

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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Limerick City
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February 2018

THIS MONTH:

€1.18 million funding for projects located in West Limerick.

4site invested €250,000 in Limerick to create Ireland's First "Fibre Centre of Excellence"

New residents move into their new homes at Lord Edward Street and Park View Row

Nightflyers begins filming in Troy Studios

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	3,397
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units February 2018	30	5	1	4	40
Year to Date	53	5	2	5	65

Cemeteries

Total No. of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 5
- Castlemungret: 13
- Mount St. Oliver: 15
- Mount St. Lawrence: 14

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

Individuals - 25 February 2018		
Location	Description	No.
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
St Patricks Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	43
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	20
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	9
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	20
TEP 2 (Phoenix Lodge)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	6
Total		129

Families - 25 February 2018			
Location	Description	No. Adults	No. Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	3	3
		Families - 3	
Emergency Apartments		3	3
		Families - 2	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	29	33
		Families - 17	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	13	18
		Families - 9	
Childers Road Family Initiative	Family Hub	37	56
		Families - 28	
Totals		85	113
		Families - 59	

Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Total number of waivers issued for Limerick City and County Council for February was 101 waivers approved, eight were refused.

2. HAP Shared Services

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.

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The HAP SSC will manage over €400m in financial transactions in 2018. There were 33,591 active HAP tenancies at the end of February 2018. An weekly average of 377 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2018. The weekly tenant debit is over €1.4 million and the February landlord payment run was just over €23 million.

3. Social Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

LEADER Funding

The Local Action Group approved funding of €1,188,716.17 for projects located in West Limerick under the LEADER Programme 2014-2020.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The end of year review reports for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) for 2017 were completed and adopted to the LCDC. The three companies had achieved the annual targets under the programme.

Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

The Community Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee meeting was held on 19 February and the following presentations were given:

- Local Economic and Community Plan by Dr. Eileen Humphreys
- Integration Strategy for New Communities by Mr. Eugene Quinn, Jesuit Refugee Service
- Update on visit to Intercultural Cities Conference in Lisbon by Deputy Mayor Marian Hurley
- Limerick as host for National Community Games by Councillor Michael Sheahan.

Healthy Limerick

- All 15 LCDC actions funded by Healthy Ireland are progressing
- Healthy Limerick was represented at the National Healthy Cities and Counties Annual Members Meeting in Leinster House. The meeting provided the opportunity to talk about a number of the

Limerick actions funded by Healthy Ireland and highlight the approach being adopted in Limerick. This was well received.

- Meeting held in Rathkeale Area Office between a number of agencies working with children aged 0-5 years and/or their parents in Rathkeale. It was seen as a useful exercise to share information and explore areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration.
- Consultations for phase 1 of a play strategy for Limerick took place this month. The consultant is currently compiling the information gathered. Thanks to all agency and Limerick City and County Council staff who participated. This is a Healthy Ireland-funded initiative led jointly by Limerick Children and Young Persons Services Committee and Limerick City and County Council.

4. Customer Services

The project to integrate Housing Maintenance into Customer Services continued to advance during February. This includes a digital process, which is being defined, that will allow for prompt updates on requests for maintenance from third party service providers.

For capturing works carried out against Council assets, works are continuing on advancing a process, in conjunction with the Design and Delivery, Operations and Maintenance Departments and the Social Development Directorate, to do so in a more streamlined manner.

Customer Services during February continued with ongoing training and support, in union with the Digital Strategy Department, on the use of Sugar CRM 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 104 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of February.

The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving 12,675 calls throughout the month of February. This works out at approximately 635 calls per day, with the average response time being seven seconds for calls to be answered.

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Throughout the month of February, a total of 3,600 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows;

- Operations and Maintenance: 2,261 – over half of which being housing maintenance.
- Community Support Services: 364
- Planning and Environmental Services: 228
- Customer Services: 132
- Veterinary: 53

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 3,011.

