

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Economic Development

Date: 12th September, 2017

QUESTION

Metropolitan District of Limerick

I will ask at the next meeting if the Council has had any further talks with the owners of Parkway Valley site at the Dublin Road over its dereliction and future development.

Signed: Councillor Elena Secas

REPLY:

The site has been inspected and a notice is being prepared under Section 8(2) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, notifying the owner(s) of the Council's intention to enter it onto the Derelict Sites Register.

Signed: Pat Daly
Deputy Chief Executive

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will ask at the next meeting if the Council has reviewed its social housing units to ensure that all safety measures are fully functional and in place, such as early warning systems, including alarm and detection systems and means of escape including corridors, stairways, etc.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has 5300 dwellings in its remit. The fire safety requirements differ depending on the type of building and its construction.

Housing Standards for Rented Houses Regulations apply to all houses let by a Housing Authority. The Regulations have been updated since 1st July 2017 and additional items have been included.

The requirements are that the following should be provided in all single houses:

- a fire blanket,
- smoke alarm on the ground floor and each upper floor landing if applicable

If the dwellings are part of multi-unit buildings then the following is now a requirement:

- smoke alarms as per above
- emergency evacuation plan and notice
- where the units are accessed via a common area, a common fire detection and alarm system is required
- emergency lighting required in the common areas
- fire blanket in each apartment

All Council houses which are allocated on a first time basis or a re-let are finished to the highest standards and include all of the above as a minimum.

The above requirements are a higher standard than previously required and to ensure that all Council houses are meeting current standards, Operations and Maintenance will shortly carry out an extensive and detailed survey of all its housing stock. This survey will include all areas of fire safety and a complete record will be prepared for maintenance purposes. Any deficiencies with regard to these regulations will be highlighted and rectified as soon as possible.

Limerick City and County Council have also a register of multi-unit dwellings where they are approached via an internal common area. This register makes account of the fire detection and alarm system along with the emergency lighting and the date of the last service of each system.

Yvonne Berkery, Operations and Maintenance Service

13/09/2017.

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Paul Keller

I will ask at the next meeting, in relation to air quality monitoring and in the event of a breach in the recommended air quality guidelines (especially at the Irish Cement, Mungret monitor);

What plan or action is activated, to counteract the breach, especially in relation to the more serious "Suspend" particulates, PM10 / PM2.5 / PM1.

How often is the information collected or monitored, and by whom?

Do the monitors themselves need servicing, if so, how often?

Is it possible to install an additional monitor in close proximity to the children's playground and school in Mungret College?

Reply:

I wish to advise as follows in relation to the various queries as outlined above:

The three air quality monitors were installed to allow the public to access information on their local air quality. It should be noted that breaches of the air quality standards at any of the monitors could result from a range of factors including domestic fires, road traffic as well as industrial emissions.

The Council will endeavour to investigate, where appropriate, complaints received regarding air pollution from the public. The complaint will be referred to the EPA for investigation and enforcement where it is suspected the breach comes from any industrial facility which is licensed by the EPA.

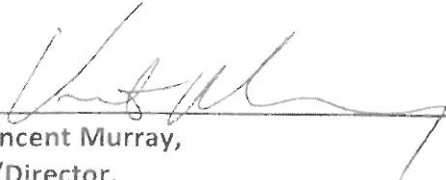
The Council will investigate where the breach is in relation to facilities regulated by the Council or in the case of breaches related to non compliance with relevant regulations such as the Solid Fuels regulations etc.

The data is uploaded to the internet automatically from monitor every 15 minutes. It is available through the website hosted by Turnkey Instruments Limited (www.airqweb.co.uk).

It is necessary to change the filters in the monitors every 3 - 4 months.

The monitor in Mungret is currently located at the OPW offices at Temple Mungret House.

This location is approximately 750m from the playground/school and would be indicative of air quality at the playground and school.



Vincent Murray,
A/Director,
Physical Development Directorate
15th September 2017

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville

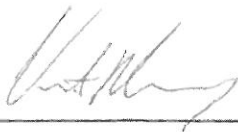
I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the discussions with Bus Eireann and the NTA about organising a 'Car Free City' day or weekend with free public transport. This was proposed at the February Metropolitan meeting, and unanimously endorsed at the SPC level, but we have not heard any more. It is probably too late for this years European Mobility Week which is now upon us, but should be pursued for next year at least.

Reply:

I wish to advise that the following recommendation was considered and adopted by the Full Council at its Meeting on the 29th May 2017;

"That the Council contact Bus Eireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) about organising a 'Car Free City' day or weekend, where public transportation would be free in order to encourage more people to use this vital public service, in order to help tackle pollution and climate change".

The Council subsequently wrote to the National Transport Authority and Bus Eireann and the reply received from the National Transport Authority will be included as an Item of Correspondence on the Agenda for the full Council meeting to be held on the 25th September 2017.



Vincent Murray,
A/Director,
Physical Development Directorate
14th September 2017

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Economic Development
Date: 12th September, 2017

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting to be held on Monday, 18th September, 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on my motion from the April Metropolitan meeting to amend our development plan to ban incineration, gasification, fracking etc.. This was sent to the Economic & Development SPC but it that seems to have scheduled no meetings for May, June, July, August, or September.

