

Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City
& County Council

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 2018.

Question submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on what level of communication, if any, is taking place between Limerick City and County Council and Dunnes Stores regarding their empty properties on Sarsfield Street and O'Connell Street and what actions are planned.

Reply:

"Limerick City and County Council has provided notice of intention to the owners of the Dunnes Store site situated at Sarsfield Street, Limerick of proposed entry onto the register of Vacant Sites. The submission returned by Dunnes stores is currently under consideration."

In respect of the property on O'Connell Street Dunnes Stores received planning permission in October 2017 for the change of use from retail to licensed restaurant use.

Rosie Webb

Senior Architect

Urban & Village Renewal Department

13/03/2018

Limerick City and County Council

Meeting of the Metropolitan District

TO BE HELD ON Tuesday, 20th March, 2018

Question submitted by Cmhrl. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many parking fines were issued for illegal parking in Loading Bays, Taxi Ranks and Bus Stops in the Metropolitan District in 2016 and 2017.

Reply to Question:

The number of fines issued are as follows:

OFFENCE	NO. ISSUED 2016	NO. ISSUED 2017
Parking a vehicle other than goods vehicle being used for loading or unloading in a loading bay	979	1,096

Goods vehicle loading or unloading in a loading bay over 30 minutes	169	270
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Parking a vehicle in a taxi rank	200	239
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Parking a vehicle wholly or partly with roadway markings at an omnibus/ stopping/ place /stand	60	83
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Sean Coughlan

A/Head of Finance

Limerick City and County Council

Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick

20th March 2018

Question submitted by CmhIr S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many vacant local authority houses there are in the Metropolitan District.

Reply:

At the 12th February 2018, the number of vacant properties in the Metropolitan area was 28, the breakdown is as follows;

Properties offered awaiting acceptance	1
Properties where licences have been signed with voluntary associations but tenant is not yet in occupation	2
Properties with works yet to be completed	13
Properties recently returned awaiting works	11
Properties vacant and available for letting (allocation in progress)	1
Total	28

Signed: _____


Dave Hennessy
A/Senior Executive Officer
Community Support Services

15th March 2018

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY THE 20TH MARCH, 2018

Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next Meeting for the Council to provide details of the funding allocation made in 2017 to replace the old SOX bulbs (when needing repair through failure) with the new LED street lights. How much of this allocation was spent in 2017 replacing the old bulbs.

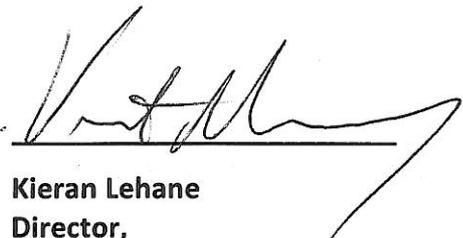
Reply:

The allocation for Public Lighting Maintenance made each year by the Council is for the maintenance of the entire stock of public lighting including SOX, SONs, CFLs, Halogens, and LEDs as well as switch gear, lighting columns and outreach brackets.

Therefore, there is not a specific allocation targeted towards SOX Bulb replacement only. The Budget in 2017 for Public Lighting for Energy Costs, repairs and Renewals was €1,800,000.

Philips the dominant manufacturer has announced that it will phase out the production of SOX Bulbs from July 2019 due to the growth in use of the more energy efficient LEDs. There are still some supplies of SOX replacement Bulbs available but stocks will be limited going forward. Therefore, over the next few years Councils will have to look at replacing their network of SOX Lanterns with LEDs.

In 2017 the Council carried out works on over 2100 SOX Lanterns, of these the Bulb was replaced in approx. 1,385 and 715 SOX Lanterns were replaced with new LED lanterns at a cost of circa €225,000.

P.P. 

Kieran Lehane
Director,
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20th March, 2018.

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Metropolitan District of Limerick

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20th March, 2018

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Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next Meeting for the Council to provide a current status of the proposed schedule to complete Phase 2 of the refurbishment work in the Watergate Flats Complex. Has all the required funding been provided? Maintenance issues in Tara Court have been placed on hold for the last number of years with the expectation that the refurbishment work would address most of the serious issues.

Response to Question

The deep retrofit of the 100 unit Watergate Flats complex is being delivered on a phased basis. Phase 1 (56 units) was completed in 2017. This work has significantly enhanced the performance, comfort levels and visual amenity of these buildings. Part-funding has been confirmed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for Phase 2 of the project i.e. 44 units. Part-funding has also been committed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) under the Better Energy Communities Programme 2018. It is envisaged that work will commence on Phase 2 this year.

Operations and Maintenance, Service Operations are responding to routine maintenance requests from tenants in Tara Court.

Seamus Hanrahan
Senior Architect
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14th March 2018