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July 2018

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More jobs announcements for Limerick

Refurbishment works begin at the Belltable Theatre and Dance Limerick

Over 130 applications received for Limerick Going for Gold 2018

Mayor launches 2018 Gum Litter Campaign

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	2,725
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units July 2018	14	6	2	2	24
Year to Date	163	23	12	23	221

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

Individuals – 27 July 2018		
Location	Description	No.
McGarry House	Mixed low threshold accommodation for singles	30
St Patrick's Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	50
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	20
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	21
TEP 2 (Phoenix Lodge)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	10
Total		154

Families - 27 July 2018			
Location	Description	No. Adults	No. Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	5	6
		Families - 5	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	50	86
		Families - 38	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	16	10
		Families - 8	
Totals		71	102
		Families - 51	

Cemeteries

Total No. of Burials in the City Graveyards

- Kilmurry: 6
- Castlemungret: 12
- Mount St. Oliver: 18
- Mount St. Lawrence: 12

Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Total number of waivers approved for Limerick City and County Council for July was 43 and nine applications were refused.

2. HAP Shared Services

Located in The Granary, the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Shared Services Centre occupies two floors and specialises in a number of functions on behalf of the 31 Local Authorities and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive in the delivery of the HAP Scheme nationally. The functions are tenancy setup, landlord setup, commencement of tenancy, tax clearance compliance, payments to landlords, suspension or cessation of payments to landlords, tenant rent collection, debt management, recoupment management, management of tenancy amendments and stakeholder reporting.

There were 38,666 active HAP tenancies at the end of July 2018. A weekly average of 350 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2018. The weekly tenant debit is just under €1.8 million and the July landlord payment run was just under €29 million.

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Limerick City and County Council has received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development of €293,840 under the Clár Programme for 2018. Under Measure 1 (Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures), €234,660 has been allocated to ten projects and under Measure 2 (Play Areas, including Multi Use Games Areas for Schools) €59,180 has been allocated for two projects as outlined below.

Group	Description	Funding received
Kilfinane Community Council	Erection of 1.2m high fence (75 meters) surrounding proposed zip line area and installation of zip lint unit. This will be installed adjacent to the existing playground	€9,180
Kileedy Development Committee	Community Playground	€50,000
Bulgaden National School	Provision of 2 sets of flashing amber lights and child safety lights. Improvement to road markings. Provision of 2 LED lights including mini pillar, ESB connection, ducting and poles	€28,125
Meenkilly National School	Erect digital speed safety signs, upgrade road markings and child safety signs on the L 1325 road	€15,840
Doon Girls National School	Boundary set back, wall construction and footpath improvements.	€30,000
Athea National School	Erect digital speed safety signs; upgrade road markings and child safety signs on the Regional Road, R523.	€15,840
Kilbehenny National School	Provision of speed safety signs, flashing amber lights on upgraded road marking. Provision of 5 no public lights with 100 metres of ducting	€31,050

Group	Description	Funding received
Mountcollins National School	Upgrade road markings and install child safety signs	€1,980
Oola Community Council/Village and School	Construction of footpath including tactile paving	€29,700
Raheenagh National School	Pedestrian Crossing / Child Safety Signs / Road Safety Measures	€29,700
Knockadea National School	Provision of 2 sets of flashing lights and child safety signs on the approached to the school. Renewal of road markings on the approaches to the school.	€29,700
Ashford National School	Erect pedestrian crossing from school to community centre and upgrade road markings	€24,300

Community Enhancement Scheme

- The new Community Enhancement Programme builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and the recast RAPID programme. Applications received will be evaluated by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to ensure eligibility and consistency with the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).
- Limerick received €152,942 in 2018. It is recommended that the LCDC direct 30% (circa €46,000) of the funding towards small-scale capital grants of €1,000 or less.
- Application closing date was 30/07/2018 and the applications are currently being assessed by the LCDC.
- The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced additional funding of €500,000 for Men's Sheds in Ireland. The funding is a ring-fenced fund for Men's Sheds and under the Community Enhancement Programme. Limerick has received an allocation of €31,884. The maximum grant available per application is €1,450. The funding is for small capital grants for equipment and minor capital works. Only Men's Sheds that are affiliated with the Irish Men's Sheds Association are eligible to apply for this ring-fenced funding and only one application per group is permitted. The Local Community Development