5. Library Services

- Watch House Cross Library welcomed the "Thomond Primary Doodle Den Programme" with 20 children and their parents on 1 February. Story time was organised for the children and a tour of the library was organised for their parents.
- St Lelia's ASD Pre-School visited Watch House Cross Library as part of their social skills programme.
- The "ABC Start Right Group" held three days of training for their 'Baby Reflexology' programme which is now running in Watch House Cross Library and several locations in the city.
- Two craft sessions were held during the mid-term, the Parent and Toddler Group did a Spring craft and a glass painting and decorating session was held for 9-12 year olds.
- A digital photography class runs each Tuesday evening from 5.30 -7.30
- Newcastle West Library hosted an exhibition of works by the Clare based artists group "Inis" The group have put together a colourful collection of thirty-five paintings, in a wide range of media including, oils, acrylics, watercolour, pen and ink, pastels and graphite. The exhibition ran for the month of February.
- The Granary evening lecture on 13 February was "The Pride and Prejudices of Michael Hogan, a new perspective of Thomond's famous bard" by historian Christopher Power. Christopher is author of "The Last Dalcassian Bard: the extraordinary life and works of Michael Hogan". A graduate of Maynooth University, he has written a number of

books on various aspects of local history, across several regions of Ireland.

- On 19 February a group of 30 junior infants from St. Michael's Infant School visited the Granary Library with their teachers and parents for a story time, activity time and library tour. It was organised by the home school liaison officer.
- On 20 February children from St. John's Infant Boys and Girls School, St. Michael's Infant School and the Salesian Primary School visited the Granary Branch as part of their "Reading Recovery Read Aloud Programme". The children read to the Children's Librarian Julie, to their teachers and to each other. All the children received Certificates of Achievement before leaving. The teachers hope to make the library visit part of the programme every year. A reporter from Live95fm's Limerick Today show was present to record the children reading and to talk to the teachers about the programme.

Children from 5th class from St. Patrick's Boys National School came to the Granary on 28 February to do research on the Titanic for a project they are doing in school. The study is part of a Department of Education history project competition. The pupils were looking at material used for a library exhibition on the Titanic and using books for our library stock.

- Inis Artists also exhibited their work in Dooradoyle Library throughout the month of February. On 1 February Limerick City and County Bat Group held its first meeting in Dooradoyle Library. This is to become a monthly event.
- On 16 February, "National Children in Care Day", TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency held workshops in the library throughout the day.
- On 28 February Dooradoyle "Foster First Ireland" held an information day for the general public in the library.
- The "Healthy Ireland at Your Library" programme continued across all main library branches with sessions on mindfulness, active living, nutrition and meal planning, for adults and children. Twelve sessions were offered free of charge throughout the city and county and all were well attended. Participating branches included Adare, Watch House Cross, Dooradoyle, Foynes, The Granary.

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6. Limerick Culture and Arts Office

Press Launch of the St Patrick's Festival Programme

Details of this year's Limerick St. Patrick's Festival were announced on 26 February at a press launch in Culture House. The details of the colourfully themed Circus St. Patrick's Day Parade, Ireland's only International Band Championship featuring over 1,000 international musicians and a dazzling fireworks display over King John's Castle were shared by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick Councillor Stephen Keary and the legendary ringmaster of Fossett's Circus, Marion Fossett, who will lead this year's parade as the Grand Marshal.

The two kilometre route of the parade will be filled by over 2,000 participants from over 60 groups from all parts of Limerick and across the county, including schools, sports clubs, industry and the new communities that now call Limerick home.

Funding and Opportunities

The following open calls and artists opportunities were issued in February:

Call Out	Deadline
Limerick Short Film Bursaries	Friday 6 April
Limerick Theatre Bursaries	Friday 6 April
James' Street Artists' Studios	Monday 12 February
Limerick School of Spectacle	Monday 19 February
Grants Under the Arts Act	Wednesday 21 February

Limerick City and County Council Strategic Funding

Seven letters of support for practitioners making applications to the Arts Council Project Awards being provided under the new Limerick City and County Council Strategic Funding Award.

Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award 2018 Call Out

Gradam Bliantúil Filíochta i gCuimhne ar Mhicheál Ó hAirthnéide. This is the 17th year of this award to mark Michael Hartnett's contribution to literature in English and Irish. The Michael Hartnett Annual Poetry Award is awarded in alternate years to books of poetry in the

Irish and English language. This year the award will be made to a poet writing in English and the adjudicators are Jo Slade and James Harpur, both former winners of the award. The call out was issued on 1 February with a closing date of 6 March. Over 70 publishers have been invited to respond to the open call.

Autonomy Project – open calls

An open call for City and County-based dancers with contemporary and/or hip-hop experience aged between 14 and 20 saw auditions taking place on Saturday 3 February at Dance Limerick. A second call out for papers for the Art and Autonomy Conference that will be held as part of the project was issued with a closing date of 23 February. The Conference will take place at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in April.

Open call for participation in Limerick St Patrick's Festival

Over 2,000 participants have now registered to take part. In 2018 Limerick will be celebrating the history of the Circus, paying homage to their strange and wonderful skills and perhaps adding a few new skills of our own!

Building further upon the investment made in 2017 by the elected members of the Metropolitan District, this year at the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan District held on 19 February, it was again agreed to strategically invest €30,000 of GMA funds in the 2018 Limerick St Patrick's Festival. This investment was made following a Festivals and Events Strategic Investment Impact Report provided to elected members.

Music Capital Scheme - information session

The Music Capital Scheme, supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and managed by Music Network, provides funding for the purchase of musical instruments to both non-professional performing groups/ensembles and professional musicians. An information session for schools, musicians, community groups and interested individuals was held in Culture House on Friday 2 February in partnership with Music Network and there were up to 20 in interested parties were in attendance.

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Cultural SPC

A second workshop for the elected members, sectoral interests and culture and arts representatives took place on 5 February in the Castletroy Park Hotel. The agenda for the workshop was as follows:

- Review of strategic investment 2017 in Culture
- Define the ambition and strategic investment priorities for 2018 for the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy

Presentations from the Cultural Directorate including, Libraries, Museum, Culture and Arts Office and Limerick City Gallery of Art, for new members took place on Tuesday 6 February in Limerick City and County Council Headquarters in Merchant's Quay.

Creative Ireland Workshop

The Limerick City and County Council internal Culture Team in place includes staff from Libraries, Culture and Arts, Museum, Archives, Gallery, Healthy Limerick, Innovate Limerick, Tourism, Heritage, Environment, Community and Urban and Village Renewal. On 19 February a workshop for the Culture Team took place to create a vision for the Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022. The purpose of this exercise was to collectively identify specific areas of focus for Limerick that have potential for long-term impact, community engagement, and new forms of collaboration and inter-disciplinary work.

Together the Culture Team created a vision that included cultivating opportunities for every individual to learn, participate, work and/ or play in the imaginative and creative arts.

At the workshop, the Culture Team considered thematic and programmatic priorities and collectively identified six strategic priority areas for Limerick:

1. Children and young people
2. Nurturing and supporting artists and other creators
3. Fostering creative and cultural innovation
4. Enhancing our local cultural and creative infrastructure
5. A focus on film and gaming
6. Knowing our place/A sense of place/Belonging

These priorities will act as the guiding principles for the next five years of the Creative Ireland Programme at local level.

Artists in Schools Programme

The Artists in Schools Programme is delivered in three schools from each of the Municipal Districts on a rolling basis as part of the service delivery of the Culture and Arts Office programme in rural areas. The programme is designed to enhance and diversify creative education at primary school level by providing students with opportunities to actively engage in contemporary cultural production while working with professional creative practitioners. The programme is currently taking place in primary schools in Ahalin, Mahoonagh and Raheenagh in the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Separately the information on the upcoming Scoileanna Ildánacha/Creative Schools pilot initiative by The Arts Council as part of Creative Ireland was shared to all primary and secondary schools in Limerick city and county as well as to Youthreach Centres. 150 schools will be initially selected for the pilot and will be partnered with a Creative Associate, who will support them in planning and implementing a creative programme that can be sustained in their school.

7. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum received 1,135 visitors in February.
- On 27 February, a stamp marking the 150th anniversary of the finding of the Ardagh Chalice was launched in Newcastle West Post Office by Dr Pat Wallace, former Director of the National Museum. For the occasion, Limerick Museum lent the organisers a replica Ardagh Chalice trophy made in 1958.
- Limerick Museum and the Department of History, University of Limerick have extended their existing partnership with the establishment of a Public History Internship in the Museum.
- Limerick Museum collaborated with the Hunt Museum on the ICTeens (intergenerational) Project, which used social media to explore Bronze Age Ireland.



8. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The current exhibition, *Repair*, a survey exhibition of the work of Bernadette Cotter has been very well received with a large number of students from LSAD visiting
- An exhibition of work, which reflects recent acquisitions, loans and donations, curated by Siobhan O' Reilly has been well received. 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)
- artSpace, the weekend children's workshops will continue for a six week period
- The RTE ConTempo Quartet concert on 8 February was well attended. The Beethoven Series of the nine Quartets will continue until May
- The Limerick Literary Festival in honour of Kate O' Brien was officially opened on Friday 23 February by journalist, Billy Keane. A series of readings were held in the Gallery all day Saturday 24 Feb with very good attendance
- Facilitated meeting for Clore Fellowship (an international programme to develop leadership skills in the Arts), by Kathleen Turner, UL, on 15 February, attended by 15 people
- Work placement by University of Limerick student in relation to LCGA MSPI (Museum Standards Programme for Ireland) application to the Heritage Council of Ireland. It is intended that LCGA will submit an application for full accreditation this year
- Regular meetings are taking place between staff of the Gallery and the EVA International team in preparation for the opening of the next edition of 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 that has been matched by Limerick City and County Council
- Internal meetings continue to decide how to celebrate the forthcoming 70th anniversary for the extension to the Gallery, which opened in 1948 to house the Permanent Collection

9. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- 181 complaints were received in February
- 31 on the spot litter fines were issued during the month
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Waste Management Act
- 82 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues
- Seven Statutory Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act
- Seven Directions were served under the Waste Management Act
- 111 cases were closed / resolved / completed in February

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 29 complaints were received in February
- Four Statutory Notices were served under Section 12 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts

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10. Fire and Emergency Services

Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/02/18 – 28/02/18	79	37	116
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	75	67	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	18	23	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	7	10	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications February 2018	13	5	2	12	
Disability Access Cert Applications February 2018	8	6	0	17	
Licensing Applications February 2018	4	4	0		
Commencement Notice February 2018	34	26	5	26	31
Completion Certificate February 2018	16	15	1	15	16
Planning Referrals February 2018	22				16
Sugar CRM Cases February 2018	5				14

Civil Defence attendance at Events for month of February

- Missing Person exercise
- Search and Communications Exercise
- Sportshall Athletics Blitz UL
- Step into Spring UL
- Assistance given transporting palliative care nurses during severe weather

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 February
No. of call outs 01/02/18 – 28/02/18	835	1,400		2,235
Average call processing time			72	

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11. Access to Information

	February	2018 (Jan to December)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	22	40
FOI Internal Appeals	-	2
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	4	5
Total AIE Requests	1	1

12. Digital Strategy

Smart City Exchange

- The 4th consortium meeting of the +CityXChange project took place in Trondheim, Norway on 26-27 February and was attended by members of the Limerick project team.
- The +CityXChange is a project proposal under the Horizon 2020 Smart Cities and Communities 2018 call developed in partnership with members from seven EU countries.
- The project looks at how a smart city can better manage its energy usage and deploy new energy solutions in order to become a "positive energy" city. This is essential to counter climate change and make the city a better place to live, work and do business.

13. Veterinary Services

- 43 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 38 dogs.
- 17 food samples were submitted during February for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological Sampling Programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.



