendly Initiative* and a presentation on the work of *Children and Young People's Services Committee* (CPYSC).
- The LCDC received an update on Healthy Limerick and it was outlined that a funding announcement is expected in the region of €100,000 per county to deliver on Healthy Ireland targets.
- The Community Enterprise Sub Group has met once and has examined membership, terms of reference and the definition of social enterprise.

Healthy Limerick

- Four presentations were given to Council staff and University of Limerick Hospital's Group, Healthy Ireland Steering Group.
- Linked with the Health Service Executive with a proposed action around health literacy with the Right to Read programme coordinator in the Library services.

Community Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Community, Leisure & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee was held on 21st June. The following presentations were given at the meeting:

- Creative Ireland Limerick Cultural Plan by Sheila Deegan, Arts Officer.
- EVA establishment, funding and events by Matt Packer, Director of EVA International.

Suicide Prevention Strategy Group

A meeting of the Suicide Prevention Strategy Group was held on 21st June. A presentation was given by Mr. Gerry Linnane, Project Manager and Ms. Tanya O'Sullivan, Youth and Community Worker, Jigsaw on their new headquarters, which opened in Arthur's Quay on 19th June. They outlined the services that Jigsaw provides to the young people (age 12 – 25), who live, work and/ or attend school or college in the area.

Africa Day 2017

On 19th June Limerick City and County Council held a recognition event for the volunteers of Africa Day 2017. Seventeen members were issued a certificate, presented by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon.

Pride Of Place

The following entries have been chosen to represent Limerick in the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place Competition for 2017:

- St. Patrick's Villas, Castleconnell - Housing Estates category.
- Northside Youth Space, Ballynanty - Community Based Youth Initiative category.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Anna Grant has been appointed the Beat the Street facilitator. Beat the Street is a physical activity event that encourages schools, communities and workplaces to increase their physical activity levels through walking, jogging, cycling, skateboarding and rollerblading. The facilitator will work with schools and communities to ensure there is a legacy of increased physical activity.
- In June, the LSP delivered its Fitkidz Walking programme for 10 primary schools with 1,921 kids logging their walks over a five day period.
- The Limerick Go for Life team of 15 Older Adults went to Dublin for the National Finals and returned home victorious after winning the competition.
- The LSP linked with Smarter Travel to deliver a week of cycling activities for Bike Week 2017 involving over 1,000 participants:

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- Family Day Cycle on the New Cycle lanes from City Centre to UL.
- Early morning Solstice Cycle to Lough Gur.
- Teens in the Wild Mountain Biking sessions in Ballyhoura for Limerick Youth Service and Foroige.
- Inclusive Cycling with Brothers of Charity.
- Couch to 30k five week programme in Partnership with Team Sophie Mul Cycling Club.
- Women on Wheels cycling programme and Tour de Burren 50 and 100k cycles.
- Bike Maintenance and workshops.
- All LSP community health and fitness programmes are up and running across the country i.e. Move and Lose, New Year New Start, Older Adult Fitness programmes at 7 Hubs, Men on the Move @ 4 sites, Women on Wheels, Sportshall Athletics, Community Walking, Desk to 5k and for more info email: info@limericksports.ie

4. Customer Services

- For the month of June, the Customer Services Department supported the Council in delivering services and supporting citizens, customers, councillors, communities and businesses who lodged 2,206 requests for service (cases).
- The customer footfall through Reception and Customer Services in Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay in June was 3,869.
- Customer Services (CS) was also involved with training other departments on SugarCRM, some of these departments included: Corporate Services; the Homeless Action Team; Social Development; Design and Delivery and Economic Development.
- The following table details how many cases were recorded on SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) for each Department in June:

Department	No. of cases recorded
Operations and Maintenance	1,458
Community Support Services	292
Planning and Environmental Services	225
Other Departments	136
Customer Services	95
Total	2,206

- Customer Services conducts an online satisfaction survey on a monthly basis with our customers. The responses are very valuable as they empower the citizen to recommend changes and give their opinions on services the Council provides. The following are some survey responses received from our customers during the month:
 - "Staff were very helpful".
 - "The quick response I got was great".
 - "I reported illegal dumping in a rural area and it was cleared away very quickly and a sign put up. Great service".