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Committee (LCDC) will assess applications. Details available on the following link: <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/grants-and-funding/community-enhancement-programme-2018-mens>

Healthy Limerick

Healthy Ireland 2018-2019 funding application from LCDC:

Awaiting decision on this funding application that has eight actions including:

1. Breastfeeding is Welcome Here initiative:

- First Interagency Working Group meeting held on 3 July.
- Action plan agreed.
- HSE National Breastfeeding Coordinator on working group – learning from Limerick to inform future actions nationally.
- Invitation to tender for marketing consultant prepared and sent to companies.

2. Tobacco-Free Limerick initiative:

- First Interagency Working Group meeting held on 11 July.
- Action plan agreed.
- Work plan progressing with ASH Ireland joining the working group and discussions ongoing with the National HSE Tobacco Free Ireland Programme staff.

3. Expansion of – Social and Health Education Programme (SHEP) – to the County.

- Two Interagency Working Group meetings to date to prepare the application.
- SHEP Training and Development Officer linking with local agencies to plan 4-8 week programmes in Abbeyfeale, Castleconnell, Croom and Newcastle West.

Limerick Children and Young Persons Services Committee (CYPSC) Healthy Ireland 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 funding:

- Limerick City and County Council is receiving the funding on behalf of the Limerick CYPSC and therefore is responsible for the administration regarding financial monitoring and reporting.

- There are three actions in last year's application (Outdoor Play initiative led by Limerick Childcare Committee, Youth Traveller Engage initiative led by Limerick Youth Service, Play and Recreation Policy Development Phase 1 led by Limerick City and County Council).
- There are three actions in this year's application (Outdoor Play initiative led by Limerick Childcare Committee, Play and Recreation Policy Development Phase 2 led by Limerick City and County Council and Breastfeeding is Welcome Here initiative led by Limerick City and County Council).

Healthy Ireland in Your Library:

Co-ordinator met with the Executive Librarian to discuss the 2018-2019 Healthy Ireland in Your Library initiative. The following priorities and principles were identified and a number of useful introductions with relevant agencies were subsequently made to support this initiative in Limerick.

1. who to link with - partnership working
2. how to promote - engaging with communities
3. how to keep things manageable - being realistic
4. what existing resources and opportunities are there – sustainability
5. what is the best information to offer - evidence-informed

Move for Life:

Healthy Limerick Co-ordinator represents Limerick City and County Council on the steering group for this large Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative (HaPAI) funded study of the effect of the Move for Life intervention on exercise levels in people aged 50+. The study is to see what works to promote physical activity in the older population using a peer-led approach is well underway in Limerick and Clare. The coordinator is also helping at some of the screening events in the city and county.

Healthy Limerick small grants initiative:

- Limerick Ukeladies has decided to formally constitute itself prior to receiving the funding.
- Millmount/Desmond Place Residents Association has been re-invigorated, they have been set up on the finance system with Limerick City and County

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Council and are linked with colleagues in Housing Support Services of Limerick City and County Council.

- Cluain Ard Residents Association informed about the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and now linked with Living Limerick.
- Southill Dining Club have made changes on the dining table to encourage the reduction of sugar, salt and butter intake by the older people who attend their events.
- To facilitate relationship-building by providing a 'neutral space', Ballyhoura Development is working with Kilmallock Women's Group and Kilmallock Travellers Group to implement the intercultural craft initiative that Kilmallock Women's Group applied for. Correspondence was received from both Kilmallock Women's Group and Kilmallock Travellers Group and there is full involvement from both. Ballyhoura Development has received the grant on their behalf.

