

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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Limerick City
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January 2018

THIS MONTH:

Council of Europe Development Bank signs up for €85 million funding of Limerick's Opera Site

Minister officially opens ENGINE, HAP Shared Services Centre and Lord Edward Street Housing Development

Fifty new jobs announced for Galvone among over 500 new jobs announcements

Free confidential paper-shredding event held in Limerick

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,374
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units January 2018	23	0	1	1	25
Year to Date	23	0	1	1	25

Cemeteries

Total No. of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 5
- Castlemungret: 14
- Mount St. Oliver: 18
- Mount St. Lawrence: 16

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

PASS Data Mid-West Region January 2018

Gender	Total
Male	182
Female	128
Total	310

Age Group	
18-24	39
25-44	196
45-64	69
65+	6
Total	310

Accommodation Type	
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	38
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	235
Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support) (TEA)	47
Other	0
Unique Total	320

Table 4: Families with dependent children breakdown

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	32	32	49
Couples with dependent children	23	46	54
Total	55	78	103

Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Total number of waivers issued for Limerick City and County Council for January 2018 was 2,333 waivers approved, 82 were refused.

2. HAP Shared Services

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr. Eoghan Murphy officially opened the HAP Shared Services Centre on 29 January.

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme is one of the key elements of the Government's policy on social housing. The HAP Shared Services Centre is the national customer contact and financial transactional-shared service for HAP and is run by Limerick City and County Council on behalf of the 31 local authorities across the country along with the Dublin Regional Homes Executive.

Since its inception in 2014, the number of financial transaction managed by HAP SSC has risen from just over €600,000 in 2014 to over €230 million in 2017 with 31,228 active HAP tenancies. HAP SSC will manage over €400m in financial transactions in 2018.

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There were 32,346 active HAP tenancies at the end of January. The weekly tenant debit is €1.4 million and the January landlord payment run was just over €23 million.

3. Social Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

A meeting of the LCDC was held on 16 January and considered updates on Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and LEADER projects and circulars.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme

Funding of €54,614 was announced for Kantoher Pond Walks under Measure 2 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- LSP was shortlisted for the Community and Council Awards 2018 for Beat the Street in the Best Community Health Initiative category.
- LSP in Association with University of Limerick Physical Education and Sports Science Department and Clare LSP were successful in securing the bid for the €420,000 Health Services Executive Hapal Physical Activity Research Intervention for adults 50+ years.
- This project will last 20 months and will involve 300 participants from across Limerick.
- Operation Transformation kicked off in January with walking groups being established across many communities. Over 2,000 participants engaged in 3-5k walks on National Operation Transformation walk day across Limerick.
- Two staff from the LSP have been recruited to train as Mental Health First Aid Instructors. This will be an excellent addition to our existing programmes where people will be encouraged to look after their Physical and Mental wellbeing.
- All LSP community health and fitness programmes are up and running across the county i.e. Move and Lose, New Year New Start, Older Adult Fitness programmes at 7 hubs, Men on the Move at 6 sites, Women on Wheels Turbo Classes, Sportshall Athletics, Activation Workshops, Community

Walking, Desk to 5K, Nutrition Information Workshops and for more information email info@limericksports.ie

Healthy Limerick

With the theme of social connectedness, Healthy Limerick is inviting community councils, development associations and residents groups in Limerick to apply for funding (up to €1,000) to promote social connectedness in their communities.

4. Customer Services

The project to integrate Housing Maintenance into Customer Services continued to advance during January.

A digital process is being defined that will allow for prompt updates on requests for maintenance from third party service providers.

In addition, work continued on advancing a process, in conjunction with the Operations and Maintenance, Design and Delivery Departments and Social Development Directorate to capture works carried out against Council assets in a more streamlined way.

Customer Services during January continued with ongoing training and support, in conjunction with the Digital Strategy Department, on the use of SugarCRM and the mobile version also.

These three advances combined will work towards a better service for our customers and provide a more efficient approach to the maintenance of council properties.

Customer Services handled and processed 91 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of January

The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving 15,445 calls throughout the month of January.