5. Library Services

- The Granary's, "Rock Record Round Table" met on 9th June and was delighted to welcome special guest, D.J. Nicky Woulfe, who has been a collector of music and music memorabilia all his life. He has been part of the entertainment scene in Limerick for over 40 years.
- To celebrate Bike Week, Green Schools Travel and the Limerick Smarter Travel School Project ran a Miniature Bicycle Competition where students from across the city were invited to make their own miniature bicycle out of recycled material. The competition generated a huge response with over 50 entries from schools throughout the city. Entries from the competition formed part of an exhibition which was displayed in the Granary Library.
- On the 15th June The Granary Library invited pupils, parents and teachers from St. John's National School to visit the library where they were entertained and encouraged to join the library and avail of the wide range of free services.
- School tours are a feature of June for schools and Dooradoyle Library hosted groups from Murroe and Knockainey National Schools. Story time, treasure hunts, word searches, crosswords and nursery rhymes were enjoyed by the pupils.
- Artist Gemma Lawlor exhibited her work early in the month and Multiple Sclerosis Ireland (Limerick Branch) launched an exhibition of their art work, with the official opening on 29th June.
- On 22nd June Dooradoyle Library took centre stage in the Crescent Shopping Centre to promote library services to the general public. The Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children and other

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services such as free online magazines, e-books, training courses and newspapers were brought to the attention of shoppers. It is hoped to make this an annual event to bring the libraries to the attention of those who are not aware of the many services provided.

- The "Summer Stars" free reading club for children was launched in branches before schools finished for the summer. Best-selling author Roisin Meaney, did the honours in Kilmallock Library with the help of children from Scoil Mocheallog.
- During the month of June, Newcastle West Library hosted an art exhibition entitled "No Limits", created by Shanagolden vocational Training Opportunities Scheme. This year's exhibition displayed the work completed by first and second year adult learners, as part of the QQI level 5 painting class. Eimear Brophy, Adult Education Officer with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) opened the exhibition. The library was delighted to be involved with "Second Chance Education" surrounded by first class artwork with "No Limits" to what can be achieved.

6. Limerick Arts Office

- The Cross Party Culture and Arts Working Group put in place by the elected members is in the process of finalising a report of recommendations to bring to the full Council meeting.
- Limerick Arts Office is working strategically with the County Limerick Youth Theatre and Youth Theatre Ireland on developing a sustainable model with stakeholders to enable the leveraging of investment for the County Limerick Youth Theatre into the future. A first draft memorandum of understanding has been circulated and discussed. The County Limerick Youth Theatre is part of the Limerick Arts Office Youth Arts Programme. Youth is a focus area of the Arts Council, Creative Ireland and of the Limerick Cultural Strategy Framework.
- The Arts Council/Communications Media Management Association (CMMA) agreement, A Framework for Collaboration (2016-2025) has a three year work plan (2016-2018) with the commitment that in 2017 the Arts Council will enter into a process of developing an individual Framework Agreement with each local authority. Limerick Arts Office responded to the expression of interest call to be included in the first phase of these framework agreements.

- In association with Words Ireland, a collective of seven Irish literature organisations have come together to create a National Mentoring Programme to provide paying work for professional mentors and support the development for emerging writers. Eleven literature mentoring relationships will be offered in Ireland, one in Limerick via the support of Limerick Arts Office.
- The Culture and Creativity Plan for Limerick as part of Creative Ireland was presented to the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee and unanimously agreed.

7. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Senator Marie-Louise O'Donnell launched her report on Death and Bereavement at Limerick City Gallery of Art on 8th June. The launch was a part of an initiative held in conjunction with Caring Communities and included an exhibition of work by a local group who have focused on death and grief. The event was attended by over 200 people.
- The exhibitions, Reconstructing Memory by Clea van der Grijn and The Graeve Collection from The Model, Sligo, with a special selection of work from the Permanent Collection continued until 17th June.
- Preparatory work took place for the opening of two new exhibitions on 29th June. Artists, Ronnie Hughes, an Arts Council touring exhibition in conjunction with The Model, Sligo, and Chris Doris' works are presented on the upper and ground floor galleries.
- Local artist, Isabella Walsh, has an installation of her work in a gallery on the upper floor – this is part of a three year development of her work.
- An exhibition selected from the Permanent Collection is currently on display. The works selected are aimed at visitors to and from Limerick and aims to provide a gentle overview of the breadth of the collection with works by Yeats, Osborne and Henry included alongside Walter Verling.
- The Director/Curator selected work from the graduate show in Limerick School of Art and