Pride of Place

Pride of Place judges Tom and Alison Dowling visited Kilmeedy on 23 July, who were selected as Limerick representatives in the 0-300 population category for Pride of Place competition this year. A presentation was given by members of the Kilmeedy Community Development Group followed by a tour of the village including the Phoenix Project, the Boreen Lane, Geary's Garage, Aras Ide, Kilmeedy Cross/ Fair Field, Fernview Housing Estate, St. Ita's Church, Kilmeedy Graveyard and finishing up at Kilmeedy Horticultural garden. The judges praised the community for their warm welcome and stated that "Kilmeedy was an uniquely special place".

On 31 July, the judges visited Limerick Civic Trust, who were nominated in the Creative Place Initiative category. Following a presentation given by the Chief Executive Officer and a number of Trustees, the judges were taken on a tour of the following sites, which are being renovated by Limerick Civic Trust: Corbally Baths, the Red Path, Bridge Street site, St. Munchin's Church and graveyard. The judges commented, "that Limerick Civic Trust was doing amazing heritage and environmental work, for the past 35 years, which added huge value to the city and environs".

In the afternoon, the judges received a warm welcome at the Children's Grief Centre in the Westbourne Convent, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road,

which provides support services to children and young people who are affected by loss through bereavement, separation or divorce. The Children's Grief Centre was nominated in the "Communities Reaching Out Initiative" category. Following a lengthy presentation by members of the centre, the judges described the centre "as a wonderful initiative making a measurable difference to children who need support in difficult times".

4. National Day of Commemoration

Limerick City and County Council hosted the National Day of Commemoration ceremony on Sunday, 8 July. The ceremony was to honour all Irishmen and Irishwomen who died in past wars or on service with the United Nations. In excess of 300 people attended the event representing a broad cross-section of various religious beliefs. The ceremony finished with a minute's silence and the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor James Collins laid a wreath.

5. Customer Services

Following from the integration of the Housing Maintenance Department, along with answering all maintenance calls, a total of 773 cases were logged by our Customer Services teams in both Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle in July alone.

The department also aided the Public Lighting team in the closure of all historic cases, with a total of 978 cases being resolved. Customer Services handled and processed 75 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of July.

The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving a total of 12,883 calls throughout the month. This works out at approximately 645 calls per day, with the average response time being 19 seconds for calls to be answered.

Throughout July, a total of 2,725 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows;

- Operations and Maintenance: 1,788
1,164 of which being housing maintenance,
773 of those being logged by Customer Services.

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- Housing Support Services: 395
- Planning and Environmental Services: 242
- Customer Services: 133
- Veterinary: 75

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 2,824.

6. Library Services

- The Granary Library continues a busy schedule of events throughout the summer months. Story time with Caroline for children was held on 11 and 25 July with visits from St. John's School Summer Literacy Camp and Karibu Montessori Crèche Summer Camp on 4 and 18 July.
- The Granary Library hosted its second '*Digital Skills for Citizens Training Course*' with the community led local development company Ballyhoura Development CLG, working to support communities, families, individuals and business. The training took place over five two-hour sessions, beginning on 2 July. The aim of the programme is to give people confidence, motivation and skills to take their first steps online. Classes are taught to small groups of six to seven people, who bring along their own devices (iPhone, iPad, Tablet etc.). It involves learning how to search websites, send and receive emails, download and use various applications (WhatsApp, Viber, RTE Player etc.). How to use social media, upload, download and send photos as well as learning about online safety and security.
- On 3 July, an Open University information meeting was held outlining all requirements and options for flexible, part-time study, supported distance and open learning for undergraduate and postgraduate courses and qualifications. An Open University tutor was on hand to answer queries.
- The very popular, free Sahaja Yoga Meditation classes, continue to run on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer months as well as the Short Stories Book Club, The Granary Library also facilitates the International Book Explorers Book Club.
- In July the Granary Library facilitated '*Writespace*' workshops with Sarah Moore Fitzgerald – the course is for anybody with an interest in writing, short stories, prose.
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Limerick Support Group meet weekly in the Granary Library.
- The '*Knitter Knatters Group*' run by Jane Murphy, meet on a weekly basis in the Granary Library – for anybody who enjoys knitting and a social chat.
- Newcastle West Library hosted two '*Messy Hands*' story and rhyme time sessions with hands on arts and crafts on 3 and 10 July. There was a large attendance on both days with parents, toddlers and pre-schoolers thoroughly enjoying the events. Refreshments were provided afterwards giving parents and guardians an opportunity to meet and chat. The social aspect of these sessions is proving very popular. The Summer Stars Reading programme is again in big demand this year with a large number of children registered on the programme. A library wall is decorated with little stars, each representing a participant and endorsing their commitment to reading lots of books over the summer.
- An exhibition of paintings by Paul Weerasekera continued throughout the month, with great interest from the public, as many of the paintings portrayed places of local interest in West Limerick.
- As with the Granary Library, the Knitting Club has continued throughout the summer months at Newcastle West Library, providing great enjoyment for all involved.