This works out at approximately 773 calls per day, with the average response time being 13 seconds for calls to be answered.

Throughout the month of January, 3,793 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows;

- Operations and Maintenance: 2,936 – half of which being housing maintenance.
- Community Support Services: 412

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- Planning and Environmental Services: 211
- Customer Services: 118
- Veterinary: 59

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 3,276.

5. Library Services

- On 16 January The Granary Library hosted a lecture by Dr. Tomas Mac Conmara, Oral Historian and Heritage Consultant, titled "Days of Hunger: The Hunger Strike of 1917". Dr. Mac Conmara has over 10 years of experience as an oral historian and folklore collector and has conducted over 500 oral history interviews, on a range of themes. He has published articles on various aspects of Irish history, folklore and culture. In 2015, he completed a PhD. at the University of Limerick in which he explored oral history and social memory relating to the Irish War of Independence. He has published three books, "High Prestige" – The Story of Clare's All Ireland Hurling Champions of 1914"; "Patrick Brennan's Autograph Book, From Frongoch Internment Camp 1916" and "The Mountjoy Hunger Strike of 1917".
- An open meeting of Limerick Seniors Forum with Noreen Waters and Oliver Creighton was held on 2 January. The Forum was established as part of the "Get Vocal Programme" Age and Opportunity with The PAUL Partnership. It seeks to support and strengthen the voices of older people in Limerick. The Forum is for people over the age of 55 years, living in Limerick City and County.
- The branch facilitates a weekly Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) Confidence Building Course with Tracy Aspel and this month's Rock Record Club on 19 January was facilitated by Eoin Devereux.
- "Healthy Ireland at Your Library"
Healthy Ireland, a Government-led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer. As part of this strategy the Healthy Ireland at your Library campaign commenced in January with the aim of providing a range of resources, services and support to users and communities. Through the countrywide library network, a comprehensive

collection of books on health and wellbeing will be available in all public libraries. This collection of 45 titles will be made available to borrow and consult in every branch library in the country. New e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines will also be accessible in every library and by remote access. Trained staff will be able to provide information guidance and direction to users with health and wellbeing queries and promote health awareness in the community. There will also be talks, discussions and workshops with a focus on physical health, mental health and health literacy held at different libraries over the coming months. Check out your local library for details.

**6. Limerick Culture and Arts Office
Bursary and Grant Opportunities**

Open Calls for support for individuals, creative practitioners and groups organising and engaging in arts activities were announced to deliver key aims and objectives of the Limerick Cultural Strategy.

There are five call outs currently open for submissions:

1. Grants Under the Arts Act Funding
2. Limerick Theatre Bursaries
3. Limerick Short Film Bursaries
4. Limerick School of Spectacle Participants
5. James Street Artists' Studios

**Cultural Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)
Workshop**

The new members of the Cultural SPC along with the elected members attended a workshop to review the strategic investment in the Limerick Cultural Strategy in 2017 and to define the ambition and strategic investment priorities for 2018.

County Limerick Youth Theatre - The Ban

'The Ban' is a film, made as part of the County Limerick Youth Theatre's *KA2 Erasmus+ Project Acting Out 100!* and funded by The Arts Council's Y.E.S. programme and developed with an Artist in Residency grant from NYCI. Youth-led and youth-driven, the film depicts the influence of world politics on local policies, home and love. In the film, the idea of a future, global Trump

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Travel Ban was considered that if you protest against social injustice in an unequal society your own world becomes smaller and smaller until you have to create social change or conform. These ideas reflected those of the 1916 rising that County Limerick Youth Theatre had been explored in the site-specific performance, 'The Rescue', in 2016.

Strategic Partnership with University of Limerick Kemmy School of Business and Limerick Festivals

Limerick Culture and Arts Office is working in partnership with the Kemmy Business School and Dr. Annmarie Ryan at the University of Limerick. This working partnership involves the Strategic Marketing for Tourism students who will undertake a programme of work that will focus on four Limerick festivals. The goal is to support locally based festivals in their strategic marketing activities, while at the same time exposing the students to the complexity of festivals as a cultural and tourism 'product'. The festivals are HearSay Festival, Limerick Fringe, Limerick Literary Festival, Eva International.

