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Council make significant progress in addressing homelessness in 2017

Council receive 'Certificate of Appreciation' in recognition of Good Governance and the ELoGE label

Contracts to the value of €10.95 million signed for the delivery of the Social Inclusion Programmes from 2018 to 2022

Increase of 22% of visitors to Limerick.ie in 2017

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,346
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units December 2017	105	2	0	2	109
Year to Date	311	23	17	34	385

Cemeteries

Total No. of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 5
- Castlemungret: 6
- Mount St. Oliver: 14
- Mount St. Lawrence: 16

Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data.

PASS Data Mid West Region December 2017 Limerick only.

Gender	Total
Male	175
Female	115
Total	290

Age Group	Total
18-24	36
25-44	182
45-64	67
65+	5
Total	290

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	34
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	227
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support) (TEA)	29
Other	0
Total	290

Table 4: Families with dependent children breakdown

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	28	28	43
Couples with dependent children	18	36	37
Total	46	64	80

Limerick City and County Council made significant progress in addressing homelessness in 2017, thereby reducing the use of emergency hotel and B&B accommodation for homeless families. The Childers Road Family Initiative opened in December, operated on behalf of Limerick City and County Council by our partners Focus Ireland. This initiative can provide accommodation in self-contained units for up to 30 families. A further four families can be accommodated in a family hub at Phoenix Lodge, which was also completed in December 2017. These facilities, in conjunction with the Twin Oaks Family Hub, operated on behalf of Limerick City and County Council by Mid West Simon, bring the number of family hub units available to families to 44 in Limerick. In addition to this, Limerick City and County Council made a significant number of social housing allocations in 2017 which enabled families to be removed from homelessness and into long-term, sustainable social housing tenancies. A number of tenancies are supported by our partners Sophia Housing and the Peter McVerry Trust. This occurred in addition to significant work with homeless families and individuals undertaken by a number of non governmental organisations, such as Novas, DePaul, Respond!, Associated Charities Trust and Extern, in partnership with the Council.

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2. HAP Shared Services

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) provides housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term rent supplement recipients.

The HAP SSC currently administers the following transactional processes on a shared services base for all 31 local authorities and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive:

- Set-up and commencement of HAP tenancy.
- Payment of monthly landlord rent.
- Weekly differential rent debit.
- Collection of tenant rent.
- Monitoring review and maintenance of HAP tenancies.
- Recoupment management.
- Reporting on various aspects of the transactions and data handled by the HAP SSC.

At the end of December, there were 31,228 active HAP tenancies. HAP SSC set up 17,916 HAP tenancies in 2017. This was almost 20% above target, which was set at 15,000 in early 2017.

The weekly tenant debit was €1.4 million and the monthly landlord payment run was €22 million.

3. Social Development

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The tender process for SICAP was completed in December. On 18 December, contracts were signed by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Council with the three successful tenderers. The value of the contract is €10.95 million to deliver social inclusion programmes in Limerick from 2018 to 2022. West Limerick Resources, Paul Partnership and Ballyhoura Development will deliver these programmes.

RAPID

The following applications for RAPID funding to the value €64,500 were completed in December:

- St. Mary's Community Adult Education Group
- St. Munchin's Community Centre
- Southill Area Centre
- Rathkeale Community Childcare

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The December meeting of the LCDC was held on 5 December.

Pride of Place

St. Patrick's Villas, Castleconnell received a runner up award in the Housing Estate category in the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place Awards Ceremony on 2 December. Northside Youth Space in Ballynanty also participated in the Community Youth Initiative category.

Age Friendly Limerick

200 delegates from Age Friendly Programmes participated in the National Convention of Older Peoples Councils of Ireland. The two-day event, hosted by Age Friendly Limerick, saw Older Peoples Council members of 31 programmes gather to view presentations from keynote speakers on a range of topics of particular interest to older people. The theme of the convention was "FEEL WELL, STAY WELL" and focused on the importance and benefits of maintaining positive mental and physical health as we age. Vice President of the University of Limerick, Dr. Mary Shire officially opened the convention.

