

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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**Limerick City**  
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August 2018

THIS MONTH:

**Limerick Celebrates All Ireland Senior Hurling Final win**

**Excellence in Local Government Awards**

**Refurbishment works continue in Regeneration Areas**

**Limerick Leads €6.5ml City xChange Project to develop Smart Cities**

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## Empowering the Citizen

### 1. Community Support Services

#### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	2,747
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#### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
No of Units August 2018	9	2	0	5	16
Year to Date	172	25	12	28	237

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

Individuals – 31 August 2018		
Location	Description	No.
McGarry House	Mixed low threshold accommodation for singles	32
St Patrick's Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	50
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	25
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	68
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	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>207</b>

Families - 31 August 2018			
Location	Description	No. Adults	No. Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	6
		Families - 6	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	49	85
		Families - 36	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	17	22
		Families - 10	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>113</b>
		<b>Families - 52</b>	

### 2. HAP Shared Services

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme is a form of social housing support provided by all local authorities. Limerick City and County Council, HAP Shared Services Centre (SSC) is the national customer contact and financial transactional shared services centre for all 31 local authorities including the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.

There were 39,723 active HAP tenancies at the end of August. A weekly average of 348 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2018.

The weekly tenant debit is just over €1.8 million.

The August landlord payment run was just over €29 million.

### 3. Social Development

#### Christmas Lights Grant Scheme 2017

A total of €7,500 was paid for Christmas Lights Grant Scheme 2017.

19 towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000 received payments:

Abbeyfeale	Hospital
Annacotty	Knockane
Athea	Kilfinane
Ballingarry	Kilmallock
Caherconlish	Mungret
Cappamore	Old Pallas
Churchtown	Pallasgreen
Croom	Pallaskenry
Foynes	Shanagolden
Glin	

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### Environment Awareness

Recycling Ambassadors and Master Composters attendance at the Cappamore and Limerick Shows.

### Cemeteries

**Total No. of Burials in the City Graveyards: 33**

- Kilmurry: 3
- Castlemungret: 7
- Mount St. Oliver: 9
- Mount St. Lawrence: 14

### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Total number of waivers approved for Limerick City and County Council for August 2018 was 30 and 11 applications were refused.

## 4. Corporate Services

### Limerick All Ireland Hurling Champions

Limerick City and County Council in conjunction with Limerick G.A.A., provided a big screen in the Gaelic Grounds for Limerick Hurling fans to watch the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final on Sunday, 19 August. This was attended by approximately 12,000 people.

A Homecoming Event was also organised for the following day to welcome home the victorious all Ireland Hurling Champions. More than 90,000 people lined the streets of Limerick to welcome the team home while a further 30,000 people were in the Gaelic Grounds for the official part of the event. A wonderful atmosphere ensued for these two wonderful events.

## 5. Customer Services

Following from the integration of the Housing Maintenance Department, along with answering all maintenance calls, a total of 793 cases were logged by our Customer Services teams in both Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle in August.

Customer Services handled and processed 100 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of August.

The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving a total of 12,388 calls throughout the month.

This works out at approximately 620 calls per day, with the average response time being 36 seconds for calls to be answered.

Throughout August, a total of 2,655 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows:

- Operations and Maintenance: 1,685 of which 1,135 were housing maintenance
- Housing Support Services: 297
- Planning and Environmental Services: 194
- Customer Services: 145
- Veterinary: 100
- Design and Delivery: 62
- Urban and Village Renewal: 25

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 2,905.

## 6. Library Services

- On 18 August, Limerick Library staff booked a promotional stand at the Cappamore Show. This was the first time for the library service to attend and it proved to be a very worthwhile and engaging event. The wide variety of free services provided by libraries: books, lectures, children's activities, internet access, special collections in digital and traditional formats and much more were demonstrated with displays and handouts. Various bookmarks were also available but the most popular were those specially designed to commemorate the big event of that weekend, the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final.
- It was also a big month for those who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Awards and certificates were presented to each child who read a minimum of eight books over the summer at special events at Newcastle West and Dooradoyle Libraries. Over 200 children at Newcastle West and over 400 at Dooradoyle received certificates. Renowned author Gabriel Fitzmaurice presented certificates, read some of his poems and sang at Newcastle West. Magicians were on hand at both venues providing entertainment for all the families who participated in this year's event.
- Newcastle West Library hosted a workshop "A Dog's Life" on the morning of 1 August. Dawn Kavanagh from Dogs Trust provided the audience with helpful information on caring for a dog and responsible dog ownership.