St. Patrick's Festival

This year the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival is celebrating circus as 2018 marks the European Year of Cultural Heritage and 250 years since entrepreneur and showman Philip Astley drew out a ring and began filling it with astonishing acts such as tumblers, rope-dancers, jugglers and clowns. A public call out for participants in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade is currently underway with information and registration forms available on Limerick.ie

The Autonomy Project

Youth workshops are in progress with the four youth arts partners (Music Generation Limerick City, Dance Limerick, Limerick Youth Theatre, GOSHH) for The Autonomy Project, an Arts Council Invitation to Collaborate Award.

Metropolitan District – General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Workshop

Limerick Culture and Arts Office presented an interim impact report to the Metropolitan District Council workshop outlining the current recorded impacts of a €238,000 GMA investment made in festivals in the

Metropolitan area between June 2017 and May 2018. The findings of this interim report show an increase in new events in the metropolitan area, an increase in audience attendance and an increase in national funding directly linked to local investment.

Artist in Schools

The workshops in Ahalin National School, Raheenagh National School and Mahoonagh National School started in January. The pupils will take part in artist lead workshops under the title 'I Sing the Body Electric' to creatively explore ideas of electricity, power and selfhood - some of the key themes of the upcoming EVA International 2018 exhibition.

7. Limerick Museum

- The Museum received 1,231 visitors in January.
- As part of the St Mary's Cathedral's 850th anniversary celebrations, the Museum has lent the Cathedral a display case of items relating to its history. This display case went on public view at the official launch of the 850th programme on 30 January. The Museum and Cathedral have a long-standing and fruitful partnership.
- A programme of organised school visits, including optional guided tours has been launched. One hundred and fifty primary and 28 secondary schools have been invited to visit. So far, we have 160 students booked in for tours.

8. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- *The Screendance*, *Lightmoves* and *This is my Universe* by Theresa Nanigian exhibitions closed on 14 January with a record numbers of over 12,000 visitors viewing the exhibitions during the run. In conjunction with Arts Disability Ireland, we facilitated an audio described tour for visually impaired of the exhibition but despite working closely with the NCBI in Limerick, we did not have a high uptake.
- *Headland* by Elizabeth Magill opened in the RHA Gallery, Dublin on 18 January. This exhibition is supported by an Arts Council touring and



dissemination Award. Over 600 hundred people attended the opening, which was also the occasion for the launch of the exhibition catalogue.

- Our current exhibition was officially opened on 25 January by Irish language poet, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill. *Repair*, a survey exhibition of the work of Bernadette Cotter was attended by ca 200 people with a large number of students from LSAD in attendance. Cotter did a live performance on the opening night. An LCGA publication for the exhibition will be produced by March.
- An exhibition of work, which reflects recent acquisitions, loans and donations, was curated by Siobhan O' Reilly. This exhibition in the Herbert Gallery includes significant works recently donated and loaned to the Permanent Collection from the Maurice and Marie Foley collection and Fiana Griffin's collection of work by David Clarke (son of Harry and Margaret Clarke).
- The popular exhibition, *Known Unknowns*, curated by Shinnors Scholar, Simon Corcoran, was extended until 25 March.
- artSpace, the weekend children's workshops recommenced on 27 January and will continue for a six-week period.
- There was a good turnout for the RTE Contempo Quartet concert on 11 January, which included the Irish premiere of a work by Irish composer, Jane O' Leary. The Beethoven Series of the nine Quartets will continue until May.
- Preparations are in train for the forthcoming Limerick Literary Festival in honour of Kate O' Brien.
- Regular meetings are taking place between staff of the Gallery and the EVA International team in preparation for the opening of the next edition Ireland's only Biennial of Visual Art.
- Meetings continue with the Project Team to address the essential Fire and Safety work required in the building and subject of a Department of Arts, grant, which has been matched by LCCC.
- Internal meetings continue to decide how to celebrate the forthcoming 70th anniversary for the extension to the Gallery, which was opened in 1948 to house the Permanent Collection. A steering group will be formed in the next month.

9. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- A total of 167 complaints were received in January.
- 75 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month.
- Legal proceedings were issued in three cases under the Litter Pollution Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Waste Management Act.
- 42 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 9 of the Litter Pollution Act.
- Eight Statutory Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- One Statutory Notices was served under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act.
- Nine Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 88 cases were closed / resolved / completed in January.

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 29 complaints were received in January.
- 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 Certificate of Compliance was issued under the European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations, 2012.
- 18 inspections were undertaken (two for air (coal), two for noise, two for water pollution, two for public health, eight for "Deco Paints" and one for "Solvents")
- Legal proceedings were issued in one case under the Water Pollution Act.



10. Fire and Emergency Services

Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/01/18 – 31/01/18	75	45	120
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	71	39	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	23	51	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	6	10	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications January 2018	10	0	1	12	
Disability Access Cert Applications January 2018	7	3	0	13	
Licensing Applications January 2018	7	7	0		
Commencement Notice January 2018	25	24	1	24	
Completion Certificate January 2018	21	15	1	15	
Planning Referrals January 2018	25				18

Civil Defence attendance at events for month

- Irish Indoor Rowing Championships University of Limerick
- Milford Hospice Annual 10k

Major Emergency Management events for month of January

- The first Regional Working Group meeting (chaired by Limerick City and County Council) was held on the 18 January.
- Limerick City and County Council held its own Major Emergency Management committee meeting on the 24 January.
- Training and work programmes were discussed and timeframes were agreed for 2018.

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 January
No. of call outs 01/01/18 – 01/02/18	891	725		1616
Average call processing time			71	

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11. Access to Information

	January	2018 (Jan to December)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	18	18
FOI Internal Appeals	2	2
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	1
Total AIE Requests	-	-

12. Digital Strategy

Smart City Exchange

- Smart City Exchange is a Horizon2020 funded EU project for which Limerick City and County Council is preparing a proposal.
- The project looks at how a smart city can better manage its energy usage with the goal of using less energy than it produces.
- On 25 January a team from Limerick met with a number of colleagues including Trondheim University of Science and Technology, ESB Innovation and AVIS car hire to coordinate the proposal including various demonstration projects ranging from seamless e-mobility to an energy trading market.

13. Veterinary Services

- Twenty-three stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 50 dogs.
- Ten food samples were submitted during January for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological Sampling Programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

14. Environmental Awareness

- Stand at the Bruff Envirofest
- TLC4 launched - the hugely successful Team Limerick Clean-up (TLC) is set to take place for the fourth consecutive year this Good Friday 30 March and registration is now open on www.teamlimerickcleanup.ie
- Confidential Shredding Event at Mungret Recycling Centre - Limerick City and County Council in conjunction with Security in Shredding facilitated a 'Free Shred Event' to celebrate European Data Protection Day 2018, promote awareness of the incoming General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and promote good waste management practices. Almost six tonnes of confidential paper was shredded on site. This event was supported by Limerick Chamber of Commerce.



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Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

A total of 71 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8 development	1
Housing developments	2
Domestic developments	49
Agricultural developments	7
Commercial developments/change of use	6
Other developments	6

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of 31 residential units at Golf Links Road, Castletroy.

2. Investment

- Sales and Marketing firm NK Communications announced it is creating up to 15 jobs in Limerick in the coming months.
- Healthy food chain Freshly Chopped announced the opening of a new outlet in Limerick, the first of four it intends to open in 2018, creating upwards of 60 jobs. The store will open at Casey's Londis, Dock Road, creating 15 jobs.
- H&MV Engineering company announced plans to create 150 jobs over the next three to five years. The company, which is headquartered in the National Technology Park in Limerick, was established in 1997.
- Mexican restaurant Boojum announced plans to create 30 jobs in Limerick, with the opening of its new restaurant on Patrick Street in the City Centre.
- An American manufacturing company specialising in the building of modular homes is to set up a base on the southside of Limerick City, creating 50 new jobs. Clenn Construction is to open in the Galvone Industrial Estate this year, and its investment could lead to up to 400 direct and indirect jobs over the next three to five years.
- Home furnishings retailer Harry Corry and fast food chain KFC both announced plans to open new stores at the Ennis Road Retail Park in Limerick.

