

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Metropolitan District of Limerick

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Malachy McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the status of the refurbishment of the vacant housing units in the three storey block at Bourke Avenue for which design work commenced last year?

Response to Notice of Motion

Limerick City and County Council have submitted a cost plan for the refurbishment 12 units on Bourke Avenue to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community, Local Government on the 26 May 2017 and are awaiting decision.

Aidan Doyle  
Project Manager  
Design and Delivery

  
13 July 2017

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017

Question submitted by by Cmlr S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting why there has been so few meetings of the Horse Control Committee, when it is envisaged that this committee will begin to meet regularly, the current spend so far this year on horse control, the number seized, the number reclaimed, and the number put down.

REPLY:

The Council established a control of horses working group to consider the ongoing matters in relation to horse control and in particular the urban horse issue. The working group comprises a small number of Elected Members and staff. A particular focus of the group is examining the feasibility of establishing a horse project in the Limerick City area. This was on foot of the possibility of obtaining funding for same from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. A number of other local authorities were also considering the possibility of such a project. As a result, the Council organised a visit to an existing horse project in Tralee and this took place on the 13th March 2017.

On foot of this successful visit it was planned to carry out a further site visit to the Clondalkin Equine Club and the Dunsink Horse Club shortly thereafter. Unfortunately due to the unavailability of Elected Members on the proposed date it was agreed to defer the second visit until later in the year. The Council will work with Members to select a suitable date to visit the Dublin projects and the working group can meet as required.

So far in 2017, 74 horses have been seized of which 4 were recovered by the owners, 9 were re-homed, and 60 were euthanised. One horse was in the pound on the instant date of this reply. Expenditure to date in 2017 is €90,000. It should be borne in mind that this service is demand driven and this influences the cost to the Council.

The Council continues to raise the various issues pertaining to the operation of the control of horses legislation at a national level. At a local level revised bye-laws aimed at prohibiting sulky racing have been drafted and have been advertised for public consultation.

A report on the submissions received will be prepared for consideration by the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee at an early date for onward reference to the Full Council.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Lehane', is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

**Kieran Lehane,**  
**Director,**  
**Physical Development Directorate**  
**10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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**REPLY:**

Horse Control Statistics 1 January 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 .

Horses seized:	74
Horses released to owners:	4
Horses rehomed:	9
Horses euthanized as per bye-laws:	60
In pound at 10/07/2017	1

Expenditure on Horse Control to 1 January 2017 10 July 2017: €89,327.14

**John McCarthy,  
Veterinary Services,**

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**Question submitted by Councillor Séighin Ó Ceallaigh**

I will ask at the next meeting when the Council decided to go to Part 8 with the Opera Centre Site, when the plans were finalised, when internal briefings occurred, who made the decision to give Councillors just 2 days notice to become available for the briefing and will there be another briefing organised for Councillors with adequate notice to be given.

**REPLY:**

The Council in May 2016 requested Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC (then LCO Enterprise Development Company) to prepare design frameworks for each of the strategic sites identified in Limerick 2030. The purpose of the design frameworks is to identify the optimum use mix and key urban design principles that should apply to their development and to examine the business case for their development.

The Opera Site was the first such site to be examined by Limerick 2030. Limerick 2030 DAC has completed a full development appraisal of the site and prepared a comprehensive master plan for its development based on generating an economic and social return for Limerick.

The revised master plan was approved by the board of Limerick 2030 in December 2016 and the proposal to use the Part 8 process was identified as a means of progressing the development to the next stage. Detailed design work on the planning application has taken place since February with a target date of June 30th for the submission of the application agreed with the Chief Executive. These plans were finalised in June of this year by the board of Limerick 2030 who requested that a briefing be arranged for Councillors. This briefing was arranged once all documentation for the submission of the planning application was completed which unfortunately resulted in the short notice being given.

All Councillors were provided with the press release in advance of its publication and provided with copies of the briefing given on the 30th of June. Limerick 2030 DAC have offered to make themselves available to Councillors should they require additional information. It is intended that prior to completion of the public consultation phase that a further briefing will be given to Councillors on all submissions received prior to the meeting of the Metropolitan District to decide on the application.

**Brian Kennedy**  
**A/Director of Services**  
**Economic Development Directorate.**