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Design (LSAD) for exhibition at the Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA) next year. The recipient of the LCGA award 2017 is Rachel Myles. This is the third student to have received this award, which aims to offer new graduates the opportunity to work in a professional context and to learn from the experience.

- Continued loan from the Permanent Collection to National Institutions such as the National Gallery of Ireland, The Hunt Museum, Waterford County Museum and Glebe House and Gallery in Donegal, with a total of 28 artworks out on temporary loan.
- Preparatory works continues with the Capital Works Programme with other departments within the Council.
- Total visitors to the Gallery of Art for June was 7,110.

8. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum has seen a dramatic increase in visitor numbers during its first full month opening in its new location at the Franciscan Friary. It received 1,738 visitors, which was a four-fold increase in monthly visitor numbers at its previous location.
- On 24th June 2017, the museum organised a Terry Wogan pop-up Museum as part of the festivities surrounding the unveiling of the Terry Wogan Memorial on Harvey's Quay. Members of the public with memories of Terry were invited to bring their memorabilia to the stand along the boardwalk. Fans from Ireland and Britain shared their photos, letters, souvenirs, family stories and other memorabilia relating to the beloved broadcaster.
- A number of donations have been received, including a Terry Wogan fan club pin and badge; a commemorative silver trowel used to lay the foundation stone of St. John's Church (now Dance Limerick) in St. John's Square and a First World War medal.

9. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 169 complaints were received in June.
- 23 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Litter Pollution Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in three cases under the Waste Management Act.
- 17 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- Three Statutory Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- Three Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 34 complaints were received in June.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 12 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- One Certificate of Compliance was issued under Article 17 of the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations, 2012.
- One warning letter was issued.



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10. Fire and Emergency Services

Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/06/17 – 30/06/17	71	37	108
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	76	45	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	19	48	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	5	7	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications	20	14	0	24	
Disability Access Cert Applications	15	10	0	17	
Licensing Applications	3				
Commencement Notice	49	44	4		48
Completion Certificate	25	17	0		17
Sugar CRM Cases	22				7
Planning Referrals	28				17

Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of June 2017

- Limerick International Food Truck Festival
- Marigold Festival
- Health Service Executive Mid West Staff Summer Games, UL
- Smarter Travel Bike Week Family Day
- Smarter Travel Bike Week Dawn Cycle to Lough Gur
- Limerick Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- Unveiling of Terry Wogan Statue
- Annual Training Camp Delphi, Co. Galway
- Bike Week Family Day, Corbally
- Robbie Williams Concert at the Aviva - assisting Dublin Civil Defence
- Phil Collins Concert at the Aviva - assisting Dublin Civil Defence

11. Public Interest Development Office

- Over 50 expressions of interest were received from community groups for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017, which were shortlisted to 15 by a cross directorate team.
- 15 comprehensive Town and Village applications were submitted to Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs along with two Arts Works applications.
- Two Living City Initiative clinics were held with the Living Cities Initiative Implementation team and two new applications received under the rented residential element of the scheme.
- A Riverway Design Crossing Enabling Review for Limerick, which was launched by the Netherlands Deputy Ambassador to Ireland, Thom Kulk, took place on 27th and 28th June. This included various statutory agencies involved in the river and was

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preceded by a briefing session on 14th June. The review examined options for the Riverway project and will feed into recommendations for appropriate infrastructural provisions to capitalise on the potential of the River Shannon and to improve access and use of the river in the city. Engaged members of the public were invited to attend as well as a consultative group of elected members. As part of the review the Open Navigation Group hosted a flotilla of boats to provide river tours which ended at the Curragower boat club for refreshments.