- Economic Development Directorate was shortlisted for Community and Council Awards 2018 in the Best Local Authority Innovation for Attracting Inward Investment category for Limerick 2030 An Economic and Spatial Plan for Limerick.

3. Innovate Limerick

ENGINE was officially opened by Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr. Eoghan Murphy on the 29 January. Located on Upper Cecil Street, right in the heart of Limerick City, it has become home to entrepreneurs and companies who are focused on technology and innovation. The layout of ENGINE is one which encourages cross-collaboration, creativity and innovation, with training facilities, co-working office space, hot desk facilities and open plan office space. The training facilities at ENGINE have been developed to create a supply of skills needed across a range of sectors, for example to meet the needs of the international film sector following the location of international film studios Troy Studios in Limerick.

4. Marketing and Communications

- Nora McGillicuddy, Web Content Editor joined the team
- Launched Limerick Walk It - Run It - Love It campaign – Distributed brochures throughout Limerick; Produced and circulated Explore Limerick on Foot e-newsletter; Ran Facebook ad targeting people travelling in Limerick and locals; Dedicated section promoting the offering created on Limerick.ie
- Produced video promoting Limerick as a Student City to CAO applicants
- Ran social media campaign targeting second level students ahead of CAO deadline
- Collaborated with Limerick Racecourse on social media competition promoting upcoming student raceday and increasing e-newsletter subscribers
- Produced Limerick.ie digital advert for Hertz Smart Travel website for 2018
- Public Relations and Media Management for signing of Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) €85m funding contract

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- Provided marketing support to I Love Limerick.com
- Marketing materials supplied for 50 European delegates at +CityxChange consortium meeting
- Marketing materials supplied for The Holiday World Show 2018 in the RDS, Dublin
- A total of five Limerick.ie e-newsletters issued throughout January
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Marketing and Communications
- Limerick.ie shortlisted for Community and Council Awards 2018 sponsored by LAMA and IPB Insurance for Best Connected Council (Communications and Digital Marketing)

Social Media

- Posted 17 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 18,205. Posts reached 105,000 users with 15,600 engagements.
- Tweeted 9 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick_ie, with total followers now 13,679. Our tweets earned 56,800 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 4 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 3,632.
- Tweeted 13 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 1,995. Our tweets earned 30,700 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).

Limerick.ie

A total of 115,994 people visited the Limerick.ie website in January – a 33% increase on the same period in 2017.

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in January were:

1. www.limerick.ie
2. </council/services/your-council/books-condolence/book-condolence-dolores-oriordan>
3. /council/form/book_of_condolence/doloresoriordan
4. </council>

5. </council/services/planning-and-property/apply-or-search-planning-application/search-planning>

5. Housing Capital and Regeneration

General Housing Programme

Housing Summit

- The Chief Executive of Limerick City and County Council attended the Second Housing Summit on the 22 January convened by Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government. Key challenges, actions and opportunities were discussed in relation to: Tackling homelessness and prevention measures;
 - Social Housing Targets;
 - Accelerating social housing delivery;
 - HAP and RAS; and
 - Housing Affordability.

Ministerial Visit

- Lord Edward Street Housing Development (81 units), which is the largest new build social housing project in the country, was officially launched by Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government on 29 January. During this visit, the Minister had a tour of the site, met a number of the new residents and a copy of the Percent for Art-funded book, "A Stitch in Time: A History of Limerick Clothing Factory", which was commissioned to tell the story of the Tait Clothing Factory, was presented to him by Maura Stapleton. Maura worked in the Tait Clothing Factory from 1938, and is its oldest surviving employee. The launch included a performance from the Boherbuoy Band, who have connections with the factory as the band played at the centenary of the Tait Clothing Factory in 1953.