7. Limerick Culture and Arts Office

Capital Works Programme - Refurbishment of the Belltable Theatre and Dance Limerick

Belltable Theatre

Works have begun on the refurbishment of the Belltable Theatre, which is in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council. The Lime Tree Theatre application for the Belltable Theatre was successful in being awarded funding from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Arts and Culture Capital Scheme 2016 - Stream 1.

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Dance Limerick

Preparations have taken place for the refurbishment of Dance Limerick, which is in the long-term custodianship of Limerick City and County Council. This historic structure requires upgrading to ensure efficiencies and a state of the art contemporary space. This improves comfort levels for the creative practitioners, dancers, choreographers and workshop participants and for audiences. It also makes the venue more economical to run. The Dance Limerick application was successful in being awarded funding from Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Arts and Culture Capital Scheme 2016 - Stream 1.

LEO Festivals and Events Development Programme

The final module of the professional development programme for Festival and Events Organisers in Limerick took place on 25 June. This programme is the result of a panel recommendation as part of the 2017 Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Grant Scheme. Feedback from the programme has been excellent with some groups already actively planning and working with their committees on improvements. Attendance at each of the modules was extremely good and all groups engaged with the trainer and each other with great positivity and energy. On the night, certificates of attendance were presented to all participants.

Emerging Writer Mentoring Opportunity – Open Call

In partnership with Words Ireland, a Mentoring Opportunity is offered for an emerging writer living in Limerick to receive mentoring from a professional writer, which consists of four meetings over the next eight months with reading and analysis of the mentees work in advance.

County Limerick Youth Theatre

The County Limerick Youth Theatre was successful in LEADER funding applications for two projects, Expressing Employability and Theatre in Education. Mentoring support associated with new organisational structures and governance has been brokered.

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Festivals and Events Grants

Following the Festivals and Events Open Call, 60 applications were received and the assessment panel met in July. Their recommendations for the allocation of Grants from the Festival and Events Grant Scheme Strand 1 and for the allocation of Grants from the Festival and Events Grant Scheme Strand 2 (a) and (b) went forward for approval to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee on 10 July and were recommended to the full Council on 23 July for approval. Letters of notification have been issued to all applicants.

Made in Limerick: Creative Ireland Grants

'Made in Limerick: Creative Ireland Grants' was an open call to support Limerick-based community-focused projects as part of Creative Ireland Programme. 18 applications were received. The 'Made in Limerick' assessment panel, appointed by Limerick City and County Council met on 4 July. A total of €15,000 was awarded under strand 1 Creative Minds and a total of €15,000 under strand 2 Creative Citizens. The available funding was allocated to 11 projects in total. These allocations were noted at the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee of 10 July.

Creative Ireland Online Portal

In the build up to the official launch of local Culture and Creativity Strategies 2018 – 2022 by the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, TD we are populating the Creative Ireland website with information about Limerick-based projects delivered as part of the Creative Ireland Programme. Creative Ireland are creating a dedicated page for every Local Authority on www.creativeireland.ie with an event guide to promote the fantastic range of activities delivered locally as part of Creative Ireland Programme.

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Cultural Strategic Policy Committee

The Cultural Strategic Policy Committee met on 10 July. They recommended Festivals and Events Grants Allocations 2018/2019, noted the Creative Ireland: Made in Limerick Grants 2018, noted the Strategic Fund applications and noted the allocation of the International Mobility Awards 2018 Strand 1-Round 1.

