

## COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### Question submitted by Councillor Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how many overground slurry systems are in Co. Limerick, (b) how many have bunded areas, and (c) what is the average cost to install bunded areas around these systems.

### Reply

It is believed that, based on permissions granted, there are approximately 230 overground slurry towers in Co. Limerick.

The Council cannot confirm how many of these towers have bunds, but believes it is likely that relatively few of the towers have bunds.

Where bunds are being put in place, they are generally installed at the time of construction, remote from the tank using the soil removed from the excavation for the tank and existing landscape features. The cost is therefore just that associated with having a machine and driver on site and is generally fairly minimal.

As such, it is difficult to quantify an average cost as the cost of putting in place the bund will vary from case to case having regard to the size of the bund, the gradient of the land, time of construction etc.



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**Kieran Lehane**  
**Director of Service**  
**Physical Development Directorate**  
**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

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**Question submitted by Cmhr. S Ó Ceallaigh**

I will ask at the next meeting how many tenants of the HAP scheme are not on the housing waiting list as requiring public housing?

**REPLY:**

In order to be eligible for HAP supports all applicants must, in the first instance, qualify for the housing waiting list.

All applicants in receipt of HAP are in receipt of social housing support. HAP tenants are entitled to remain on the transfer list for consideration for a social housing tenancy. Our records indicate that all HAP tenants have opted to remain on the housing transfer list.

Dara McGuigan  
Administrative Officer  
Community Support Services  
22 November, 2017

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**Question submitted by Cmlr S. Ó Ceallaigh**

I will ask at the next meeting how many dogs have been seized by Limerick City and County Council in 2017, how many were registered, how many have been reclaimed, how many were re-homed, and how many were put down.

**REPLY:**

The following table shows dog control statistics for the period 1 January 2017 to 21 November 2017. Please note that the Dog Register does not include data regarding the licensing of dogs.

<b>Dog Control Statistics to 21 November 2017</b>	
Dogs Seized /surrendered	<b>486</b>
Dogs Reclaimed	<b>44</b>
Dogs Re-homed	<b>353</b>
Dogs Put to sleep	<b>81</b>
In Pound on 21/11/2017	<b>8</b>

**Kathleen White**  
**Administrative Officer**  
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**Date: 21 November 2017**

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**Question submitted by Councillor C Prendiville.**

I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown in tabular form for the reasons (eg mould, fire safety etc) private rented accommodation have failed inspections so far this year?

**REPLY:**

The table below sets out in tabular form the reasons for non-compliance with the current standards for private rented properties for inspections carried out between 1 January, 2017 and 30 September, 2017. There were a total of 747 properties inspected during this period.

The relevant standards are the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017, which commenced 1 July, 2017.

Regulation Number	Subject of Regulation	Number of Non-Compliances Recorded
Regulation 4	Structural Condition	449
Regulation 5	Sanitary Facilities	92
Regulation 6	Heating Facilities	115
Regulation 7	Food Preparation and Storage and Laundry	336
Regulation 8	Ventilation	415
Regulation 9	Lighting	36
Regulation 10	Fire Safety	327
Regulation 11	Refuse Facilities	9
Regulation 12	Gas, Oil and Electricity	747
Regulation 13	Information	45

Below is an indicative list on the most common types of non-compliances with the Regulations identified during inspections in 2017:

**Regulation 4 - Structural Condition:**

Presence of Mould on Walls/Ceilings.  
Window seals/hinges in poor condition.  
Window restrictors required in upstairs windows (since July 2017).  
Miscellaneous items: Clean gutters, replace missing drain grates, bath/shower seals in poor condition, kitchen counter top seal in poor conditions etc.

**Regulation 5 - Sanitary Facilities:**

Toilet seat/lid missing.

**Regulation 6 - Heating Facilities:**

Radiators (usually electrical) not working.

**Regulation 7 - Food Preparation, Storage and Laundry:**

Fridge with ice box to be replaced by fridge freezer or fridge & freezer.  
Cooker extractor not present or not ducted to the external air.

**Regulation 8 - Ventilation:**

Habitable rooms without wall or window vents.  
Bathroom/shower room extractors required to overrun (where no windows are present).

**Regulation 9 - Lighting:**

External window not provided in habitable room.

**Regulation 10 - Fire Safety:**

Fire blanket missing.  
Suitable Fire alarms required in all hallways & landings.  
Emergency evacuation plan required for flats/apartments.

**Regulation 11 - Refuse Facilities:**

Area to be provided to suitably store bins (in multi-unit buildings).

**Regulation 12 - Gas, Oil & Electricity:**

A Periodic Inspection Report by a Safe Electric registered electrician required for electrical installations in the property.  
A RGII Certificate of conformance for gas installations in property required.  
Periodic Inspection Report required from a suitably competent person required for the oil installation.

**Regulation 13 - Information (since July 2017)**

Sufficient information on the rented property (written) not available to tenant.

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22 November, 2017



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## **COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017**

### **Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville**

I will ask at the next Meeting for details as to the amount of development levies collected this year, as compared to last year, and also a comparison in terms of the number of planning applications received and their scale this year compared to last year.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council has collected €2,513,299 to date in 2017.  
In 2016, €2,795,211 was collected.

The total number of planning applications received to 21st November 2017 is 1,147 while the total number of planning applications received for all of 2016 was 1,216.  
This would include any type of development where planning permission is required as per the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

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23/11/2017