The delegates were taken to five locations throughout the county and city to view age friendly related projects. The locations visited were:

- St. Munchin's Age Friendly Community Centre
- Croom Civic Centre
- Mungret Park, Tait House and Colivet Court
- University of Limerick
- Carebright community for people living with dementia, Bruff.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick Sports Partnership secured €145,000 under Dormant Accounts scheme to deliver a physical activity initiative in Garryowen.
- Limerick LSP has been approved as one of the eight sites for the ASPIRE Graduate Employment programme for 2018. The value of this initiative is €21,000.
- The Annual Blanket Run 5k in aid of Homeless Organisations was a great success again this year with over 200 participants.

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- The LSP Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, Elaine Shea hosted the annual Sports Ability day with over 200 children and adults participating in Come and Try physical activities. New links were established with sports clubs and fitness facilities.
- All LSP community health and fitness programmes are up and running across the county i.e. Move & Lose, New Year New Start, Older Adult Fitness programmes at 7 Hubs, Men on the Move @ 6 sites, Women on Wheels Turbo Classes, Sportshall Athletics, Activation Workshops, Community Walking, Desk to 5K, Nutrition Information Workshops and for more info email info@limericksports.ie

4. Customer Services

December saw Customer Services assist the Mayor's Office with the administration of over 700 bags of coal for those living in the city environs. Customer Services took phone calls and logged the details of 720 residents in total.

Customer Services handled phone calls and assisted with the applications for the 2018 Refuse Waiver Scheme, which was renewed again this year. To date 1,500 applications have been dealt with.

The project to integrate Housing Maintenance into Customer Services continued in the month of December. This project has a very strong Business Process Improvement approach and will use Sugar CRM to capture a clear history of works and activities per housing asset. Meetings were held, during December, with all parties involved in this integration to finalise the Operation Level Agreement, which will define the exact nature of the project.

Customer Services handled and processed 43 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of December. The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving 9,617 calls throughout the month of December.

This works out at approximately 550 calls per day, with the average response time being 13 seconds for calls to be answered.

Throughout the month of December, 2,078 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows:

- Operations and Maintenance: **1,620**
– almost half being housing maintenance.
- Community Support Services: **185**

- Planning and Environmental Services: **146**
- Customer Services: **54**

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 2,404.

5. Library Services

- On 6 December in Watch House Cross Library Mike Finn continued his presentations on the Limerick Soviet to over 60 students from Thomond Community College and Thomond Primary School. On 13 December, Limerick Adult Education Service held their QQI Learners Certification Day for 30 students. "Moyross Threads" held a Christmas Craft Fair on the 8 and 9 with proceeds going to the Neo-Natal Unit at University Maternity Hospital, Limerick. A great time was had by all at the annual Christmas Parent & Toddler Party, Santa made a special appearance on the day.
- The Granary Library runs four book clubs, two evening clubs and two held in the morning. Books up for discussion in December were "A Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes, "Days Without End" by Sebastian Barry, "The Eyre Affair" by Jasper Forde & "The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen Aged 83 ¼ yrs. Old" by Hendrik Groen. The branch facilitates Limerick Lace making and Sahaja Meditation classes each week.
- Newcastle West Library hosted an exhibition "Blue" by Joanna Rejniak-Zmudziak for the month of December. This artist is inspired by her surroundings and the people that she meets on a daily basis, her work is characterized by loose brush strokes and bright colours that enliven the surface of each piece. A new book entitled "Newcastle West in Close-Up: Snapshots of an Irish Provincial town" by John Cussen, Sean Kelly, Vincent Carmody and Dr. Pat O'Connor, was launched in the Library on 8 December by Dr. Pat Wallace. This publication by Newcastle West Historical Society is a history of the town, lavishly illustrated with photographs and old billheads
- The closing date for Dooradoyle Library's Christmas Colouring and Christmas Card competitions was 2 December. Almost one thousand entries were received and these were finally whittled down to 56 winners. The prize giving took place on 14 December. Winners were aged from three to 16.

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Almost all the prizewinners and their families attended and the prizes were presented by none other than Santa Claus himself. There was an audible "WOW" when Santa Claus arrived followed by a rather loud rendition of "Santa Claus is coming to town". Prizes were presented, photographs were taken and the evening ended to the sound of "Jingle Bells". The Children's Book Festival competitions winners also received their prizes.