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Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

A total of 97 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8 Development	1
Housing developments	2
Domestic developments	59
Agricultural developments	13
Commercial developments /change of use	8
Community / Educational Developments	4
Other Developments	10

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 14 residential units at the junction of Blackboy Road and Greenhills Road, Limerick.
- Construction of 63 residential units at Cois Teampaill, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
- Construction of 49 residential units at Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick.

2. Investment

- 4site invested €250,000 in their headquarters in Limerick to create Ireland's first 'Fibre Centre of Excellence'. Established in 2002, 4site currently employs 70 highly skilled professionals and the company now plans to expand their team further in Limerick by adding 20 additional positions over the coming months.
- NBC commenced production of its major new TV series 'Nightflyers' at Troy Studios, resulting in a €50 million investment in Limerick.

3. Marketing and Communications

- Began PR and Marketing campaign for Limerick St Patrick's Festival 2018

- Produced Limerick St. Patrick's Festival Guide 2018 and print adverts. Dedicated section promoting the offering created on Limerick.ie.
- Produced What's On advert for The Limerick Magazine
- Secured Limerick.ie feature advert on Limerick Visitor Guide Map 2018
- Provided marketing support for Salesian Primary School Fashion Show
- Provided promotional materials to delegates for Wild Atlantic Way TripAdvisor Spring Campaign Workshops
- Continued rollout of Limerick Student City marketing campaign through on campus promotion at Limerick Institute of Technology
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Marketing and Communications

Social Media

- Posted 14 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total fans now 18,283. Posts reached 43,905 users with 9,676 engagements.
- Tweeted 14 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick_ie, with total followers now 13,844. Our tweets earned 56,700 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 4 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 3,749.
- Tweeted 14 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 2,060. Our tweets earned 38,800 impressions (number of times users saw our tweet).

Limerick.ie

A total of 84,430 people visited the Limerick.ie website in February a 10% increase on the same period in 2017.

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

1. www.limerick.ie
2. [/council](#)
3. [/council/services/planning-and-property/apply-or-search-planning-application/search-planning](#)

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- 4. [/discover/whats-on/browse](#)
- 5. [/council/your-council/jobs](#)

4. Housing Capital and Regeneration

Housing Summit

- Carmel Kirby, Director of Services, Limerick City and County Council attended a Housing Summit on the 7 February that had been convened by Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

House Construction

- Stage 1 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for a proposed Housing project at Michael Street and Mungret Street (nine units)
- The proposed housing scheme at Brannigan's Site, Mulgrave Street (14 units) was submitted for Part 8 Planning Application
- Part 8 Planning Permission was granted for a scheme at Clare Street, Limerick City (six units)
- The Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee took place on 26 February 2018, and amongst the items discussed were
 - An overview of the National Development Plan 2018-2027, including Housing
 - An overview of the key issues discussed at the January Housing Summit
 - Housing Delivery Overview 2017
 - Presentation by Community Support Services on Housing Standards

Regeneration

- The Thermal Upgrade Programme continues apace with approval received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for the following contracts:
 - Approval to award Contract for TU-MOY 108A (Moyross, 51 units)
 - Approval to award Contract for TU-SHL 114A

- (Southill, 41 units)
- Approval to award Contract for TU-SMP 117 (St Mary's Park, 26 units)
- Approval to issue TU-MOY 119 (Moyross, 47 units) for Tender
- Approval to issue TU-SHL 120 (Southill, 45 units) for Tender

- Tender Reports are in preparation for the following contracts:
 - TU-SHL 109 (Southill, 39 units)
 - TU-BCW 116 (Ballinacurra Weston, 25 units)
- Improvement works have completed at the Thomond Weir site to enhance both its visual appearance and environmental surroundings
- New residents continue to move into their new homes at Lord Edward Street and Park View Row (Hyde Road Flats) housing schemes

5. Water Services

- Watermain Leak Detection and Repair contracts progressing in Limerick City.
- Watermain rehabilitation complete in Ballycampion, Bruff, St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale and Stoneville, Rathkeale
- Watermain rehabilitation commenced in Clohessy Park, Fedamore and The Hill, Kilmallock.

