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Reply to question submitted by Councillor Jerome Scanlon on Housing Loans:

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON ...Monday 25th September, 2017.....

Question submitted by Councillor Jermone Scanlan

I will ask at the next meeting (a) the number of housing loans approved for first time purchasers in the 3 years 2014/2016 and in the year to date ; (b) the number of drawdowns in each case.

REPLY:

The number of loans approved and drawn down in the 3 years 2014 to 2016 and in 2017 to date are as follows;

2014 - 8 loans approved	2014 -- 6 loans drawn down (4 of which approved in 2013)
2015 - 1 loan approved	2015 - 5 loans drawn down (4 of which approved late 2014)
2016 - 3 loans approved (incl 1 Tenant Purchase)	2016 - no loans drawn down
2017 to date - 10 loans approved (incl 4 tenant purchase)	2017 to date 3 loans drawn down

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audrey Crowe".

Audrey Crowe
Senior Staff Officer
05/09/2017.

Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

25th September 2017

Question submitted by Cllr. Jerome Scanlan

"I will ask at the next Meeting (a) the current numbers approved for Housing with Limerick City and County Council; (b) the number in the pipeline awaiting approval; (c) the number of tenancies allocated in each of the first 8 months of 2017; (d) the average waiting period between the date of allocation and tenant/s taking up residency".

Reply:

(a) Number of approved applicants on Limerick City and County Council waiting list.

3260 applicants approved as at 31/08/2017

(b) number in the pipeline awaiting approval

274 Applications awaiting assessment and decision as at 31/08/2017

(c) the number of tenancies allocated in each of the first 8 months.

See attached breakdown as at 31/08/2017

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units August 2017	12	5	4	5	26
Year to Date	142	15	12	25	194

(d) Average waiting period between the date of allocation and the tenant taking up residency is **4 weeks.**

However there are cases whereby the Council may allocate a property in advance of the property being ready for occupation. In such cases, the prospective tenant is notified at allocation stage of the expected completion date.

Signed: 
Dave Hennessy
A/ Senior Executive Officer

06th September 2017

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 25th September, 2017.

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how many State Agencies are responsible for the River Galey in Athea; (b) when will the proposed drainage works begin; and (c) what works exactly are to be carried out.

REPLY:

(a) Athea is an area that was considered for detailed flood risk assessment, and appraisal of options to manage flood risk, under the Shannon Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment & Management (CFRAM) Study which was led by the OPW. Detailed flood mapping has been prepared for Athea and options for managing flood risk in the village have been considered. Following consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan for the Tralee Bay – Feale River Basin (UoM23) in the 2nd half of 2016, the final Plan for this region has been prepared and has been sent for consideration by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. The River Galey in Athea is not within the remit of the OPW for maintenance and is subject to maintenance by the riparian owner. The works that are proposed in the River Galey in Athea under the CFRAM Study can be carried out by Limerick City and County Council as the cost of the works are within the OPW - Minor Works Programme threshold.

(b) It is hoped by the OPW that the national suite of plans will receive approval within the coming weeks, after which the Plans will be presented to the Local Authorities and the public. As the works in Athea are minor in the scale of national projects it is likely that it could be implemented by the Limerick City and County Council under the OPW-funded Minor Works programme, subject to environmental assessment, public consultation and detailed design. The announcement with regard to approval of funding for all proposed works is still awaited from the Department so a definitive date for works to commence cannot be determined at this time. Limerick City and County Council have employed an Executive Engineer whose role is to work on all CFRAM projects.

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(c) The Plan for the Tralee Bay – Feale River Basin includes a proposed measure for Athea, which includes approximately 150m embankment on the east bank upstream of the Bridge and approximately 150m flood wall on the west bank downstream of the Bridge. The proposed scheme is designed to a standard of protection against the 1:100 annual — probability flood event.

**Ben Noonan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Newcastle West Municipal District.**

21st September, 2017.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a list of all Council-owned land zoned Residential and all other lands deemed suitable for residential development, subject to zoning, and for confirmation of estimated timeframe for the building of social and/or affordable houses.

Response to Question

The Assessment for Selecting Sites for Housing (ASH) for Limerick City was developed by Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) to identify, in an objective and consistent manner, suitable Council-owned sites for housing in appropriate locations. The policy was presented at the Housing SPC on the 11th April 2016. A total of 23 of the 80 Council-owned sites located in the Limerick city area have passed the strategic constraints filter (zoning, flood risk, environmental designations, etc.) with a number of sites deemed developable in the short to medium term for housing and are identified in Table 1 below. Since April 2016, a number of landbanks have been progressed and funding obtained from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for social housing.

In relation to Council-owned sites in Limerick City and County generally, the executive of LCCC are currently assessing and preparing a Strategic Development and Management Plan for the earliest possible development of Council-owned lands for social, affordable and private tenure in accordance with Circular APH 02/2017 issued by the DHPLG. LCCC will be in a position to issue a Strategic Development and Management Plan by the 30th September 2017 listing all LCCC sites zoned residential and other LCCC lands suitable for residential use. A yield of units in terms of a minimum density threshold will also be listed for each site in addition to an estimated timeframe for delivery. The Strategic Development and Management Plan will be made available for viewing to the Elected Members.