12. Access to Information

	June	2017 (Jan to June)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	17	84
FOI Internal Appeals	2	3
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	12
Total AIE Requests	1	3

13. Digital Strategy

- The Limerick Digital Strategy Roadmap was finalised on the 8th June. This road map lays out the portfolio of programmes and projects that will be delivered by the strategy stakeholders, some of who including the Council, University of Limerick, Limerick Institute of Technology, Health Service Executive.
- Geographical Place Names.ie Policy was developed that allows community groups to use their townland name as the domain name for their website. Recently Cappamore.ie was assigned to the Cappamore community.
- Limerick.ie now has over 400 customers using the personalised services offered by My Limerick with over 60 customers having access to the My Cases feature.

14. Veterinary Services

- 12 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 55 dogs.
- 12 food samples were submitted during June 2017 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological sampling programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

15. Local Enterprise Office

- Lean for Micro, a joint programme with The Local Enterprise Office Clare, commenced with 11 companies participating.
- Women in Business Network held a cluster event, 35 attended and the topic was "The future is bright with Digital Marketing".
- A new "start your own business" six week course commenced in June while a similar course which started in May is ongoing. 29 people are participating on these courses.
- Four students from Ard Scoil Rís Secondary School, who won the Best Innovation award at the National Enterprise Awards, participated in a week long residential Enterprise Bootcamp in University College Cork and won first prize in the "Dragon's Den" style presentation at the end of the week.

16. Limerick Smarter Travel (LST)

Limerick Smarter Travel ran "BeSpoke" Limerick's cycling festival as part of National Bike Week 2017, which ran from 10th - 18th June. Smarter Travel working in partnership with An Garda Síochána, An Taisce, Limericks Sports Partnership and the Road Safety Authority promoted a week of fun and free cycling events in Limerick's communities, schools and workplaces.

- The highlight of the week was the LST run Family Bike Parade which travelled down the new LST revamped river pathway from O'Brien's Park to the University of Limerick.

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- For the third year running individuals and groups from across the community had the opportunity to avail of funding and support from LST to help them run their very own cycling inspired event. Ten community events were run during National Bike Week. To look back on the fun @LKSmarterTravel #bikeweekie #BeSPOKE.
- Limerick Smarter Travel in conjunction with the Hub Bike shop organised the "Dawn Cycle". The cycle set off from outside Penny's O Connell St at 05.15am and proceeded out to Lough Gur for refreshments and a quick break before making the return journey. A large number of early morning cyclists enjoyed this event, with LST sponsoring the refreshments in Lough Gur.
- A number of limerick Smarter Travel schools participated in National Bike Week, with over 1,000 cycling trips taking place. The schools completed for the LST Golden and Silver Bike Awards which were presented to the School with the highest and second highest numbers of students cycling throughout the week. St Patrick's Girls N.S were the winners of the LST Golden Bike Award and St Brigid's won the Silver Bike Award. Merit certificates were awarded to Gaelscol Chaladh An Treoigh and Milford N.S for their work in promoting behavioural change.
- National Cycle to School day took place on the 14th June. Almost 500 students cycled to school on the day and LST provided goodie bags and cycling workshops as prizes.
- Cyclists were given a number of opportunities to get their bike in shape during National Bike Week with LST organising a number of free minor bike repair events in Mungret, Castletroy, Corbally, Bedford Row and the Parkway Shopping Centre.
- Sharing the road/cycle safety events were organised by LST staff in conjunction with An Garda Siochana.
- Limerick City and County Council as a Smarter Travel Workplace took part in a number of Bike Week events. A lunch time cycle along the canal was organised and Merchant's Quay staff took part in time trials on a seven seater conference bike.

17. Environmental Awareness

Team Limerick Cleanup 3 (TLC3) Waste Characterisation Results announced

- Litter collected during the 2017 TLC campaign was characterised for the first time.
- The study is in line with the National Waste Characterisation Study.
- The intention behind this is to gather information from clean ups to help inform policy locally & nationally.