6. Forward Planning

- The Chief Executive's report on proposed variation no. 6 to the County Development Plan 2010 (extended), which proposes to incorporate changes to Chapter 8 in relation to Transport and Infrastructure was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members.
- A submission was made to the Southern Regional Assembly on the proposed Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Issues Paper.

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Organisational Development

1. Communications

- Issued 14 news releases from the Office of Marketing and Communications
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 120 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 10,068. Our tweets earned 197,800 impressions (number of times users saw our tweet).

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Operational Briefings		
Limerick City East	06.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City North	06.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City West	06.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Metropolitan District of Limerick	19.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of:		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting	13.02.2018	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting	07.02.2018	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Kilmallock: Monthly Meeting	15.02.2018	Kilmallock
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings		
Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning	12.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Home and Social Development	26.02.2018	Dooradoyle
Environment	26.02.2018	Dooradoyle
Community Leisure and Emergency Services	19.02.2018	Dooradoyle
Travel and Transportation	12.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Audit Committee	13.02.2018	Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	06.02.2018	Merchant's Quay
Meeting 'in committee' on Design Brief for Opera Site	26.02.2018	Dooradoyle

3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

- Five students attended a two-week Breathing apparatus Initial wearers course in Clonmel
- Five students successfully completed a one-week Bronto Hydraulic Platform Instructors course
- Six new whole time fire fighter recruits commenced their training with an initial one-week induction ran in Limerick City, Kilmallock and Cappamore. They then travelled to the UK for a seven week training course
- Five students travelled to the UK to complete Heavy Goods Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course

4. Digital Strategy

The Limerick Information Transformation Project - LITE will transform how the Council manages information. It aims to increase the use of electronic records and documents in order to provide more efficient public services. In February, the project has reached another milestone. The procurement process for consultancy services has been completed and the project is now progressing to the build stage using a "cloud" platform for electronic records.

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Financial Matters

1. Home Improvement Schemes

FEBRUARY 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€4,273.13	1	€13,423.50	1	€5,832.62	2
Metropolitan	€11,325.00	3	€8,190.00	2	€12,695.00	3
Newcastle West	€0.00	0	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Rathkeale	€0.00	0	€14,630.00	1	€8,000.00	1
	€15,598.13	4	€36,243.50	4	€26,527.62	6

Total Monies issued in February 2018 = €78,369.25

Total Grants issued in February 2018 = 14

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 28/2/2018	% Collection
€2,589,197	€2,540,891	€5,130,08	€2,252,854	€2,877,234	44%

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 28th February 2018	14,501,047	55,118,523 *	64,711	70,895	69,483,964	4,944,962	64,539,002	3,699,658	8%

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

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 28th February 2018*	459,000		** 459,000	252,093	206,907	55%