ASH sites as at September 2017

Map Ref.	Address
7	Infill site at Fair Green Road
15	Infill site at Glasgow Park
29	Infill site Ballinacurra Weston beside sports pitch in Our Lady of Lourdes

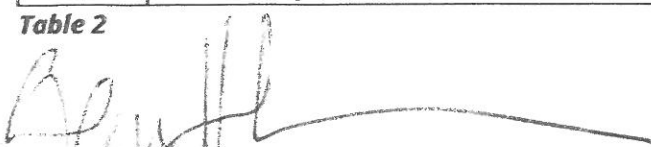
33	'Clonmacken Road' - Condell Road (within non flood prone area)
45	Infill site at Kilmurry Court
46	Infill site to the rear of housing at Upper Carey's Road
48	Infill site at Sarsfield Court
52	Infill at 'the Orchard' site
53	Parade Park site
54	Infill Nicholas Street site
55	Infill at Sheep Street
56	Infill Site at Island Road
57	Infill site at Gaol Lane
58	Mary Street (beside Gaelcholaiste)
59	Mary Street (CHAS Flats)
66	Site at corner of Wickham St/Parnell Street
67	Infill site at Carey's Road
68	Former Hyde Road Apartments
69	Beside Train Station
70	Site behind Bourke Ave fronting onto Russell Park
71	Lord Edward Street
81	Guinness Site
85	Vance's Lands

Table 1

In addition to the 23 sites listed above, a number of Council-owned sites have been identified in the statutory Regeneration Areas of Ballinacurra Weston, Southill and Moyross for housing with the aim of improving tenure-mix through affordable private owner-occupation and private rental in accordance with Core Strategy of the Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended) and as part of the tenure diversification strategy adopted in the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan. Developments of these sites are seen as long-term projects. These sites are outlined below in Table 2.

Map Ref.	Address
82	Coonagh lands
83	Glenagross Park
84	Adjacent to Cratloe Court Drive
28	Clarina Park
23	Toppin's Field
24	Rathbane adjacent to rail-line

Table 2



Seamus Hanrahan,
Senior Architect,
Social Development Directorate.

21st September 2017

Limerick City and County Council

Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

25th September 2017

Questions submitted by Cmhr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

"I will ask at the next Meeting how many people are currently in hotels as emergency accommodation, how many of those are children, and what is the cost per room to the taxpayer".

Reply:

- As of close of business 19/9/17, there are 61 families in emergency B&B / Hotel accommodation.
- There are 195 people in emergency B&B / Hotel accommodation, including 111 children.
- Emergency B&B / Hotel accommodation is funded by the Department of Social protection. The average cost per room per week lies between €800 and €900.

Signed: 

Dave Hennessy
A/Senior Executive Officer
Community Support Services

19th September 2017



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COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday 25th September 2017

Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting has any consideration been given to allowing people to add themselves to the Register of Electors using an online form as an alternative to the current paper form; would this require changes to national legislation, and could it be piloted in Limerick.

REPLY:

While the preparation of the Register of Electors is a matter for each local Registration Authority the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has commenced work on the modernisation of the voter registration process. This is in the context of facilitating the registration of voters resident outside the State, in the event of an extension of the franchise at Presidential Elections being approved by the people in a referendum. All aspects of voter registration, including online applications will be reviewed as part of this project.

At present Dublin Local Authorities are piloting an ongoing voter.ie project (developed by Avnet) that is to include an online portal and have been developing that over the last number of years. It is envisaged that this piloted system will be rolled out nationally once complete. To date national legislation has not been changed to facilitate this.

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FULL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting how many acres of Council-owned lands in Mungret are zoned Residential, how many houses can be located on the site in accordance with average recommended density for the area and what the proposed timeline for developing this site is.

Response to Question

An application for funding was made under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for Mungret and was successful in March 2017. The Government announced €10.5 million in funding for roads infrastructure to allow for the development of new homes.

The LIHAF infrastructure will ensure the delivery of approximately 800 residential units on 25 hectares (62 acres approx.) of land owned by Limerick City and County Council, with 250 of these units required to be completed by 2021 and a further 200 homes to be delivered on privately owned lands by 2021, under the terms of the LIHAF agreement. The remaining number of units (approximately 350 no. new homes) will be delivered in a balanced incremental manner by 2030.



Seamus Hanrahan,

Senior Architect,

Social Development Directorate.

21st September 2017

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER, 2017

Question submitted by Cllr. Paul Keller

I will ask at the next Meeting, with regard to the scaling up of the CPO programmes in each local authority, and which has been sanctioned as a safe way to proceed by the Attorney General, (a) how many CPO orders on vacant dwellings have been issued by the Council in the past 2 years; (b) how many of these orders have reached a successful conclusion; (c) what budget has been allocated by this Council to secure vacant dwellings using the CPO method; and (d) when did this Council first use this method with regard to vacant houses.

REPLY:

No CPO acquisitions of vacant dwellings were carried out over the last two years. There have been 3 dwellings successfully acquired using CPO powers under Derelict sites legislation over the last few years.

No specific budget has been allocated by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in this regard. However, from the 2nd October 2017, Limerick City and County Council will establish an "Urban & Village Renewal Department" to provide an enhanced response to dealing with vacant sites/property, derelict sites and delivering public realm improvement. Also, a Derelict Sites Action Plan, to work in tandem with a Vacant Homes Action Plan will be developed as part of an ongoing and increased focus on addressing dereliction. The preferred method of acquisition will be via agreement where possible but where it is appropriate the Council will use its full range of statutory powers, including CPO powers to meet its objectives.

In relation to budgets the cost of all approved Housing acquisitions is recouped under the Housing Capital Programme from central government. Budgetary requirements will be dealt with as part of the normal Budget procedure for 2018. The setting up of the new "Urban & Village Renewal Department" shows Limerick's commitment to this area.

Jayne Leahy
Head of Property Services
Dated 22nd September, 2017