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- On 15 August an interactive reading of Peter Donnelly's book "The President's Glasses" took place in Newcastle West Library. Based on the irresistibly fun story about a forgetful president and his ever-ready pigeon! The president has some VERY important documents to sign at Dublin Castle, but without his glasses, how will he do it? Luckily, the presidential pigeon knows exactly what's happened and follows the presidential car to Dublin Castle, taking in a bird's eye view of the city on his way. The event was jointly organised by West Limerick Resources, the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and Newcastle West Library. The morning included reading, art/craft activity and a fabulous magic show.
- Throughout the month of August an exhibition titled "Athbheochan 1893-2018 Revival" was on display in Newcastle West. This was a very appropriate pop-up exhibition to celebrate Bliain Na Gaeilge, "Our Irish belongs to us All", Gaeilge Bheo! The beautiful display was sponsored by Conradh Na Gaeilge, Foras Na Gaeilge and by the Culture and Arts Department in Limerick City and County Council.
- The Granary Library hosted a Pirate Radio Exhibition from 7 to 30 August. The exhibition visited Dublin, Wicklow, Waterford and Dungarvan and hopes to generate both interest and funding for a permanent Irish Private Radio Archive to preserve this unique part of Irish radio and social history.
- The Limerick Writers' Centre presented 'On the Nail @ The Library' on 30 August. Special guest readers on the night were Ruth Padel and Neil Donnelly. Ruth's new book, 'Emerald' is on the subject of grief and loss, an elegy to a lost mother. Author of ten poetry collections Ruth's other books include: 'Where the Serpent Lives', a novel on wildlife crime, 'Darwin': A Life in Poems', a verse biography of her great-great grandfather Charles Darwin and eight books of non-fiction. Neil Donnelly is a playwright, poet, screenwriter and writer for radio. His screenplays include No Prisoners, Brown Lord of Mountain and The Big Buck. He was a Harvey's award winner in 1982, writer in residence for Mayo County Council in 1993, and writer-in-association at The Abbey Theatre in 1994. His debut poetry collection, Tullamore Train, was published in 2011. He is a member of Aosdána.
- In Watch House Cross Library three art and craft events were held on the 3, 8 and 10 August. 40 children enjoyed painting on canvass making a summer sun and an alien spaceship. Summer Stars story time was held every Thursday, with children and parents enjoying the weekly event.
- An exhibition of artwork by artist Marian Sheehan was opened on 14 August in Dooradoyle Library. This was a rather unique exhibition of Irish wildlife with many in miniature format. Birds, mice, badgers, deer, squirrels, rabbits, hares and many more animals were included.
- From 1 August, Dooradoyle Library held a large Gaelic Athletic Association Hurling promotion to celebrate Limerick's return to an All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final. The players' photographs and profiles were on display for the month and as the day came nearer, the Library was suitably decked out in the green and white of Limerick. An almost life size image of one of RTE's "Players of the Year", Limerick's No. 4, Richie English stands guard over the children's library. The 1973 team have not been forgotten either and a photograph of the team, made into a tray, looks down from behind the Library desk.
- Titles recommended through a Book Review Project earlier in the year provided the theme for a promotion of lesser-known children's books in the month of August.

## 7. Limerick Culture and Arts Office

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

#### Belltable Theatre

Refurbishment works at the Belltable Theatre are bringing new life to the café, the dressing rooms, the addition of a green room and remedial works in the theatre itself.

#### Dance Limerick

The refurbishment of Dance Limerick in John's Square, began in August. The works are required to upgrade the St. John of the Cross Church to ensure efficiencies

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around the thermal performance of the building fabric by means of roof insulation and new thermally efficient windows.

### Strategic Developments and Supports

#### Letters of support from Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund

Limerick Culture and Arts Department provided letters of support to two open calls from The Arts Council.

Five letters of support for applications to the Arts Council Project Awards.

Six letters of support for applications to Arts Council strategic funding.

#### County Limerick Youth Theatre

County Limerick Youth Theatre is undergoing a significant change programme to strengthen their governance and sustainability. In supporting this change, we have worked to identify and provide Mentoring support associated in delivering this capacity building opportunity.

#### Successful in application to Arts Council Invitation to Collaboration

The Arts Council has announced the recipients of the most recent round of the Invitation to Collaboration Scheme, which sees €350,000 being awarded to five major local authority arts projects around the country. The scheme, established in May 2016, aims to identify new ways of strengthening access to the arts for people across Ireland and to highlight the role of the arts in building sustainable, cohesive communities. The projects highlight the quality of perception and ambition within local authority arts, which have all identified unique approaches to the many facets of the arts that they are invested in. The Arts Council received ten applications, seven were eligible and five have received funding including Limerick City and County Council for a collaborative project 'The Bingo Wings Project' with Fidget Feet and Kerry and Donegal County Councils.