Snapshot of results:

- 10% soft plastic wrappings (packaging) was the most common material
- 9% clothes
- 8% PET plastic
- 7% Aluminium cans
- 5% paper/cardboard packaging
- < 2% single use paper based cups including coffee cups
- 0.6% Cigarettes and related materials

Startling Statistics:

TLC3 Volunteers collected the following on Good Friday 2017

- 46,526 Glass Bottles
- 123,636 Paper cups
- 319,463 Aluminium cans
- 549,495 PET bottles

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Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

113 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8	1
Housing developments	2
Domestic developments	71
Agricultural developments	4
Commercial developments/change of use	12
Community/educational developments	8
Other developments	15

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the re-development of the Opera Site in Limerick City
- 10 serviced sites in Abbeyfeale

2. Taking in Charge

Housing estates taken in charge in June were as follows:

- Ballyvareen, Kildimo
- Curragh Birin, Castletroy

3. Derelict Sites

- Seven complaints were received
- 14 inspections carried out
- One Statutory Notice was issued
- Eight cases were closed through compliance

4. Dangerous Structures

- Three complaints were received
- Three inspections were carried out
- One Statutory Notice was issued
- One case was closed through compliance

5. Investment

- The financial services company Northern Trust announced 400 new jobs for Limerick, which will be phased in over the next five years. This marks the fourth time Northern Trust has significantly expanded its operations in Limerick.
- Music retailer Golden Discs opened its new store in the city centre. At least eight jobs are to be created as the record retailer opens its store on Cruises Street.

6. Innovate Limerick

Innovate Limerick is progressing plans to develop a Sports Hub which will be located at The Engine, Cecil Street. They are currently preparing a funding application for Enterprise Ireland's Regional Development Fund to establish a National Sports Hub in the region. This project is in line with the Mid West Action Plan for Jobs and this funding would position Limerick at the forefront of sports innovation and initiatives. This is a strategic initiative to developing Ireland's growing sports industry which will also provide a fast landing facility for international companies looking to scale into Europe and provide a location for the organic development of sports entrepreneurs and sport research. Innovate Limerick has engaged with Kernel Capital as a private equity partner for the project.

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7. Communications and Marketing

- Promotional campaign undertaken in Boston as part of collaborative effort from Mid West delegation to highlight Limerick's attractions for investment, tourism, trade and education.
- Twelve week digital marketing campaign underway to promote Limerick as a destination for weekend breaks targeting different market segments over the summer months.
- Commissioned promotional images/media library of West Limerick.
- Produced 10,000 new Experience Limerick driving route maps.
- A total of five Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout June.
- PR support for launch of new Newcastle West Food Tours.

Social Media

- Posted 27 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 16,591.
- Tweeted 11 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 12,478.
- Posted two times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 2,918.
- Tweeted five times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,746.

Limerick.ie

A total of 64,014 people visited the Limerick.ie website in June 2017.

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in June 2017 were:

1. Home | Limerick.ie
2. Limerick International Food Truck Festival | Limerick.ie
3. Council | Limerick.ie
4. Search for a Planning Application | Limerick.ie
5. What's On Guide| Limerick.ie

8. Housing Capital and Regeneration

General Housing Programme (excluding Regeneration)

- The proposed housing project for Kilmurry Court (seven housing units), Garryowen, was granted Part 8 Planning Permission at the June Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- Two new funding schemes to purchase or lease vacant housing units were advertised in local media recently in a bid to source additional housing in Limerick City and County. These schemes are:
 - *New Repair and Leasing Scheme*, which is suitable for Landlords who can access up to €40,000 to upgrade their property and offset the payment over their rental payment for a specific period of time.
 - *Buy and Renew Scheme*, which targets older property in need of large scale works.
- The Housing Delivery Programme was presented to the elected members at the Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale on 13th June.
- Further to the Social Development Directorate's current investigations regarding the sustainable development of lands within the Council's ownership in conjunction with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and private developers to develop mixed tenure and sustainable communities, a workshop on Viability Assessments was held on 20th June. Jerry Barnes, Chartered Surveyor and Town Planner, presented on his experiences of preparing an economic and market viability assessment of the Clonburrish Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Planning Scheme. Clare Holohan-Lee, Senior Property Asset Manager, discussed the various structures available to public landowners to secure and control development on their lands, in addition to the principles of development viability, methods of assessment and examples of development appraisals. This is part of a process to maximise the use of publicly-owned land.
- The first transfer of houses through the revised Part V mechanism has taken place. Part V is an important source of local authority housing, and the transfer of these houses is welcome.