- "Shades of ... an exhibition of new paintings" by Jean Ryan Hakizimana opened on 8 December. The exhibition consisted of ten large oil paintings. Jean is a well-known artist and art tutor who lives and works in Limerick. A large crowd attended the opening. The Preschool Story-time continued throughout December, with a Christmas party and lots of seasonal songs on 20 December and the Saturday story-time continues. Meditation continued on 7 and 21 December with Vodafone classes on each Wednesday morning.

6. Limerick Culture and Arts Office**Creative Ireland Projects**

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, together with the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, the Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton and Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform Paschal Donohoe launched Creative Youth - A Plan to Enable the Creative Potential of Every Child and Young Person.

Underpinning the vision behind Creative Youth are four long-term strategic objectives:

1. Supporting collaboration between Formal and Non-Formal approaches to Creativity in Education
2. Extending the Range of Creative Activities for our Young People
3. Embedding the Creative Process by developing programmes that will enable teachers to help young people learn and apply creative skills and capacities
4. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers working in Early Years, Primary and Post Primary Schools.

This national initiative will underpin the action plan of the Limerick Cultural Strategy to develop a Creative Schools Limerick initiative to be designed and rolled out across Limerick City and County Schools.

The Autonomy Project

With funding from The Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration scheme, The Autonomy Project was launched in December. This is a bold and exciting collaborative project between multiple partners including Limerick Youth Theatre, Dance Limerick, The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Music Generation and GOSHH. The project was designed by Limerick Culture and Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council and is led by independent artist Lisa McLoughlin. The aim of this project is to promote access to and engagement with the arts and asks young people – what is the relationship between the individual and society? And how can artists help young people to explore and develop their own sense of independence, freedom and self-determination?

Christmas in Limerick

1. **Musical Treats on Thomas Street** – in the centre of Limerick's vibrant shopping district was filled with festive cheer by local Limerick artists including carol singers, bands and choirs, who entertained Christmas shoppers and passers-by from the quirky caravan stage from 12pm to 6pm from the 2 until 4 and 9 until 10 December.
2. **Festive Craft Fair** – at Bedford Row on 2 and 3 December from 11am to 6pm included free hands on workshops for children and families including Christmas wreath making workshops, Limerick Printmakers 'pull a print' workshops, ceramics and patchwork.
3. **Santa's Post Box supported by Limerick Chamber** – on Bedford Row where elves were busy collecting children's wishes and dreams and where letters were posted to Santa in plenty of time for Christmas. On street family friendly entertainment included Christmas characters, carousel rides, festive music, food stalls and a special Christmas themed photo booth from 9 and 10 December from 12pm to 6pm.

World Recipe Exchange End of Year Get Together

On 21 December, Ormston House organised an End of Year Get Together for the World Recipe Exchange hosts. Project participants who helped to organise and deliver the 2017 World Recipe Exchange events were invited to an event at Culture House to celebrate their engagement and commitment to the development of

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the project as it passed the mid mark of its Research and Development phase supported by Limerick City and County Council and European Cultural Foundation. In 2017, World Recipe Exchange took part in ECF Idea Camp in Madrid, delivered eight events and activities in Limerick. It engaged 19 participants originating from 13 countries as World Recipe Exchange hosts, attracted nearly 2,200 visitors of over 60 nationalities and collected 139 recipes originating from 52 countries creating a tangible manifestation of cultural diversity in Limerick.

Cultural SPC

The inaugural meeting of the Limerick City and County Council Cultural Strategic Policy Committee took place on 12 December.

7. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum received 954 visitors in December.
- The museum received a number of donations this month including a World War II rations book and a work entitled *'The History of the Reign of Queen Anne digested into Annals'*, which was published in London in 1703. The book belonged to Maurice Lenihan (1811-95), author of a famous History of Limerick (1866) Mayor of Limerick (1884) and owner of a large private library. Remarkably, Lenihan's signature is on the title page of the book.

8. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- LCGA continued its autumn programme of events. These included a concert by the RTÉ Contempo Quartet, a concert by the ICO's Sing Out with Strings children's project led by Katherine Barnecutt of Christmas Rhyme and Reason.
- Weekend workshops for children continued with approximately 30 children participating.
- LCGA played host to EVA International's events programme for its 40th year celebrations, with an attendance of 50 for the first series of discussions.
- Preparation continues for the essential Fire Safety work on the building.

- Visitor numbers to LCGA for the month of December was over 5,331.

9. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 104 complaints were received in December.
- 14 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in one case under the Litter Pollution Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Waste Management Act.
- 12 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- One statutory Notice was served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act.
- Four Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 64 cases were closed / resolved / completed in December.

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 22 complaints were received in December.
- One statutory Notice was served under Section 12 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts.
- One statutory Notice was served under Section 23 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts.
- One statutory Notice was served under Section 26 of the Air Pollution Act.

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10. Fire and Emergency Services

Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/12/17 – 30/12/17	65	54	119
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	70	53	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	28	41	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	2	6	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications 2017	186	154	16	167	
Disability Access Cert Applications 2017	142	118	7	127	
Licensing Applications 2017	187	166	21		
Commencement Notice 2017	480	438	42	438	479
Completion Certificate 2017	241	228	9	228	237
Planning Referrals 2017	288				270

Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of December 2017

- Assisting Dublin Civil Defence at the Homeless Centre
- Search for missing person in Limerick City and recovery made
- Christmas Fair Doon

Major Emergency Management Events for month of December

- Limerick City and County Council have officially taken over the chair of the Major Emergency Management Regional Steering and Working Groups for the Midwest region for the next two years.

Munster Regional Control Centre (MRCC)

	No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	Other Calls	Average call processing time	Total No. of calls in December
No. of call outs 01/12/17 – 31/12/17	860	748		1,608
Average call processing time			1 min 10 sec	

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11. Access to Information

	December	2017 (Jan to December)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	13	197
FOI Internal Appeals	-	6
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	29
Total AIE Requests	1	8

12. Digital Strategy

Limerick.ie

- 117 customers registered for My Limerick in December.
- A total of 851 customers have now registered for My Limerick.
- A total of 203 customers have access to online services (CRM cases, licences etc.) in My Limerick

Dog Licences

- Customers can now purchase and renew their dog licences on Limerick.ie.
- Since the launch of this online service, a total of 72 dog licences have been sold.

Smart CCTV

- The first two smart CCTV cameras in Rathkeale were commissioned in December.
- Footage from the cameras is being recorded in the local CCTV Hub in Moyross.
- The rollout to the remaining 13 towns across Limerick will continue in 2018.

13. Veterinary Services

- Ten stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 33 dogs.
- One food sample was submitted during December for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological-sampling programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continues to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

14. ELoGE – European Label of Governance Excellence

Limerick City and County Council was nominated along with Cork County Council to participate in the UDITE (European Association of Local Chief Executives) and the Council of Europe ELoGE Pilot Project 2017.

ELoGE is the European Label of Governance Excellence. Authorities from Ireland, Malta, Portugal and Spain participated in the project.

At a ceremony held in Madrid on 7 December, the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Stephen Keary was presented with the 'Certificate of Appreciation' in recognition of Good Governance and the ELoGE label by the President of UDITE.

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Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

A total of 116 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8	4
Housing developments	3
Domestic developments	74
Agricultural developments	11
Commercial developments/change of use	8
Community/educational developments	1
Other developments	15

The applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 13 residential units at Wallers Well, Roxboro Road.
- Part 8 for the construction of an eight lane athletics track at Cloonyscrehane, Newcastle West.
- Construction of 31 residential units at Greenpark Avenue, South Circular Road.
- Construction of a Primary Care Centre at Skagh, Croom.
- Construction of a seven storey building for the International Rugby Experience providing Multi-media, exhibition and education space at 40, 41 and 42 O'Connell Street.
- Construction of an extension to the Regeneron pharmaceutical facility at the Raheen Business Park.
- Construction of a three storey Student Centre at the University of Limerick.
- Construction of a Solar farm at Ballynash, Foynes.
- Construction of a Solar farm at Ellaha and Ballinknockane.