8. Limerick Museum

- *'Doubt and Belief'*, an exhibition of five recent works by Maurice Quillinan was held in the Museum from 2 to 31 July. In it, he explored some of the artists who have most influenced him, such as Michelangelo, Raphael, Rubens and Goya. The title 'Doubt and Belief' refers to the 'Doubts' one has as to whether all elements of a project will come together and the 'Belief' one has to have to complete the task.
- Friends of Limerick Lace Group held meetings in the Museum on 5, 19 and 31 July.
- Limerick Museum received 2,017 visitors in July.

9. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- 175 complaints were received in July.
- 307 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- 22 on the spot litter fines were issued in July.
- Legal proceedings were issued in five cases under the Waste Management Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Litter Pollution Act.
- 26 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.

- Four Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- Six Statutory Notices were served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act.
- Nine Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 84 cases were closed / resolved / completed in July.

Air Noise and Water Pollution

- 47 complaints were received in July.
- 43 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- One Notice was served under Section 12 of the Water Pollution Acts 1977 – 2007.
- One Notice was served under Section 110 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.
- One Certificate of Compliance was issued under Article 18 of the European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations, 2012 and 2014.
- One Certificate of Compliance was issued under Regulation 17 of the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products And Activities) Regulations 2012 And 2014.

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	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/07/18 – 31/07/18	206	50	256
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	56	63	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	28	25	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	16	12	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications July	15	15	2	17	
Disability Access Cert Applications July	10	10	0	9	
Licensing Applications July	2	2			
Commencement Notice July	58	53			
Completion Certificate July	23	21			
Sugar CRM Cases July	4				3

Civil Defence attendance at Events for the month

- Askeaton 2.5k swim.
- Shountrade Soccer Camp, Croagh.
- Glin Estuary Charity Swim.
- Foynes Air Show.
- Get West Family Day (Radisson Hotel).
- National Day of Commemoration (Merchant's Quay).

Major Emergency Management Events for month of July

- The Regional Working Group held a meeting on 3 July.
- The Regional Steering Group meeting held on 6 July.
- The Regional Steering Group approved the following plans:
 - Mid-West Regional Risk Assessments
 - Mid-West Mass Fatality Plan
 - Mid-West Voluntary Emergency Services
 - Mid-West Inter-Agency Media Communications Plan.

Munster Regional Control Centre (MRCC)

	No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	Other Calls	Average call processing time (secs)	Total No. of calls in July
No. of call outs 01/07/18 – 31/07/18	1,636	2,143	70	3,779

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	July	2018 (Jan to July)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	25	140
FOI Internal Appeals	2	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	15
Total AIE Requests	-	4

12. Local Enterprise Office

- LEO Limerick in conjunction with Clare and Tipperary LEO has sponsored the Irish Quality Food Awards Networking Event on 11 July, which brought together the best of Irish food and drink from the Mid-West to put the region firmly on the Irish food map.
- LEO Limerick sponsored Limerick Food Experience at the Newcastle West Show, which took place on the 15 July.
- Enterprise Ireland Impact Report 2017 was published and confirmed that Limerick LEO created 279 gross jobs in 2017 bringing their total jobs created to 1,907 as per the 2017 Annual Employment Survey compiled by the Centre of Excellence in Enterprise Ireland.

13. Veterinary Services

- Six stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 24 dogs.
- Six food samples were submitted during July 2018 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological Sampling Programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

14. Environmental Awareness**Limerick Going for Gold Gets Underway**

Over 130 applications have been received for this year's Limerick Going for Gold 2018. All of these groups have received Limerick Going for Gold

Environment Improvement Grant funding ranging from €200– €2,000 to assist them with their environmental work and help with the overall aim of making Limerick a cleaner, brighter, place to work live and visit. These groups are also in with a chance to win an award in the Limerick Going for Gold Grand Final. A new category, The Champions Category, has been added for 2018. It will include previous winners of the top prize in the Limerick Going for Gold Challenge Category (or equivalent) and will include the following groups:

- 2017 - Adare Tidy Towns
- 2016 - Glin Tidy Towns
- 2015 – Castleconnell Tidy Towns
- 2014 – Caherdavin Tidy Towns
- 2013 – Annacotty Tidy Towns
- 2012 – Janesboro Tidy Towns
- 2011 – Castletroy View Residential Association (competition precursor to Limerick Going for Gold).