Reply

The notice of motion as submitted by Councillor Prendiville at the Metropolitan Meeting on 18th April 2017 was placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC which was held on 12th June 2017, to which he was invited. As the Councillor was not in attendance at the said meeting it was adjourned to the next meeting of the SPC, in accordance with normal practice.

The Question will appear again on the Agenda of the SPC at its next meeting scheduled for 9th October 2017.

Signed: *Pat Daly*

Director of Service
Economic Development

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 18th September, 2017

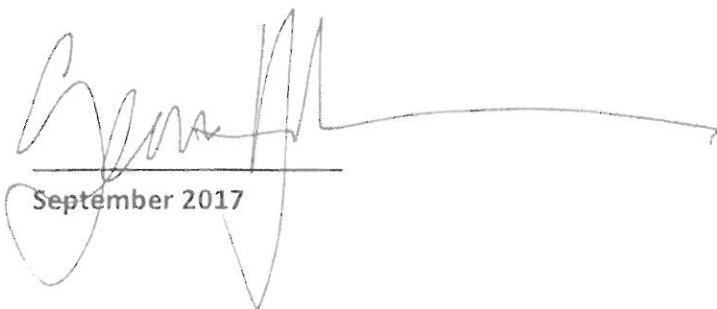
Question submitted by Councillor S. O'Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting, for the estimated cost to complete each of the regeneration projects in Limerick City

Response to Notice of Motion

The Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP) adopted by the elected members of Limerick City Council on 24th February 2014 projects an overall budget for the physical regeneration project of €253 million, over the 10 year timeframe of the programme. The overall Regeneration Programme including social and economic expenditure totals €293 million. The average expenditure is €30 million annually. The estimated expenditure from 2018 to the completion of the programme is €173 million.

Seamus Hanrahan
Senior Architect
Social Directorate



September 2017

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning and Environmental Services

Date: 13th September, 2017

QUESTION

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Question submitted by Cmhr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting, how much the Irish Cement Oral Hearing cost Limerick City and County Council, in terms of consultants, staff and travel.

REPLY:

As part of the appeal in relation to the development at the Limerick Cement Factory at Castlemungret, Co. Limerick, An Bord Pleanála decided to hold an Oral Hearing.

This 4-days hearing required the attendance of the Planning Authority, with the Senior Planner, the Senior Executive Planner and the Area Planner. The existing staff's salaries were covered accordingly.

In terms of external consultancy and assistance, the Planning Authority was represented by Leahy/Reidy Consortium and Senior Counsel. The final costs are not yet available.

Signed: **Stephane Duclot**
 A/Senior Planner
 Planning & Environmental Services Department

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Malachy McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting that clarification be provided with regard to the unfinished road works on Lord Edward Street at the junctions with Meagher Ave/Caledonian Square and Wolfe Tone St. This is currently a very dangerous traffic concern.

Reply:

The Council's Traffic Section has met the contractor on site and has instructed removal of unauthorised white lining. Otherwise there are no safety concerns with these works. The contractor has a license in place for the progression of the works until the end of September. The majority of the works will be completed at that stage, but I understand that he will need to seek an extension of the license into October to complete the works outright. These works will involve a total resurfacing of the public road and permanent road marking will not be in place until this work is done.

Gerard O'Connor
A/Senior Engineer
Operations & Maintenance Services
Service Operations.

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 18th September, 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Malachy McCreesh

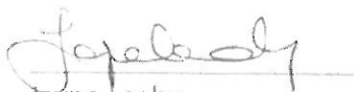
I will ask at the next meeting for an update with regard to the renewal of the lease of the Arthur's Quay car park. In a reply to question raised at the June Metropolitan meeting, it was stated that the Council would be in a position shortly to revert with proposals.

REPLY:

The Council has held a lease on Arthurs Quay Multi Storey Car Park for the past 26 years with an option to purchase the car park into infinity. The council has entered into a sub letting arrangement over the same period for the operation of the car park.

Due to complexities involved in the legal structure that was originally entered into, and the implications of redeeming the loan with the existing sinking fund, discussions have not yet progressed to the stage at which it can be presented to the Council. Negotiations are still ongoing. Both the Council's legal advisors and those representing Arthurs Quay Car Park are currently in negotiations to identify an acceptable outcome.

In addition, the Council is engaged with external property advisors and valuers to ensure the most optimal solution for the council is achieved.



Jayne Leahy
Head of Property Services

Date: 13th September 2017

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning and Environmental Services

Date: 12th September, 2017

QUESTION

Metropolitan District of Limerick

I will at the next meeting that the Council re-engage with the three principal owners of the derelict site at the junction of Rosbrien Road and Ballinacurra, opposite Punches to enable the provision of a temporary car park for school traffic with the arrival of St. Paul's School into the former Scoil Carmel Campus.

Signed: Councillor Joe Leddin

REPLY:

Under the Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016, the current zoning matrix does not allow for land use as a temporary car park.

This site may not be the most suitable site for the provision of a school car park. However, the Council will engage with the management of St. Paul's School to discuss potential alternative locations.

Signed: Stephane Duclot,
A/Senior Planner,
Planning and Environmental Services