2. Investment

- Mexican food chain Boojum, multi venue bar One Hundred and One, Flannery's entertainment venue, Commercial bar, and Australian retailer Smiggle all made investments in December.
- Plan were announced in December to build a boutique townhouse to bring a boost to tourism in Limerick city centre next summer on Bedford Row.

- Regus, the global workspace provider, announced it is to provide 150 workspaces, ranging from offices and meeting rooms to co-working and event spaces on Bedford Row in Limerick.

3. Innovate Limerick

The former Biblical Centre on Cecil Street has been re-branded as the "ENGINE" and the new signage was erected in December. The building will be formally launched as a flexible enterprise and training facility in January 2018.

4. Marketing and Communications

- Continued rollout of of seven week digital, print and radio marketing campaign for Christmas in Limerick 2017.
- Design and installation of 'Welcome to Limerick' signage at Colbert train station.
- Design of Limerick walking and running brochure for launch in January 2018.
- A total of six Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout December.
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Social Media

- Posted 22 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 17,936.
- Tweeted 14 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter with total followers now 13,360.
- Posted 10 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 3,405.
- Tweeted 13 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter with total followers now 1,961.

Limerick.ie

A total of 88,536 people visited the Limerick.ie website in December 2017 – a 22% increase on the same period in 2016. The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in December 2017 were:

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1. www.limerick.ie
2. www.limerick.ie/council
3. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-property/apply-or-search-planning-application/search-planning
4. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse
5. www.limerick.ie/news/threat-flooding-and-severe-weather-means-limericks-new-years-eve-extravaganza-must-be

5. Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme – Phase 1

The village renewal scheme consists of the upgrade of the public realm and remodelling of the layout to improve traffic management along Main Street in Patrickswell, and deliver an urban layout for the village in keeping with the needs of all relevant stakeholders.

The proposed works under this Contract is Phase 1 of the overall village renewal scheme. The works consist of the reconstruction of 300m of urban roadworks along the R526 Main Street, commencing at the entry to the village from the Limerick City side, near the Marian Grotto, and finishing at the south western entrance to the Applegreen Service Station. The works comprise road realignment, narrowing of the carriageway widths, reconstruction of newer wider footpaths in decorative brick paving, with the provision of orderly road side parking areas, landscaped buildouts, the improvement of junctions along the route, to provide consistent pedestrian facilities including the construction of a signalised Pedestrian Crossing, and several uncontrolled crossings, a raised pedestrian crossing, raised entry treatments, new LED low energy street lighting, grounding of overhead power and telecommunications cables, provision of new ESB ducting, Eir ducting, spare telecommunications ducting, modifications to surface water drainage, new street furniture (litter bins, seating, cycle stands and bollards), two new bus shelters, road resurfacing, coloured road surfacing, new traffic signs and road markings.

The total area of the works is approximately 7,100 square metres, including 3,665 square metres of road surfacing. Coir Infrastructure Ltd. have been awarded the works contact, and the 4 month contract will commence in January 2018.

6. Housing Capital and Regeneration

General Housing Programme

House Construction

- Stage 1 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for proposed Housing projects at:

- Ballyhahill	4 units
- Knocklong	10 units
- Montpelier	<u>10 units</u>
Total	24 units
- The proposed housing schemes at Wallers Well Phase 2 (13 units) and Sycamore Avenue (five units) were submitted for Part 8 Planning Application.
- Part 8 Planning Permission was granted for schemes at Bourke Avenue, Limerick City (12 units) and Lisheen Park, Patrickswell (16 units).

Acquisition and Leasing of Social Houses completed for 2017

- Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Acquisitions	71 units
- Part V Acquisitions	7 units
- Long Term Leases	18 units
- Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	17 units
- Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Acquisitions	<u>32 units</u>
Total	145 units

Capital Assistance Scheme

- The innovative dementia centre at Carebright Community, Bruff, which received part funding from Limerick City and County Council, featured on a Christmas Special of 'At Your Service' on RTE 1.

Public Land Activation

- Sites at Parnell Street, Limerick and Deerpark, Adare were placed on the market as part of the Public Land Activation programme for Council owned sites.

