

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
TO BE HELD ON Tuesday, 20th March 2018

9th March 2018

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Metropolitan Municipal District Re: Draft
Schedule of Municipal District Works - (SMDW)**

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes.

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc).

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will

also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Metropolitan Municipal District is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

**Kieran Lehane,
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2018	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	2,148,754
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	391,586
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) - Surface Dressing	177,877
General Maintenance (GM)	2,449,419
Tar Patching (TP)	194,976
Bridge Rehabilitation (STR)	48,593
Specific Improvement Grant (SI)	287,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	141,500
Drainage Works	351,190
General Maintenance of National Roads-N21& N69	29,189
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	503,000
Traffic Management & Parking	1,235,000
Total Defined MD Spending	7,958,084

- Winter Maintenance (WM) €578,198 Total City & County.
- Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) – Limerick City & County Council are currently identifying schemes that will be included in an application for funding to be submitted to the Department.
- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – €411,000 has been allocated to Limerick City & County Council for 2018. Schemes for inclusion under this grant category in 2018 are currently being finalised for submission to the department.
- Public Lighting €2,460,000.00 Total City & County.
- National Road HD 28 Sites – €720,000 – Locations requiring Skid Resistance Improvement to be identifies.

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
Road Works Scheme 2018

Regional Roads
Surface Dressing (RM)
Allocation: €159,500

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R525	Railway bridge to Castleconnell	1800	60,500
R512	Drombanna village to Bohercoyle	1500	49,500
R506	Barringtons bridge towards Limerick	1500	49,500
	Total:	4800	159,500

Regional Roads
Road Reconstruction (RI)
Allocation: €666,000

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R509	Childers road approaching Parkway roundabout	500	65,000
R510	Dock Rd	600	231,000
R445	Dublin Rd	450	150,000
R464	Watchhouse Cross	300	77,000
R857	Ennis Rd	350	111,000
R463	Lowe Corbally Road	200	32,000
	Total:	2400	666,000

Local Roads
Surface Dressing (RM)
Allocation: €409,963

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
LS5138	Bohercoyle to O'Sheas pub	1500	30,000
LS5108	Cahernorry to R512	2500	34,722
LS5015	Clonkeen to Killeenagariff	1500	30,000
LS5011	Killeenagariff to Laught cross	1000	25,000
LS5104	Sandylane to Scairt	1500	30,000
LS5120	Bellmount road	1000	25,000
LS50071	Knocksentry	200	5,616
LS8049	Nolans Cross to Old School Patrickswell	700	35,700
LP1425	Nolans Cross to Newborough	800	37,675
LP1401	Clarina To Patrickswell	1000	33,000
LP1477	Rahina to Camheen	1200	69,750
LS8043	Corcamore	1500	53,500
	Total:	14,400	409,963

**Local Roads
Road Reconstruction (RI)
Allocation: €1,482,754**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
LP1103	Nelsons cross to railway crossing, Castleconnell	250	65,000
1116	Overbridge to O'Sheas pub	250	115,000
5124	Bloodmill road- Glenbrooke to Childers road	500	100,000
1117	U.L to Groody roundabout	200	57,000
1118	Oaklands to Kilmurray R'about	200	55,000
5103	Twopothouse to N24 Killonan	1400	90,000
1106	Lees Shop to Commercial centre, Castleconnell incl Meadowbrooke	300	85,000
5010	Ballyvarra	600	45,000
	Norwood Park	200	16,000
	Cathal Brugha road, Lynwood Park	200	14,000
	St Judes, Lynwood Park	200	10,000
	Meadowlands Close & Drive, Georgian Village	400	28,000
	Janesborough Improvements -Sections	220	15,306
	Willows, Georgian Village	320	17,000
	Donnellan Buildings	220	38,000
	Stenson Park	130	20,000
	Belfield Grove	130	20,000
	Fort Mary Park	130	20,000
	Rostrevor Close	130	20,000
LP1424	Clounanna Graveyard Jctn to Ferrybridge	1000	88,750.00
LT14242	Cloonaduff Cul De Sac	800	44,070.00
LT80521	Ballyanrahan Cul De Sac	710	27,878.00
LS8052	Church Rd Patrickswell	420	78,750.00
LP1407	Patrickswell To Greenmount	800	130,000.00
LT14023	Islanduane	1200	91,000.00
	Aisling Heights	200	€30,000
	Raheen Gardens	200	€30,000
L10312	High Street	250	70,000.00
	Merval Drive	200	30,000
	Old Clare Street	200	32,000
	Total:	11,520	1,482,754

**Bridge Rehabilitation Work
Structures (STR)
Allocation: €48,593**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L1401	Thorpe's Bridge	-	48,593
	Total:	-	48,593

**Specific Improvement Work
Structures & Road Improvement Work
(SI)**

Allocation: €287,000

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
-	Thomond Bridge	-	47,000
-	Park Road Bridge Replacement	-	50,000
-	Golf Links Road & Ballysimon Road Upgrade	-	40,000
R445	R445/R506 Junction Improvement	-	150,000
	Total:	-	287,000

**Low Cost Safety
Improvement Schemes (LCSI)**

Allocation: €141,500

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L10398	Henrys Street	-	25,000
R456	Bridge Street	-	35,000
R525	Nelsons Cross	-	40,000
R512	Hamlets Pub	-	16,500
R445	Thomond Bridge	-	25,000
	Total:	-	141,500