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Regeneration Programme - Capital

- The Thermal Upgrade Programme continues across the four regeneration areas with construction works commencing in Moyross (101 houses) and Southill (39 houses), having received approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG). Approval was also received from the DHPLG for 39 houses in Southill to proceed to Tender.
- Approval was received from the DHPLG to commence construction of St Mary's Park Infill Housing (19 houses).
- Construction of the €3 million Moyross Community Enterprise Centre has commenced. This project will provide enhanced community facilities in the heart of Moyross.

Regeneration Programme - Social

- Consultation on Cliona Park Development six meetings to date - met over 152 residents.
- Hospitality Sector – 76 people completed courses - to date 51 have gained employment and seven have gone onto further education.
- 46 people on Community Employment Schemes.

9. Local Enterprise Office

- Micro Enterprise Grant aid of €258,750 approved in June 2017 bringing the total amount of grant aid approved to date in 2017 to €477,450 for 23 clients.
- Two applicants were approved for new Technical Assistance for Micro Export grant of €2,500 each to attend trade shows abroad.

10. Digital Strategy

- For the Urbact EU project Techtown, staff from the Digital Strategy department attended a two day workshop in Gavle, Sweden the subject of which was the digital transformation of traditional industry.

11. Water Services

Minor Capital Works

- Watermain rehabilitation works complete at Brick Lodge, Clarina.
- Watermain Leak Detection and Repair contracts progressing in Limerick City.



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Organisational Development

1. Communications

- Issued 23 news releases from the Office of Communications and Marketing
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 36 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total fans now 8,400

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Annual Meeting	26.06.2017	Dooradoyle
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting	19.06.2017 23.06.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of: (a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting	13.06.2017 13.06.2017	Rathkeale Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting	07.06.2017 28.06.2017	Newcastle West Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock: Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting	15.06.2017 15.06.2017	Kilmallock Kilmallock
Operational Briefing's Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	06.06.2017 06.06.2017 06.06.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Travel and Transportation Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Environment Community Leisure and Emergency Services	12.06.2017 12.06.2017 26.06.2017 21.06.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
Local Community Development Committee	06.06.2017	Merchant's Quay
Special Local Community Development Committee Meeting	20.06.2017	Merchant's Quay
Audit Committee	21.06.2017	Dooradoyle
Suicide Prevention Group Meeting	21.06.2017	Merchant's Quay

3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

Initial Fire Fighter Recruits Course	3 Fire Fighters
DeWalk Powertools	11 Fire Fighters
Fire Safety Engineering Seminar	8 Fire Officers

4. Digital Strategy

- CRM Mobile App Pilot with nine users from Operations & Maintenance services has been completed during June. A number of recommendations regarding the app functionality and mobile device selection have been made in advance of the roll-out of Wave 1.
- As part of the Records Management Project, Sharepoint 2016 along with Office 2016 was successfully piloted in Corporate Services in co-operation with our colleagues in ICT and Archives.

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Financial Matters

1. Home Improvement Schemes

JUNE 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€4,415.00	1	€23,448.94	2	€4,712.00	2
Metropolitan	€23,910.00	7	€30,034.10	5	€17,003.45	7
Newcastle West	€22,045.00	5	€22,372.50	2	€29,047.41	5
Rathkeale	€19,245.00	4	€0.00	0	€3,230.00	1
	€69,615.00	17	€75,855.54	9	€54,762.76	15

Total Monies issued January to June 2017 = €1,063,914.89

Total Grants issued in June 2017 = 41

JANUARY TO JUNE 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€33,888.46	9	€115,580.94	8	€49,672.56	13
Metropolitan	€120,757.16	30	€153,394.31	18	€82,093.79	33
Newcastle West	€113,273.38	27	€66,789.38	9	€203,141.89	45
Rathkeale	€53,456.38	12	€22,599.31	4	€49,267.33	11
	€321,375.38	78	€358,363.94	39	€384,175.57	102

Total Monies issued January to June 2017 = €1,063,914.89

Total Grants issued January to June 2017 = 219

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2017	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/04/2017	% Collection
€1,957,582	€6,539,967	€8,497,549	€6,382,579	€2,114,970	75.11%

3. Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2017	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Vacant Property Adjustment €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	Total for Collection €	Amount Collected €	Arrears €	Specific Doubtful Arrears €	% Collected
As at 30th June 2017	18,789,867	53,918,539	504,167	1,148,751	71,055,488	28,687,720	42,367,768	4,153,437	43%

The Date for Making the 2017 Rate was 2nd February 2017

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 30th June 2017	537,803	644,798	532	1,183,133	783,237	399,896	66%

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

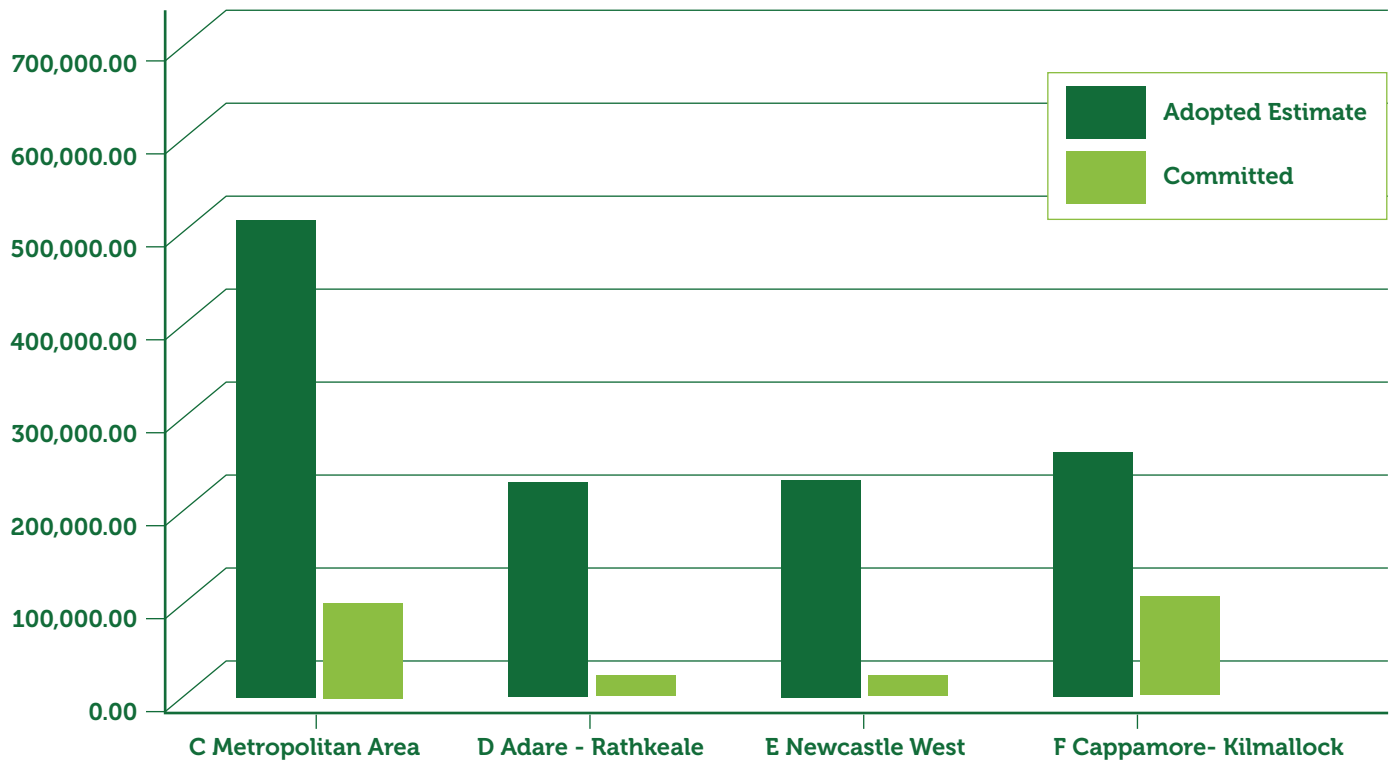
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2017

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 30th June 2017



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	83,644
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	15,500
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	13,985
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	90,291