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House Construction

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

- Knockalisheen, Ballynanty	6 units
- Convent Street, King's Island	2 units
- Site 3, Patrickswell	28 units
- Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale	<u>9 units</u>

Total 45 units

- The proposed housing scheme at CHAS Flats, Mary Street (three units) was submitted for Part 8 Planning Application.
- Part 8 Planning Permission was granted for a scheme at Sycamore Avenue, Limerick City (five units).
- Construction works on 8 units are continuing under the 'Buy and Renew' scheme

Regeneration

- The allocations of homes at the Lord Edward Street housing is continuing with new residents moving into their new homes.
- The Thermal Upgrade Programme continues apace with approval received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) to issue contract TU-SHL118 (Southill, 45 units) for Tender.

Social

- Regeneration Team secured 50 jobs with Clenn Construction in Galvone Industrial Estate
- €90,000 investment in cameras within Galvone Industrial Estate.
- Stakeholder Group set up in Galvone Industrial Estate by Regeneration Team
- 40 people completed training through NBC Universal for PA at Troy Studio. This was through a collaborative approach by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Department of Social Protection and Limerick City and County Council.

6. Water Services

Minor Capital Works

- Watermain Leak Detection and Repair contracts progressing in Limerick City.
- Watermain rehabilitation commenced in Ballycampion, Bruff.
- Watermain rehabilitation commenced in St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale.

7. Forward Planning

Variation no. 6 to the County Development Plan, which proposes to incorporate changes to Chapter 6 in relation to Transport and Infrastructure, was placed on public display from the 5 January to 6th February.



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Organisational Development

1. Communications

- Issued 21 news releases from the Office of Marketing and Communications
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 100 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 9,878. Our tweets earned 317,000 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council		
Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	22.01.2018	Dooradoyle
Special Meeting	08.01.2018	Dooradoyle
• To discuss the proposed exit to Adare from the proposed new Limerick/Foynes road		
Special Meeting	26.01.2018	Dooradoyle
• To discuss the proposed exit to Adare from the proposed new Limerick/Foynes road		
Metropolitan District of Limerick	15.01.2018	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of:		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting	09.01.2018	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting	10.01.2018	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Killmallock: Monthly Meeting	18.01.2018	Killmallock
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings		
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	16.01.2018	Dooradoyle
Cultural	16.01.2018	Dooradoyle
Protocol Committee Meeting	22.01.2018	Dooradoyle
Party Leaders' Meeting	22.01.2018	Dooradoyle
Party Leaders' Meeting	31.01.2018	Merchant's Quay
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	15.01.2018	Merchant's Quay

3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

- Three Emergency first responder refresher training courses covering 36 students
- Five Swift Water Rescue Refresher Courses covering 40 students
- Four day Hazardous Materials course ran in Killmallock Fire Station covering 12 students
- Four staff were trained in Emergency Service Driving (ESDS)
- On-going on station training including training in Critical Incident Stress Management

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Financial Matters

1. Home Improvement Schemes

JANUARY 2018	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	€50,464.15	4	€8,000.00	1
Metropolitan	€2,500.00	1	€33,404.00	2	€5,985.00	2
Newcastle West	€12,102.25	3	€9,975.00	1	€19,753.88	3
Rathkeale	€4,500.00	1	€4,250.00	1	€0.00	0
	€19,102.25	5	€98,093.15	8	€33,738.88	6

Total Monies issued in January 2018 = €150,934.28

Total Grants issued in January 2018 = 19

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/12/2017	% Collection
€2,589,197	€1,464,127	€4,053,324	€1,271,550	€2,781,774	31%

3. Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2018	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Vacant Property Adjustment €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	Total for Collection €	Amount Collected €	Arrears €	Specific Doubtful Arrears €	% Collected
As at 31st Jan. 2018*	14,501,047	55,118,523	59,054	52,336	69,508,180	858,526	68,649,654	-	1%

The Date for Making the 2018 Rate was 2nd February 2018

* subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2018

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 31st Jan. 2018*	459,000	-	459,000	146,768	312,232	32%

* subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2018

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

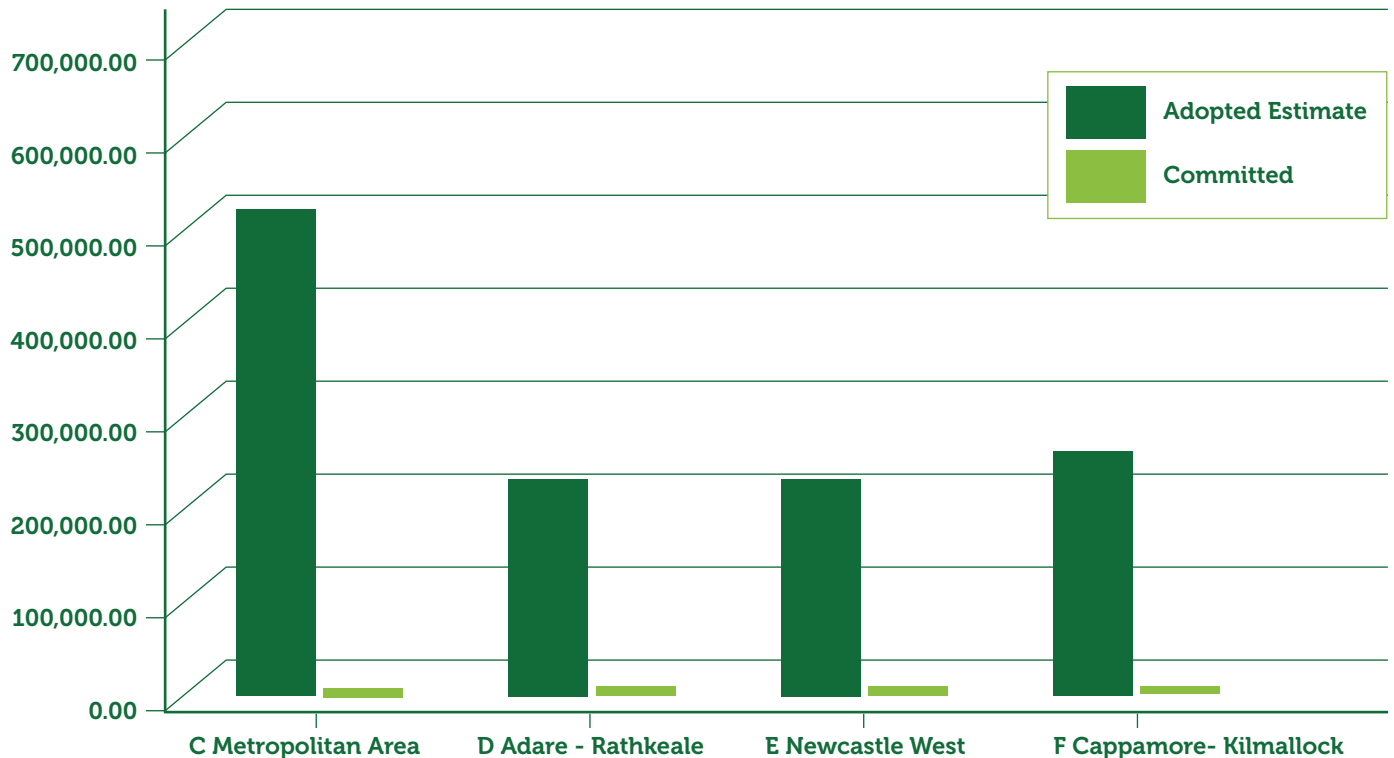
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2018

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 31st January 2018



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	9,468
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	1,711
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	7,639
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	0

5. European Development Bank Investment

The Formal Signing of Finance Contract for €85m between the Council of Europe Development Bank and Limerick City and County Council for the development of the 1.62 hectare landmark Opera Site in Limerick took place on 17 January in Istabraq Hall, Corporate Headquarters, Merchant's Quay. Special Guests were Minister Patrick O'Donovan and Dr. Rolf Wenzel, Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank.