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Re: Development Fund Allocations 2015

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I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2015 as appendix 1 to this document.

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 Contribution total income of €1.4 net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for this year and the expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The monies outlined below are to be collected under the various Development Contribution Schemes adopted by Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council and are specific to the area in which they are to be collected. Consequently €1.2m is proposed to be assigned in the 'old' County area and €0.2m in the 'old' City area. Prior to any new allocation for 2015, it was necessary to provide the sum of €310,338, to cover funding for projects approved last year, but which could not commence or were only partially completed due to a shortfall in the amount of development contributions collected as compared to projected collection levels. These projects are set out at Appendix 3.

Sixty nine (69) projects with a value of €22m were put forward for consideration for funding. The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 30 projects. The criteria for assessment of projects included, meeting the City /County split and meeting the allocations of funding for Transport, Recreation/Amenity, and Community/Ancillary as set out in the various Contribution Schemes. The proposal also takes into account a geographical split of available monies.

The €1.4m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2015. The proposals may be revised during the year 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.

There is a significant increase in funding proposed for Unfinished Estates/Taking in Charge for 2015, reflecting the high levels of activity in this area over the past two years. Housing estates in Corbally, Rhebogogue, Athea, Bruree, Loughill, Fr Russell Road and Abbeyfeale will benefit from this specific allocation. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawdown of bonds in order to bring such unfinished estates up to the minimum standards. Details of the estates are set out at Appendix 2.

Provision is made for Phase II of the road, footpath and public lighting works on the Lower Golf Links Road in Castletroy. Funding for the design work for Patrickswell Urban Village project has been provided as well as funding for the design of Lynch's Corner in Caherconlish.

The sum of €60,000 is being made available to meet the requests from Councillors to provide pedestrian crossings at strategic locations.

A provision of €200,000 is made for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan/Municipal level. Proposals to be brought to the various meetings in due course. The proposed breakdown of this funding is €80,000 for the Metropolitan District and €40,000 for each of the Municipal Districts.

Account is taken of commitments given to local community groups to provide funding in respect of Community Enterprise Centre at Croom, Lough Gur Heritage Centre, Enterprise Units at Kilmallock, etc. Provision has also been made to assist in the development of the Ballyneety Recreational & Community Park.

For the first time there is a specific allocation for small infrastructural works outlined in the recently launched Age Friendly Limerick Strategy 2015-2020.

A sum of €150,000 is provided towards Forward Planning costs. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Development Contribution Scheme which takes account of the critical nature of Forward Planning in identifying the infrastructural requirements for the coming years and in putting in place the various land use strategies and plans to facilitate the long term development of the city and county.

A full breakdown of the allocations for 2015 is attached for your information.

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Appendix 1 - Development Fund 2015 – Proposed Allocations

Note: Income from Development Levies for 2015 (excluding water) is estimated as €1.4m (€1.2m from County Schemes and €0.2m from City Schemes).

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed	Comment
Transportation Projects	Unfinished Estates / Taking in Charge	€200,000	7 estates (2 in City and 5 in County). Significant legacy issues in roads, public lighting and open spaces (See appendix 2).
	Public Realm City Centre	€20,000	O'Connell Street/ Cruises Street activation measures under Limerick 2030
	2014 Projects (incl. Area allocations)	€310,338	Projects granted partial funding under 2014 scheme. Debit balances to be cleared on key projects (See appendix 3).
	Limerick City Centre Upgrade Strategy	€30,000	Limerick 2030 Streets initiative
	Golf Links Road (Lower)	€50,000	Phase II of works commenced in 2014
	Patrickswell Village Urban Design	€15,000	Agreed at Metropolitan Area
	Abbeyfeale Centre – Traffic Management	€10,000	NRA matching Funds
	Lynchs Corner, Caherconlish	€10,662	Design work
	Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale	€74,000	Footpath and public lighting from estate to town. Balance to be provided from 2016 Scheme.
	Pedestrian Crossings	€60,000	To be distributed between the Municipal/Metropolitan Districts
	Sub-Total	€780,000	
Recreation/Amenity and Community Projects	Lough Gur Heritage Centre	€20,000	Annual commitment to 2017
	Ballyneety Recreational & Community Park	€50,000	Agreed at Adare / Rathkeale level
	Peoples Park	€20,000	Replacement footpath development
	Litter Bin Replacement	€20,000	City and County locations

