

Limerick City and County Council

Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

26th March 2018

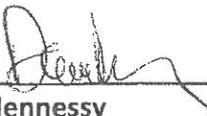
Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) what the current weekly rent costs are to single accommodated pensioners within what had been the old City Council Area, and the Municipal District of Newcastle West, and (b) what rent applies in the case of a single parent with 2 children in both scenarios.

Reply:

The figures requested are outlined in the table below. It is important to note that, in the event that the tenants had other income streams, e.g. additional private pensions, carer's allowance, employment, child maintenance contributions etc., there would be a consequential impact on the rent payable.

Income source	Income Amount	Rent Old City Area	Rent Municipal District of Newcastle West
State Pension Contributory (full rate)	€238.30	€34.30	€36.80
State Pension Contributory (reduced contributions)	€233.60	€33.80	€35.80
State Pension Non-Contributory	€227.00	€32.80	€34.80
One Parent Family Payment – Adult & Two Children	€252.60	€33.30	€37.80

Signed: 
Dave Hennessy
A/Senior Executive Officer
Community Support Services

22nd March 2018

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) the number of houses purchased by Limerick City and County Council in each of its 3 Municipal Districts in the years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017, and (b) the number of properties presently vacant in each Municipal District.

REPLY:

(a) Limerick City and County Council purchased a total of 184 housing units in Limerick during the period 2015-2017. Of this number, 32 were purchased in the Municipal Districts as follows:

<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Total Purchased</u>
Adare-Rathkeale	0	2	5	7
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	3	3	6
Newcastle West	0	9	10	19

and

(b) There are 37 properties currently vacant as follows:

<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>No. Vacant</u>
Adare-Rathkeale	13 Vacant (4 allocation offers under consideration, 1 ready for allocation in the coming weeks, 3 currently being renovated and 5 are long-term voids)
Cappamore-Kilmallock	14 Vacant (7 ready for allocation in the coming weeks, 2 currently being renovated and 5 are long-term voids)
Newcastle West	10 Vacant (1 allocation offer under consideration, 7 currently being renovated and 2 are long-term voids)

Seamus Hanrahan
A/Director of Service
Social Development

23rd March 2018

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Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting how many local authority housing maintenance issues were logged with Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh in 2016 and 2017, and how many of these were completed.

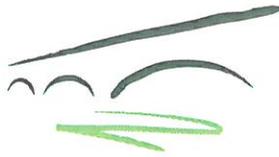
REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Figures Logged on CRM and Completed on CRM within requested dates.

Year	Amount of Cases Logged	Amount of Cases Completed
2016	11,049	10,858
2017	11,749	11,149

Rob Lowth, Operations and Maintenance Service

23/03/2018.



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

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Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting how many street signs, and Council road signs, have been erected in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and how many of those have Gaeilge and English in equal size as agreed by Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh.

REPLY:

A significant number of street/road signs are erected throughout the City and County each year. The majority of these are regulatory traffic signs that are covered by the Traffic Signs Manual as issued by the Department of Transport and, as such, are in compliance with Irish Language requirements. However, there are signs in place, including estate nameplates and directional signs, that do not fully conform with the Council's policy on the use of Irish. An inventory of this non-compliance signage will be carried out and a strategy developed for their replacement.

It should be noted that the Irish Language Policy Regulations take account of older signs which have been in place for a long number of years and do not require their immediate replacement. They should, however, if being replaced, meet the requirements as set out in the policy.

**Gerard O'Connor,
A/Senior Engineer,
Operations and Maintenance.**

23rd March, 2018.

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Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next Meeting, prior to the 2017 rent review for Limerick City and County Council tenants, when was the previous rent review; due to the distress caused to some tenants following the most recent review, could it be confirmed that these reviews will be carried out on an annual basis.

Reply:

Condition 2 of the standard Letting Agreement signed by tenants provides as follows:

"2. (A) The Tenant(s) shall furnish the Council with full particulars of present income and the income of each person residing in the rented house and, in addition, immediately notify the Council of any change in the income of any resident in this house as soon as such changes occur and also furnish the Council with all proofs which it may require in respect of any statement made, and give the Council any authority which it may require to seek and receive information regarding same from employers or from any other source.

(B) In the event of the Tenant(s) failing to furnish the Council with the information required, or to produce the proofs, or to give the authority referred to, the Tenant(s) shall immediately become liable for and will pay the full economic rent applicable to such house, or such rent as shall be fixed by the Council at its discretion, from the next date that the rent is due following the date upon which such change of circumstances occurred."

Periodically, the practice has been to send out rent assessment forms to all tenants in order to get an accurate picture at a particular point in time of the household income and composition, and calculate and implement any rent changes arising therefrom. The last such general exercise took place in 2011. It is accepted that it is desirable to do this on a more

regular basis. Given the scale of the project, involving circa 5000 households, it is not possible to commit to undertake this exercise on an annual basis. It is the intention of Limerick City and County Council that all households would be assessed at least once every two years. However, it is important to emphasise that the tenant is required under the letting agreement to notify the council of any change to their income status.

Signed: _____


Dave Hennessy
A/Senior Executive Officer
Community Support Services

22nd March 2018



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting, in the event of the absence of School Wardens due to illness or other circumstances, has the Council replacements trained and vetted to fill the role immediately.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has a current panel for the position of School Warden in place. There are a number of candidates who have been vetted to provide cover in the event of existing school wardens being absent. It is envisaged that they will shortly be undertaking training to allow them act as substitute school warden if required.

Sean Coughlan, Director of Service
21st March 2018

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting, in relation to "Limerick Community Safety Partnership," for clarification regarding the future of the programme.

REPLY:

The Limerick Community Safety Partnership Programme is funded via the Social Intervention Fund and an application for funding for 2018 has been submitted. All applications for this fund are assessed by an Independent Evaluation Panel who submit their recommendation to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for approval and once this process is completed the Limerick Community Safety Partnership will be notified of the decision.

Seamus O'Connor
LCDC Chief Officer

21ST March 2018.