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**To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council**

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**Re: Development Fund Allocations 2018**

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2018.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contributions total income of €2m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted 2018. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2017 - 2021 for the administrative area of Limerick in January 2017. The monies outlined below are a combination of receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the respective Councils.

The €2m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2018. The proposals may be revised if additional funding becomes available or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included or if there is a shortfall in collection. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

The Contribution Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings. In determining the allocations for 2018 a number of additional guiding principles were adopted namely; strategically focussed projects, continuation of existing commitments, Forward Planning costs, and geographical considerations.

The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 28 specific projects / initiatives for 2018. In addition, a general financial allocation to each of the Municipal Districts has been provided.

### **Assisting Communities**

A sum of €150,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawing down of bonds in order to bring such estates up to the minimum standards.

Account is taken of commitments given to local community groups to provide funding in respect of Grange School House, Ballyneety and Abha Bhan Community Parks, etc. A sum of €70,000 has been made available for Burial Ground improvements throughout the city and county.

### **Rebuilding Limerick**

A sum of €275,000 has been allocated for completion of Phase IV of the Parnell Street works. A number of other transportation related projects will receive the balance of their allocation in 2018.

Financial provision has been made for the remodelling of two bridges on the Golf Links Road.

The allocation also provides for a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the City Centre to be completed.

First time provision has been made to commence a process which seeks to protect Limerick's ancient sites and buildings.

### **Planning for the Future**

A sum of €100,000 is provided towards Forward Planning costs which represents 5% of the estimated yearly income.

Provision has also been made for preparatory works for various infrastructural projects e.g. the Dock Road, Newcastle West Traffic Management, Corbally Road, and Abbeyfeale Traffic Management.

A number of longer term economic initiatives are also being funded under the scheme e.g. the Digital Academy expansion, ongoing works at Mungret College, works at Kantoher Enterprise Centre, etc.

A further contribution of €30,000 is being made to a Central Library Fund

### **Quality of Life Initiatives**

A sum of €350,000 p.a. is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan / Municipal level. Proposals consistent with the Development Contribution Scheme will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

A sum of €50,000 has been provided for the upgrade of the O'Brien Park in the City. Clare Glens improvement works is also to receive funding.

€100,000 has been made available for the construction of the Regional Athletics Track in Newcastle West.

To enhance the tourism offering in Limerick a contribution towards the cost of a new Maureen O'Hara Wing to the Foynes Flying Boat Museum is being made.

Mise le meas,

**Dr. Pat Daly**  
**Director of Services**

**Economic Development  
Development Fund 2018 – Proposed Allocations**

<b>Business Area</b>	<b>Project(s)</b>	<b>Funding Proposed 2018</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Transportation &amp; Surface Water</b>	Parnell Street Works ( Phase IV)	€275,000	Phase IV of improvement works. Year II of commitment
	NCW Transport Study	€37,500	Year 2 of commitment. Co funding initiative with TII
	Corbally Traffic Study	€25,000	Year II of commitment. Grove island/Mill Road improvements
	Dock Road Study	€37,500	Year II of commitment. Detailed design
	Surface Water Study	€20,000	Year II of commitment. Identify capacity for future development
	Metropolitan Depot Design	€25,000	Year II of Feasibility Study
	Abbeyfeale Traffic Management plan	€50,000	Signalised junction, pedestrian crossing, etc on N21
	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for City Centre	€100,000	Preparatory work for new Development Plan
	Golf Links Road Improvements	€100,000	Remodelling of two road bridges
	Bus Stop at Clarina Village	€25,000	Bus stop for school pick up and set down
		(€695,000)	
<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	Ballyneety Community Park	€50,000	Year 4 of five year commitment
	Taking in Charge - Housing Estates	€150,000	On- going rolling programme
	Abha Bhan Community park, Loughill	€20,000	Community led initiative
	O'Brien Park Works	€50,000	Internal works and cycle links to Canal bank and LSAD.
	Clare Glen Improvements	€10,000	Access and trail improvements
	Mungret College Roof Works	€50,000	Roof repair.

	Ancient Places & Structures	€25,000	Maintenance & Repair of sites in East/South Limerick
	Stone Mansion Kilmallock / Heritage Town	€20,000	Matching Funds for Heritage Project
	Central Library Fund	€30,000	Contribution to new Central Library Fund
		(€405,000)	
<b>Community &amp; Tourism</b>	CCTV Initiative	€50,000	Year II of commitment. Hinterland co-funding
	Capital Investment - Business Infrastructure	€20,000	Minor works / studies / reports to facilitate the location of business in Limerick
	Digital Academy Expansion	€80,000	Purchase of 23 Cecil Street
	Inst. of Sewerage facility at Kantoher Enterprise Centre	€15,000	Facilitation of business expansion at Centre
	Grange Schoolhouse	€30,000	Upgrading of facility for community use
	Regional Athletics Track Newcastle West	€100,000	Construction of regional athletics track. 3 year commitment required.
	Burial Ground Improvements - City & County	€70,000	Improvements in various burial grounds throughout city and county
	Columbarium walls in selected cemeteries	€20,000	County wide
	Foynes Flying Boat Museum	€65,000	Completion of new Museum Wing
		(€450,000)	
Ancillary	Municipal Allocations	€350,000	€140k to Metro, €70k to each Municipal Dist. (2018) Dev Contribution Scheme projects to be agreed at District level.
	Forward Planning Costs	€100,000	5% of Projected Income
		(€450,000)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€2,000,000</b>	