

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE RATHKEALE
MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 21st MARCH 2018

9th March 2018

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale

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 Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale set out at appendix 1 attached.

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

**Caroline Curley,
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2018	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	1,592,419
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	276,000
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) – Surface Dressing	124,695
Drainage Grant	70,000
General Maintenance (GM)	858,007
Tar Patching (TP)	298,965
Bridge Rehabilitation (STR)	73,150
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	65,000
General Municipal Allocation	225,000
General Maintenance of National Roads-N21& N69	139,834
N21 Adare West Approach Pavement Strengthening	600,000
N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming	50,000
Total Defined MD Spending	4,373,070

- 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 identified.
- Pavement Works - N20 Ballyphilip to Howardstown North P/O and N20 Ballymacrory P/O (Cherrygrove Bends to Hynes Cross) - €2,000,000

ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
Road Works Scheme 2018

Regional Roads
Surface Dressing (RM)

Allocation: €68,990

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R-518	Artomin towards Curraheen North	1410	42,300
R-511	Gortgarralt Fedamore	1075	26,690
	Total:	2485	68,990

Regional Roads
Road Reconstruction (RI)

Allocation: €445,123

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R-518	New Line Road, Rathkeale (OVERLAY)	630	198,135
R-516	Toureen (OVERLAY)	625	145,424
R-511	Taylors cross to Kellehers cross	1000	101,564
	Total:	2255	445,123

Local Roads
Surface Dressing (RM)

Allocation: €331,705

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L-1202	Ballyshonick to Tobermurry	1500	35,438
L-1206	Kiltenan South to Oldcourt	2000	49,500
L-6108	Ballyvockoge to Ballyengland Upper	1500	32,063
L-8053	Fannigstown to Liskilly	1200	27,000
L-1218	Rahilly's X to Coolbrown	800	17,100
L-1222	Deelish to Robertstown	2200	56,925
L-6006	Shanagolden to Bartholomew's	1000	19,350
L-1219	Lissatotan towards Ballysteen	915	20,623
L-8021	Carigeen Croom	800	19,800
L-8003	Maryville Crecora	800	18,000
L-80032	Knocknagranshy	733	10,350
L-5087	Mollys Bar to Ballybricken East	1200	25,556
	Total:	14,648	331,705

**Local Roads
Road Reconstruction (RI)
Allocation: €1,147,296**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L-1204	Lisnamuck	1000	93,205
L-8039	Cartown to Ballydoole	750	64,125
L-1420	Lantern Lodge towards Castleroberts	700	76,475
L-8033	Kilmoreen	100	7,600
L-6012	Main Street, Pallaskenry (OVERLAY) (Transfer of Funding to DG for new Footpath required)	320	157,440
L-1301	Ballybrown, Knockaderry	900	64,125
L-60023	Beagh Cul De Sac	280	17,640
L-1422	Blackabbey Road	400	108,000
L-6114	Ballynash	200	17,100
L-6113	Cloonty to Knocknabooly Middle	1000	71,250
L-1251	Brewery Lane, Askeaton (Ralumac & SD)	175	17,661
L-6106	Loghill Middle Road to Carrowbane	900	68,400
L-1221	Ballycullen to Askeaton from junction L-1220	950	99,275
L-6089	Finoo to Mohernagh	1000	85,500
L-1220	Ballyellinan to N69	500	47,500
L-8606	Liskennett	500	52,250
L-8656	Granagh	500	52,250
L-1544	Kilmore	500	47,500
	Total:	10,675	1,147,296

**Bridge Rehabilitation Work
Structures (STR)
Allocation: €73,150**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L-6150	Ballingarry Bridge	-	73,150
	Total:		73,150

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

Allocation: €65,000

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R-521	L-1228 Jobers Cross Junction Improvement	-	25,000
R-518	L-6022 Nanintan Junction Improvement	-	40,000
Total:			65,000

**Drainage Grant
Improvement Schemes (LCSI)**

Allocation: €70,000

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L-1208	Kilmacow	-	20,000
L-1239	Ballyneety	-	50,000
Total:			70,000

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

Restoration Improvement (RI)

€1,592,419

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)

€276,000

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)

€124,695

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.

Drainage Grant

€70,000

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 2 schemes in the Adera Rathkeale District in 2018.

General Maintenance

€58,007

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) €298,965

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

Bridge Rehabilitation €73,150

There is one scheme under this heading in Adare Rathkeale this year.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI) €65,000

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 2 schemes in the Adare Rathkeale District in 2018.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €225,000

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

General Maintenance of National Roads – N21 & N69 €139,834

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 Adare Rathkeale District.