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed	Comment
	Croom Community Enterprise Centre	€30,000	Annual commitment to 2016
	Kilmallock Enterprise Projects	€25,000	Annual commitment
	Social Innovation Project, Abbeyfeale	€30,000	Kitchen incubator Unit in former school, Abbeyfeale.
	Capital Works – Age Friendly Strategy	€20,000	Projects in Cappmore and Limerick Northside
	LA Estate Enhancement Scheme	€8,000	Selected estates in County
	Caherdavin Community Centre Feasibility Study	€5,000	Agreed at Metropolitan level
	Irish Ancestry Research Centre	€10,000	Upgrade of 69 O’Connell Street (in Council’s ownership)
	Askeaton Leisure Centre Upgrade	€20,000	Capital works due to 2014 flooding
	Irish Aerial Creation Centre	€12,000	Capital works and equipment for community use at UL campus.
	Sub-Total	€270,000	
Ancillary	Municipal / Metropolitan District allocation	€200,000	Proposed: Metro:€80K Districts:€40k each.
	Salaries – Forward Planning	€150,000	Salary and associated costs for two staff members
	Sub-Total	€350,000	
	Grand Total	€1,400,000	

Overall Totals

Business Area	Funding Proposed	% of Total
Transportation	€830,000	59%
Recreation/Amenity/Community	€570,000	41%
Total	€1,400,000	100%

Appendix 2

2015 Development Fund Allocation

Allocation €200,000

	Estate	Electoral Division
1	Meadowbrook, Corbally	Limerick North
2	Rhebogue Meadows, Rhebogue	Limerick North
3	Rathronan, Athea	Newcastle West
4	Ait Ailinn, Railway Road, Bruree	Cappamore/Kilmallock
5	Asgard Cove, Loughill	Adare/Rathkeale
6	Ballinvoher. Fr. Russell Road	Limerick West
7	Willowbrook, Abbeyfeale	Newcastle West

Appendix 3 - 2014 Transportation Scheme Projects	
Mungret Distribution Road	€49,915.89
R445 Dublin Road Access Improvement	€80,000.00
Croom TC	€2,784.08
Prov Footpaths Southhill twds Rathuard	€5,158.01
Prov of Footpaths Patrickswell Clarina Road	€2,234.02
Traffic Calming Churchill Meadows	€3,067.23
Mungret School Car Park	€3,000.00
Provision of footpath station road Adare	€3,915.17
Ext footpath Main Street Adare	€7,000.00
Provision Walkway Fedamore	€17,750.69
Provision of footpath Towerfield Road Croom	€13,718.52
Sli Na Slainte walk Askeaton	€273.12
Overlay Glin	€10,520.68
Footpath Ballingarry	€19,492.15
Golf Links Road	€14,000.00
Bridge Street Cappamore	€10,229.99
Castleconnell/Montpelier Village	€13,673.07
Elm Park/ Milford Grange	€9,306.05
Doon Village	€3,602.98
Ahane	€1,606.30
DF Development of Walkway Holycross to the Pike	€3,854.73
DF Footpath Replacement Kilmallock 2014 Deebert Jn	€126.96
DF Footpath Replacement Knockainey	€5,298.86
DF development of Co Co lands adj to Town Wall in Kilmallock	€3,770.00
DF Pedestrian Bridge at North Bridge Kilmallock	€11,039.50
Wards Road, Tournafulla	€15,000.00
Total	€310,338.00