#### Joint initiative between Culture and Arts Office and Limerick Enterprise Office (LEO) : Festivals and Events Development Programme Evaluation

An evaluation process was carried out to review the joint initiative between Limerick Culture and Arts Office and the Limerick Enterprise Office (LEO) Festivals and Events Development Programme.

The resulting report will be brought before the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee on the 3 September and provides an analysis of the evaluation as well as a series of recommendations.

#### Artists' Bursaries – 2 opportunities advertised through Open Calls

##### 1. Limerick Culture and Arts Department International Mobility Award

This was the second Round of the Awards, with continued support for creatives in Limerick to encourage international mobility and opportunities for Limerick artists.

##### 2. 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.

#### Festivals in August supported by funding from Limerick City and County Council

##### Cappamore Show

The Annual Cappamore Show took place on 18 August. The cultural and creative programming which forms part of this event was funded under the Limerick Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2017/18.

#### Bring Your Limericks to Limerick international poetry competition

Programming included:

- Punk poet Attila the Stockbroker in Limerick for our Bring Your Limericks to Limerick festival of poetry. A mega performance at Dolans Upstairs 25 August.
- Bring Your Limericks to Limerick festival and a bus tour of West Limerick and Maigue Poets country.

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- Poetry and Song in the Captains Room Hunt Museum.

The cultural and creative programming which forms part of this event was funded under the Grants Under the Arts Act Grant Scheme.

### Limerick Culture and Arts Office Programme

#### Castleconnell Autumn Concerts Series

Presented by RTE Lyric FM's Liz Nolan, the first of this year's programme took place on 28 August. Kerry born baritone Gavan Ring is one of Ireland's best known voices and has achieved wide acclaim in the United Kingdom and Europe for roles in Opera. He was accompanied by Santa Ignace on Piano at All Saint's Church, Castleconnell, County Limerick. This programme brings national and international performers to Castleconnell providing a high quality music programme to audiences in the region.

### Creative Ireland

#### 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](http://www.creativeireland.ie) with an event guide to promote the fantastic range of activities delivered locally as part of Creative Ireland Programme.

## 8. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum received 2,477 visitors in August 2018.
- Tans, an exhibition of paintings by Mick O'Dea, President of the Royal Hibernian Academy was held in the Museum from 3 to 31 August. Born in Ennis, County Clare in 1958, Mick O'Dea is one of Ireland's best-known contemporary artists. The exhibition showcased some of his most interesting work on the Irish Revolution from 1916 to 1923.

- "Amazing Lace" an exhibition of lace and lace patterns from the permanent collection of Limerick Museum was held in the CB1 Community Gallery, 51a O'Connell Street from 16 to 30 August.
- In conjunction with the above exhibition, Limerick Museum, Friends of Limerick Lace and Limerick Archives hosted Bring out Your Lace in the CB1 Community Gallery from 16 to 18 August. As a result, seven pieces of Limerick lace were donated to Limerick Museum.
- Limerick Museum organised several events for Heritage Week. They included walking tours of Limerick's Medieval High Street by John Elliott; lectures on the Limerick Digital Atlas Project and Limerick Lace by John Elliott and Matthew Potter; and tours of Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery and the Museum itself by Matthew Potter.

## 9. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Continuation of LCGA's four exhibitions, Crossing the Salt by Gabhann Dunne, Art Forms in Nature by Karl Blossfeldt, a Hayward Gallery Touring Exhibition from Southbank Centre, London, Florilegium A Gathering of Flowers by Naomin Draper and Rachel Myles, Imni which received the LCGA/LSAD Graduate Prize award for 2017, and a selections of works from the Permanent Collection.
- National press reviews for exhibitions, Crossing the Salt by Gabhann Dunne, in the Sunday Times and Irish Times.
- Review of Art Forms in Nature by Karl Blossfeldt, in the Sunday Times on 12 August, a Hayward Gallery Touring Exhibition from Southbank Centre, London.
- Artists Talk/Discussion on 30 August, featuring Gabhann Dunne, Cherry Smyth and Manchán Magan, followed by the launch of the catalogue Crossing the Salt, with an attendance of 50 people.
- Ongoing loan to the Crawford Art Gallery, Cork of the painting by Maurice MacGonigal, A Dublin Studio from the Permanent Collection featured in the exhibition Naked Truth: The Nude by Irish Artists.