** accruals to end of February 2018 are not updated due to systems updates being applied

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

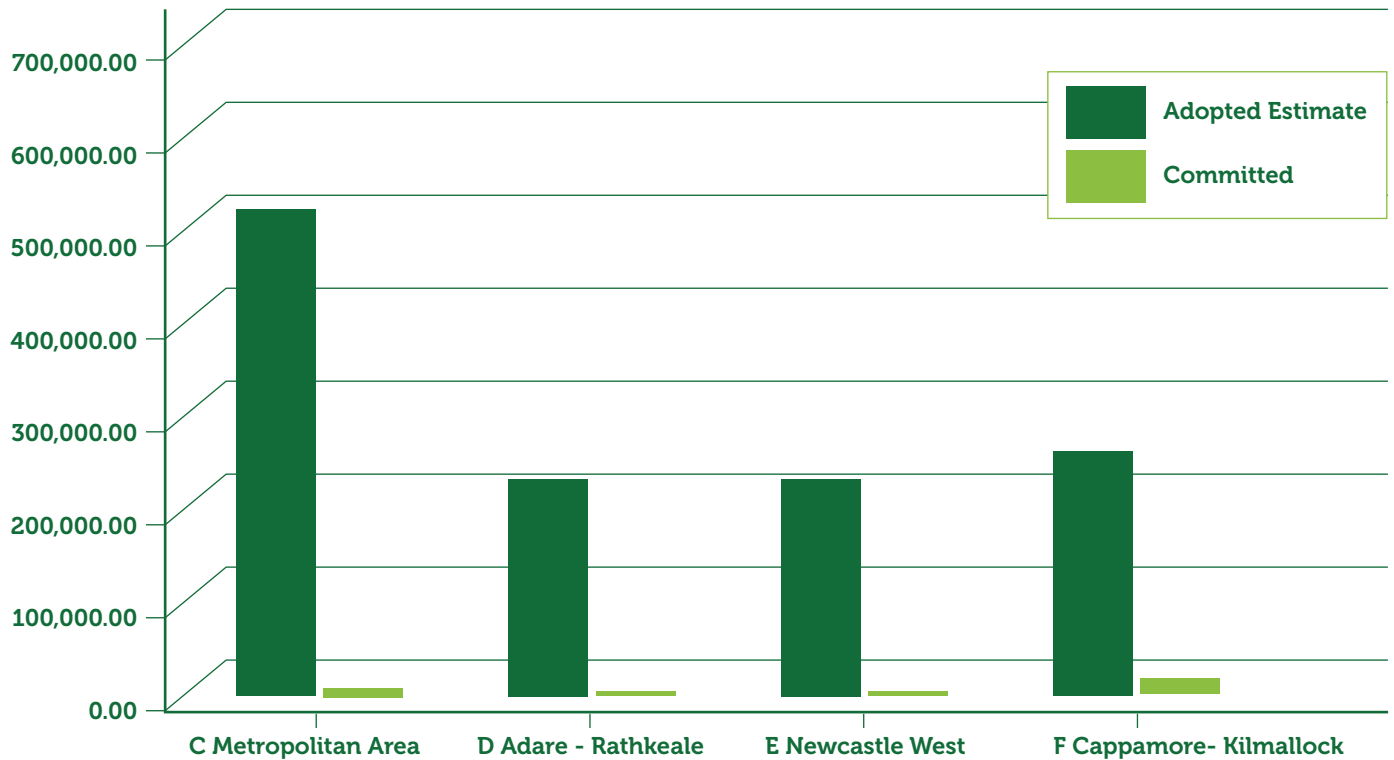
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2018

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 28th February 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	2,717
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	20,997

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5. Smarter Travel

National Roads

Transport Infrastructural Ireland has approved an allocation of €9,121,563 for 2018 for Limerick City and County Council's national roads. The allocation provides for funding for major projects and also maintenance for the national routes. Amongst the projects to be funded include:

- Limerick to Cork Motorway - €1.5m
- Foynes to Limerick - €1m
- N21 Abbeyfeale Relief Road - €25,000
- N21 Newcastle West Relief Road - €25,000
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction - €25,000
- M7 Junction 28 Feasibility Study - €50,000

Pavement Improvements are also planned for:

- N20 Ballyphilip to Howardstown North and N20 Ballymacrorry - €2m
- Adare West Approach - €600,000
- N21 Abbeyfeale to Mount Mahon - €100,000
- N21 Templeglantine - €345,000

Regional and Local Roads

In addition to funding received for the national routes, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has approved an allocation of €18,919,738 for 2018 for the regional and local roads. The funding provides for:

- Maintenance of regional and local roads - €13m approx
- Coonagh/Knockalisheen Distributor Road - €4m
- Thomond Bridge - €47,000
- Park Road Bridge Replacement - €50,000
- Golf Links Road and Ballysimon Road Upgrade - €40,000
- R445/R506 Junction Improvement - €150,000
- Footbridge Limerick City - €50,000
- 7 Bridge Rehabilitation schemes - €427,144
- 10 Low Cost Safety Schemes - €304,500