Drainage Works

Allocation: €351,190

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R464	Shelbourne Road	-	11,500
L1144	Lissanalta	-	18,000
L8078	Old Cratloe Road	-	12,000
R511	Spellacys Cross	-	16,000
-	Outside St Marys School Corbally	-	22,500
R445	Dublin Road – Kilmurray Roundabout to Golf Links Road	-	50,000
L5010	Ballyvarra	-	50,000
Various	Surface Water Drainage works at castletroy, Mountshannon and Ballyvarra	-	171,190
	Total:	-	351,190

**Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Metropolitan
Municipal District:**

Restoration Improvement (RI) €2,148,754

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). Many roads have deteriorated to such an extent that they require resurfacing, reshaping and strengthening to enable them to cater for the heavy vehicles and to prevent water lodging.

Restoration Maintenance (RM) €391,586

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM). A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) €177,877

This is new specific allocation in 2018 under the Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant (SRM) for surface dressing works only. A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

General Maintenance €2,449,419

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

Tar Patching (TP) €194,976

Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

Bridge Rehabilitation (STR) €48,593

There is one scheme under this heading in Metropolitan Municipal District this year.

Specific Improvement Grant (SI) €287,000

There are 4 schemes under this heading in Metropolitan Municipal District this year.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI) €141,500

The 2018 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There are currently 5 schemes in the Metropolitan District.

Drainage Works €351,190

This is a new grant introduced in 2018 that may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. There are 7 main schemes in the Metropolitan District in 2018 along with a number of additional locations identified for minor surface water drainage improvements.

Traffic Management & Parking Management €1,235,000

This includes for disc parking operation, wages, traffic fines management system, communication equipment.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €503,000

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

General Maintenance of National Roads – N21 & N24 €29,189

General maintenance of National Roads covers a wide range of works for which this allocation will be used on the N21 and N69 National Routes within the Metropolitan District.

Items for which expenditure is provided on a City and County at large basis

Public Lighting (PL) €2,460,000

This covers the operation, repair and maintenance of Public Lighting. The supply of energy is purchased through the National Procurement Service (NPS). The repair, replacement and maintenance of public lights are tendered separately. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS) €628,518

This includes for school wardens, road safety plan, road safety education and training. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Winter Maintenance (WM) €578,198

This provision is for the treatment of roads in severe weather in accordance with the Winter Service Plan and pertains to the whole City and County area.

Community Involvement schemes (CIS) €TBC

Ring-fenced funding of €10 million is being made available for the Community Involvement Scheme in 2018 throughout Ireland. Local authorities will be given the opportunity to 'bid' for funds under this revised scheme. A separate circular dealing with the application process, eligibility criteria and local contributions has been received on the 19th February 2018. Limerick City & County Council are now in the process of identifying suitable locations for inclusion in the grant application to be submitted to the department.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) €TBC

The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ring-fenced funding for LIS in 2018 and proposes to continue to operate this scheme in 2018. The 2018 allocation for Limerick City & County Council is €411,000. Schemes for inclusion under this grant category in 2018 are currently being finalised for submission to the department.

Overheads (OH)**€1,247,009**

This includes for insurances (EL/PL), Health and Safety training and equipment, sick pay, holiday pay, legal costs, office expenses, etc. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Work Category –Social Development

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

There are 3550 Council housing units with the Metropolitan District. In 2017 we received approximately 8464 repair requests (including Halting Sites) for the area. 91% of all repair requests in 2017 were closed within the year.

Housing repairs were carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine.

Time Scales for Carrying Out Repairs:

Emergency Repairs (within 24 Hours)

Fire	Water Leaks	No Electricity	No Mains Water
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Urgent Repairs (within 1-3 Days)

Blocked Flue in Open	Blocked Foul Drains	No Hot Water	No Heating
Faulty Sockets	Faulty Switches	Faulty Storage Heater	Faulty Door Entry System
Banister or Hand Rail Loose or Detached	Storm Damage	Partial Loss of Water Supply	Unsafe Floor Boards or Stair Treads
Damaged Path/Steps			

Routine Repairs (within 1-3 Weeks)

Other Electrical Works	Other Joinery Works	Plaster Works	Other Plumbing Works
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2017 Budgetary Provisions:

A budgetary provision for maintenance and pre lettings for 2017 has been made as follows:

	2017	2018	Difference
Maintenance	€1,742,100	€1,869,783	€127,683
Re-lettings	€785,649	€785,649	-€0
Halting Site Maintenance	€580,000	€595,000	€15,000
Totals	€3,107,749	€3,250,432	€142,683

Environmental Maintenance

The proposed schedule of works for the Maintenance District for 2017 may be summarised as set out hereunder.

Cemeteries

There are approx 10 cemeteries in Limerick Metropolitan District. The cemeteries budget for the Limerick Metropolitan District is €173,000.

Parks and Landscaping

The Parks & landscaping Team carries out a wide range of functions in relation to parks and open spaces. These works include tree pruning, grass cutting, hedge trimming and small maintenance and landscaping works. Grass cutting takes place between March and October with 1 No grass collection planned for the 1st cut in March 2018. During the Autumn and Winter period works are concentrated on tree pruning and planned and responsive works.

The 2018 allocation is €492,000, which is an increase of €33,000 on the 2017 allocation.