The other categories in this year's Limerick Going for Gold competition include:

- Limerick in Bloom.
- Residential Areas (Including Estates).
- Challenge Category.
- Tidy Towns Incentive Category.
- Best Front Garden Competition, sponsored by the Parkway Shopping Centre.

Limerick Going for Gold prize fund is 100% funded by the JP Mc Manus Charitable Foundation. The Foundation also part fund the Limerick Going for Gold Grants.

Gum Litter Task Force Local Launch

The Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor James Collins launched the National Gum Litter Task Force Campaign locally reminding people that chewing gum is litter and advising people to bin your gum when you are done.

Recycling Ambassadors

Co-ordinated the Recycling Ambassadors to have a stand at the Newcastle West Show with the local Tidy Towns Group.

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A total of 102 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8 Developments	3
Domestic Developments	2
Domestic Developments	58
Agricultural Developments	5
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	11
Community/Educational Developments	9
Other Developments	14

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 43 residential units at Clonmacken, Condell Road.
- Part 8 for the construction of 11 residential units at Lower Carey's Road.
- Construction of 15 residential units at Knocklong.
- Construction of 38 residential units at Newtown, Castletroy.
- Construction of a solar farm at Gibbonstown, Kilmallock.
- Construction of an extension to the Castletroy Town Centre at Dublin Road, Castletroy.

2. Investment

- The Daft House Price Report published in July shows that house prices in Limerick increased by 4.8% in City and 3.3% in the County from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 2018.
- 173 jobs were announced in July by the following companies; BD (85 jobs), Rigid Containers (30 jobs), EY (15 jobs), Shearwater Winds (15 jobs), Croom Precision (18 jobs) and Maxol Service Station (10 jobs).
- Close to €9.5 million of investment was announced by companies during the month including Rigid Containers (€8 million), Maxol Service Station (€650,000) and Kostal (€800,000).

3. Marketing and Communications

- Tender process ongoing for the creation of a brand identity for Limerick to communicate Limerick as a contemporary international location to live, work, invest, study and visit.
- Commissioned and launched an Economic Data Profiling Study of Limerick to local stakeholders.
- Commenced Limerick Student City marketing campaign 2018 – produced and distributed 10,000 student guides for incoming international third level students and for inclusion in fresher packs; produced an updated interactive digital guide for Limerick.ie
- Summer digital marketing campaign launched to promote Limerick as a domestic break destination. The campaign profiles Limerick as a location for different market segments including families, women and adventure seekers.
- Commenced project to upgrade William Street feature signage in collaboration with Physical Development Directorate.
- RTE Radio feature secured on Great Southern Greenway Limerick
- Feature advert in Foynes/Bray Air Show programme reaching 160,000 spectators.
- Marketing materials supplied to EVA International
- Feature July What's On advert for social and digital media marketing.
- Produced summer edition of staff newsletter Council Connect.
- Produced five Limerick.ie e-newsletters.
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Social Media

- Posted 38 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total page likes now 19,773. Posts reached 110,000 users with 9,318 engagements.
- Tweeted 32 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick_ie, with total followers now 14,613. Our tweets earned 90,600 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 8 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 4,307.

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- Tweeted 21 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 2,278. Our tweets earned 42,300 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 8 times on Limerick City and County Council's LinkedIn with total followers now 1,208.

Limerick.ie

- A total of 113,368 people visited the Limerick.ie website in July 2018 – a 76.76% increase on the same period in 2017.

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

1. www.limerick.ie
2. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-property/apply-or-search-planning-application/search-planning
3. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse
4. www.limerick.ie/council
5. www.limerick.ie/discover/eat-see-do

4. Housing Capital

- The refurbishment of Speaker's Corner was completed which includes four apartment units and ground floor accommodation for Mid-West Simon.
- Cuan Mhuire was completed which comprised six residential units in Bruree.
- Part 8 planning applications were submitted for the following:
 - 43 unit housing scheme at Clonmacken site, Clonmacken
 - 11 unit housing scheme at Lower Carey's Road
 - 5 unit housing scheme at Kileely Road.