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Regeneration

- The new development at Lord Edward Street housing (79 units) was allocated in December 2017 with new residents preparing to move into their new homes in January 2018.
- Construction work has commenced on the Infill Housing project, St Mary's Park, which will see the provision of 19 housing units.

Percent for Art

Funding provided by the Percent for Art programme saw the recent completion of two art projects:

- "A Stitch in Time: A History of Limerick Clothing Factory", a book commissioned to tell the story of the Tait Clothing Factory. This factory was formerly located on the site of the Lord Edward Street Housing Project. The book is available in Limerick bookshops.
- Sionna Mural, an artwork commissioned for a blank gable on the vacant Bridge Street site adjacent to Nicholas Street and St Mary's Cathedral.

7. Water Services

Minor Capital Works

- Watermain Leak Detection and Repair contracts progressing in Limerick City.

8. Forward Planning

A submission was made to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the Mid-term Review of the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPA) Review Report.



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Organisational Development

1. Communications

- Issued 15 news releases from the Office of Marketing and Communications.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Produced and distributed 20 page Council Connect magazine.
- Tweeted 59 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account with total fans now 9,643.

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Special Meeting • Consider the Issues Paper for the Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy for the Southern Region	04.12.2017	Dooradoyle
Metropolitan District of Limerick	18.12.2017	Merchant's Quay
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	05.12.2017 05.12.2017 05.12.2017	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of: (a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting (b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting (c) Cappamore-Killmallock: Monthly Meeting	05.12.2017 13.12.2017 12.12.2017	Rathkeale Newcastle West Killmallock
Joint Policing Committee Meeting	08.12.2017	Henry Street Garda Station
Local Community Development Committee	05.12.2017	Merchant's Quay
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Environment Home and Social Development Cultural	04.12.2017 11.12.2017 11.12.2017 12.12.2017	Dooradoyle Dooradoyle Dooradoyle Dooradoyle

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3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

- 65 staff trained in Cardiac 1st Responder training
- 12 staff trained in Hazardous Materials
- Six staff trained in Emergency Standard Driving, assessed by the RSA
- Two new Recruits successfully completed their three week initial Fire Fighter training in Ennis
- One Station Officer completed a course in The Management of Water and Flooding Incidents
- Ten staff completed Emergency Medical 1st Responder training
- Seven staff were trained in Compartment Fire Behaviour in Hacketstown, Carlow
- One Senior Officer completed a course in Fire Safety Design in the University of Leeds
- Ongoing on station Training continued throughout December.

4. Digital Strategy

New Aerial Photography

- Digital Strategy have purchased the latest available aerial photography for the entire city and county, flown in late 2017.
- This high-quality imagery will supersede the current photography, which was flown in 2011.
- Staff who use Quantum GIS (QGIS) will have access to this new photography shortly.
- QGIS is a Geographical Information System (GIS) software application that is available to staff.
- The entire council will also have access to this new aerial photography through the new Corporate Browser, which can be accessed through the GIS Portal.



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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City & County Council

Financial Matters

1. Home Improvement Schemes

DECEMBER 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€0.00	0	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Metropolitan	€34,264.59	8	€70,664.90	9	€23,920.21	5
Newcastle West	€24,290.00	7	€4,560.00	1	€34,930.60	6
Rathkeale	€0.00	0	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
	€58,554.59	15	€75,224.90	10	€58,850.81	11

Total Monies issued in December 2017 = €192,630.30

Total Grants issued in December 2017 = 36

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€29,424.46	12	€139,872.96	9	€91,852.25	21
Metropolitan	€331,629.88	84	€568,187.19	62	€228,260.82	73
Newcastle West	€223,955.03	53	€112,615.50	17	€349,139.38	75
Rathkeale	€71,026.38	17	€35,579.26	7	€99,336.10	23
	€656,035.75	166	€856,254.91	95	€768,588.55	192

Total Monies issued January to December 2017 = €2,280,879.21

Total Grants issued January to December 2017 = 453

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2017	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/12/2017	% Collection
€1,957,582	€13,688,200	€15,645,782	€13,056,585	€2,589,197	83%

3. Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2017	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Vacant Property Adjustment €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	Total for Collection €	Amount Collected €	Arrears €	Specific Doubtful Arrears €	% Collected
As at 30th Dec. 2017*	18,789,867	53,739,196	1,983,540	3,603,291	66,942,232	52,354,881	14,587,351	2,684,519	81%

The Date for Making the 2017 Rate was 2nd February 2017

* subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2017

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 30th Dec. 2017*	537,803	1,417,125	532	1,955,460	1,594,365	361,095	82%

* subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2017

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

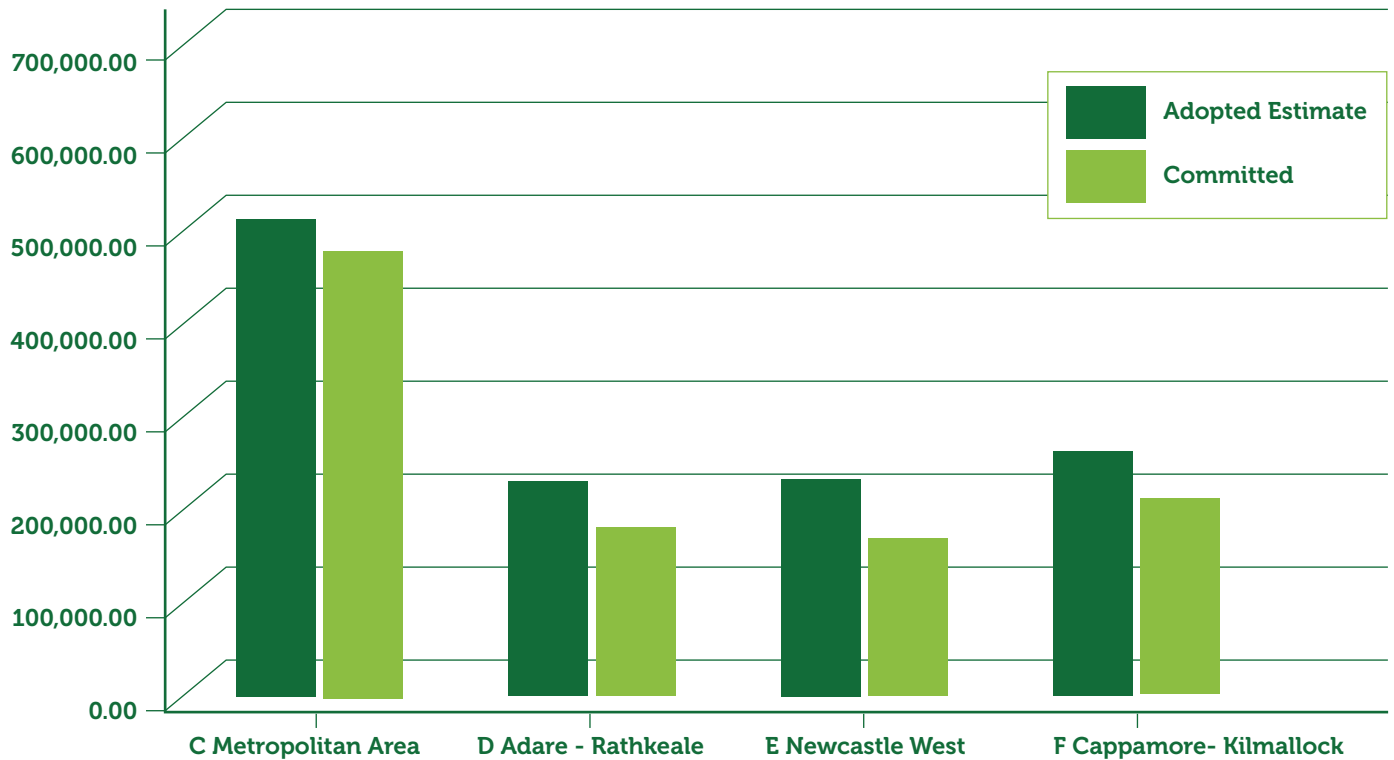
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2017

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 31st December 2017



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	483,889
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	175,240
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	159,222
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	213,387