N21 Adare West Approach Pavement Strengthening €600,000

This allocation will be used for pavement strengthening works on the western approach to Adare village.

N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming €50,000

This allocation will be used for design stage works on the proposed N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming Improvement Scheme.

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 form 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 2017 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.

Pavement Improvement Works – N20**€2,000,000**

Pavement improvement works - N20 Ballyphilip to Howardstown North P/O and N20 ballymacrory P/O (Cherrygrove Bends to Hynes Cross).

Housing Maintenance

Limerick City & County Council manages an expanding Social Housing portfolio which is expected to exceed 5200 properties in 2017. The range of properties is extensive which is highlighted by the fact that over half the Council's Housing stock was built before 1985. 65% of the entire housing stock is located within the Metropolitan District. The remaining 35% of housing stock is located between the Newcastle West, Adare-Rathkeale and Cappamore-Kilmallock Districts. Total requests for maintenance in 2017 was 566.

In each operational area we have small but effective direct labour teams who respond directly to the needs of our Tenants and who report service requests from Area Offices, Customer Services and Operations Services. The request is added to the Customer Relationship System and assigned to the correct Maintenance Team.

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below.

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 Fire	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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BUDGET Allocation 2018

Adare-Ratheale Municipal District 530 Properties

	2017	2018	Difference
Maintenance	€171,114	€175,114	€4,000
Re-lettings	€190,787	€190,787	€0
Halting Site Maintenance	€37,700	€43,990	€6,290
	€399,601	€489,891	€10,290

Housing Maintenance -Planned Works

Heating Servicing

Also in 2018 the Budget of **€100,000** has been allocated to ensure that Heating Systems County Wide are working effectively and safely. This is an important area and ensures that the Council maintain heating system guarantees, some that currently run for 10 years which represents a long term savings to the Council.

Heating Systems Replacement

Many of our Tenants have Heating Systems that are outdated and highly inefficient by current standards. **€200,000** has been allocated for the replacement of heating systems County Wide. The scheme will operate on a priority needs basis initially and is expected to be developed further following the Conditional Survey of all Council Housing.

Housing Conditional Surveys

In 2017 the Operations & Maintenance Section tendered for suitable organisations to complete, track and report the condition of the Council's housing stock after completing a comprehensive Housing Conditional Survey. It is anticipated that it will be completed in 2018. Once completed this will allow the organisation to effectively plan for all future needs in terms of Planned Maintenance requirements and budget effectively for this.

Private Housing Grants

The following private housing grants are available again in 2018

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme – HAGS

Available to assist in the carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who has enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairments. The types of works available include the provision of access ramps, downstairs toilet facilities, stair-lifts, accessible showers, adaptations to facilitate wheelchair access, extensions and any other works deemed necessary. Applicable to works costing in excess of €6,000.

Mobility Aids Grants Scheme – MAGS

Available to cover works to address mobility problems, primarily associated with ageing. The type of works available include grab rails, access ramps, level access showers and stair-lifts. Applicable to works not in excess of €6,000.

Housing Aid Older People – HOPS

Available to assist older people living in poor conditions to have necessary repairs and improvements carried out. The types of works available under this scheme include re-roofing,

re-wiring and the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of windows and doors.

These grants have not yet been released for 2018, however, it is expected that the amounts will be similar to those in 2017. The 2017 Revenue allocation for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District was €51,329.93 with an overall spend of €256,649.64. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DECLG meeting 80%.

Cemetaries

There are approx 50 cemetaries in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District. An allocation of €54,000 has been allocated in 2018, an increase of €29,000 from 2017. It is intended that this extra allocation of funding will be used for the replacement and improvement of footpaths in the cemeteries, and for maintenance and upkeep of historic walls.

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 €70,000, which includes €25,000 for Adare Town Park.

Other Environmental Schemes

Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2018

Limerick City & County Council again invites applications for the Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2018

This grant scheme aims to assist with Environmental Improvement works undertaken by non-profit making organisations working within Limerick City and County areas.

The Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant is 50% funded by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation. The Limerick Going for Gold Competition prize fund is 100% funded by JP McManus Chairtable Foundation.

Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2018.

Limerick City and County Council will again invite applications for the Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2018. This Scheme is designed to assist residents in the maintenance of open spaces in their estates by providing funding towards grass cutting.