5. Local Enterprise Office

- 3 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants approved
- 1 Business Expansion grant approved
- 5 Priming grants approved

6. Smarter Travel

Limerick Smarter Travel Route 4 L1171 Old Tipperary Road Improvements Phase 1. This project forms part of the overall LST Route 4 Ballysimon, Castletroy and Newtown.

The improvement works in the Ballysimon area benefit the community and local employment sector connecting the Eastway Business Park and Delta Retail Park with an existing cycling network along the Groody Road to the north and to the Castletroy area via the Golf Links Road. It provides an excellent facility for people to commute to work in the area in a more sustainable manner.

The project was 1.3km in length along the L1171 Old Tipperary Road and 220m along the Garryglass Link Road.

The works consisted of the excavation and reconstruction of footpaths and road pavement, provision of new footpaths, cycle lanes, raised shared surface junctions, public lighting and a signalised toucan crossing. Works also included new road markings, signage, telecommunication ducting, surface water drainage upgrade and lowering/resetting of services chamber covers.

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& County Council**Organisational Development****1. Communications**

- Issued 13 news releases from the Office of Marketing and Communications.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Produced and distributed the physical half yearly Council Connect newsletter.
- Tweeted 98 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 10,836. Our tweets earned over 202,000 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).

2. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	23.07.2018	Dooradoyle
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	03.07.2018 03.07.2018 03.07.2018	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	16.07.2018	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of: (a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting	10.07.2018	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting	04.07.2018	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Kilmallock: Monthly Meeting Special Meeting to pass a vote of sympathy on the death of former Councillor Willie Sampson RIP	19.07.2018 05.07.2018	Kilmallock Ballylanders
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Home and Social Development Cultural	09.07.2018 10.07.2018	Dooradoyle Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	03.07.2018	Merchant's Quay
Joint Policing Sub Committee Meeting Newcastle West Municipal District Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District	04.07.2018 19.07.2018	Newcastle West Newcastle West
Joint Policing Committee	13.07.2018	Merchant's Quay
Corporate Policy Group	16.07.2018	Merchant's Quay
Party Leaders' Meeting	23.07.2018	Dooradoyle
Protocol Committee	23.07.2018	Dooradoyle

3. Training Fire and Emergency Services

- The Fire Service are undergoing a changeover from analogue communication systems to the Tetra system currently being used by the Gardaí, Health Service Executive and Coastguard. All fire personnel have been trained in the use of the Tetra communication systems.
- Four retained fire fighter recruits attended a three-week Initial Recruit Fire Fighting courses in Bray and Dundalk. These courses were the first Fire Service Training Courses to achieve a QQI accreditation.
- Two Fire Fighters completed a two-week Initial Breathing Apparatus Wearers Course in Clonmel.

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JULY 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€5,400.00	1	€33,090.00	2	€8,000.00	1
Metropolitan	€30,477.50	7	€56,056.01	6	€15,057.50	4
Newcastle West	€5,300.00	1	€38,009.20	3	€15,625.00	4
Rathkeale	€0.00	0	€0.00	0	€1,757.50	1
	€41,177.50	9	€127,155.21	11	€40,440.00	10

Total Monies issued in July 2018 = €208,772.71

Total Grants issued in July 2018 = 30

JANUARY TO JULY 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€42,829.91	9	€161,623.07	12	€73,468.35	16
Metropolitan	€155,670.26	35	€325,977.75	32	€123,583.29	28
Newcastle West	€68,738.48	15	€56,174.20	9	€137,849.39	27
Rathkeale	€23,295.03	6	€20,373.50	3	€34,248.73	9
	€290,533.68	65	€564,148.52	56	€369,149.76	80

Total Monies issued January to July 2018 = €1,223,831.96

Total Grants issued January to July 2018 = 201

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/06/2018	% Collection
€2,589,197	€8,916,304	€11,505,501	€8,185,915	€3,319,586	71%

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 31st July 2018	14,501,047	55,056,291	*	362,054	967,792	68,227,492	36,225,955	32,001,537	2,979,280	56%

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

Debtors Loans	Opening Balance 1 Jan €	Accruals €	Writes offs/ Waivers €	To Collect €	Receipts €	Arrears €	% Collection
As at 31st July 2018	461,159	759,665	1,624	1,219,200	882,081	337,119	72%

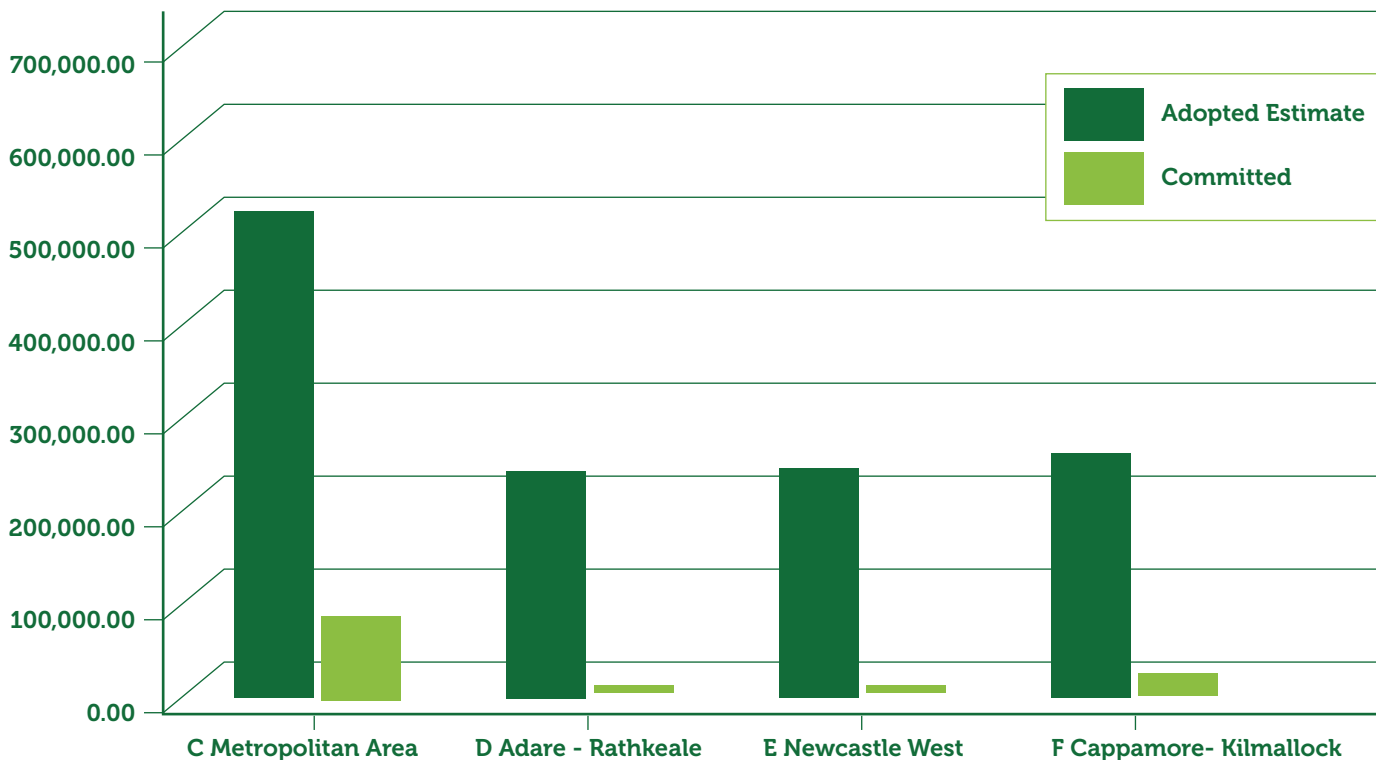
Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

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Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 31st July 2018



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	71,140
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	0
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	0
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	19,678