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- Ongoing plans for forthcoming exhibitions in September by Maud Cotter and Anita Groener.
- Ongoing plans LCGA is working with three venues in Co. Leitrim, Co. Cork and Dublin for the forthcoming exhibition with Anita Groener, tour to take place during 2019. The exhibition has been the recipient of an Arts Council Touring and Dissemination Award.
- Ongoing negotiations and planning for touring retrospective exhibition by Mary Swanzy curated with Sean Kissane, Irish Museum Modern Art, tour taking place in 2019.
- Essential Fire and Safety upgrade work envisaged to commence in September to address the work required in the building and subject of a Department of Arts grant that has been matched by Limerick City and County Council.
- LCGA's visitor attendance for August was over 5,550.

- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act.
- One Statutory Notice was served under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act.
- Three Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 67 cases were closed / resolved / completed in August.

### Air Noise and Water Pollution.

- 27 complaints were received in August.
- 15 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 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992.
- Two Certificates of Compliance were issued under the European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 as amended.

## 10. Planning and Environment

### Litter/Waste Enforcement

- 141 complaints were received in August.
- 68 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- 26 on the spot litter fines were issued in August.
- Legal proceedings were issued in two cases under the Waste Management Act.
- 18 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- One Notice was served under Section 9 of the Litter Pollution Act.
- Five Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.



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### 11. Fire and Emergency Services

#### Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/08/18 – 31/08/18	67	43	110
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	76%	64%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	16%	33%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	8%	3%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications August	24	23	2	18	
Disability Access Cert Applications August	18	17	0	15	
Licensing Applications August	80	80			
Commencement Notice August	34	29			
Completion Certificate August	16	14			
Sugar CRM Cases August	2				0

#### Civil Defence attendance at Events for the month

- Deel Swim Askeaton
- Cappamore Agriucultural Show
- All Ireland Champions Homecoming Colbert Station and Gaelic Grounds
- Street Party at John's Square
- UL Hospitals 5K
- Papal Visit Phoenix Park

#### 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 August
No. of call outs 01/08/18 – 31/08/18	929	1,627	71	2,556



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### 12. Access to Information

	August	2018 (Jan to Aug)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	17	157
FOI Internal Appeals	-	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	18
Total AIE Requests	1	5

### 13. Forward Planning

- Heritage Week 2018 took place from 16 to 28 August with seventy events taking place across Limerick City and County during the week. The theme was 'Share a Story – Make a Connection'. Community events included; music and percussion, poetry, family archives and history, historical and wildlife walks, ponding and insect safaris, craft workshops, exhibitions, lectures, kayaking tours, a food tour and tours of historical graveyards.

### 14. Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

- Launch of a new course/workshop 'Setting Up a Fashion Business' signalling a new style of course for LEO Limerick which has not been done to date.
- Launch of the Mind Over Matter event on 30 August in ENGINE, Limerick City. LEO Limerick are a gold sponsor for this event, which takes place on World Mental Health Day 2018 on 10 October.

### 15. Veterinary Services

- 12 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 12 dogs.
- 15 food samples were submitted during August 2018 for analysis under the National Residues and Microbiological Sampling Programme.
- The Dog Licence Awareness Campaign continued to be implemented by the Dog Wardens.

### 16. Derelict Sites and Vacant Homes/Properties

- 70 inspections were carried out.
- Eight Statutory Notices were issued under the Derelict Sites Act.
- Two cases were closed through compliance.
- Three property entered onto the Derelict Site Register.
- Four properties put forward for consideration under the Buy and Renew Scheme.





## Economic Development and Planning

### 1. Planning Applications

A total of 98 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8 Developments	3
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	66
Agricultural Developments	6
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	10
Community/Educational Developments	2
Other Developments	8

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 6 residential units at Fortfield, Ballyhahill.
- Part 8 for the construction of 24 residential units at Barnakyle, Patrickswell.
- Part 8 for the construction of 7 residential housing units at Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale.
- Construction of 13 residential units at Rathmale, Mungret.

### 2. Investment

- During the month, Automation and Robotics Company 'DesignPro' successfully secured funding for a €260,000 project through Enterprise Ireland's 'Innovation Partnership Programme.
- The Green Onion Café opened in the City with seven new jobs created.

### 3. Marketing and Communications

- All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final
  - Co-ordinated "Greening of Limerick" in lead up to match.
  - Lead the media element of the Homecoming and Big Screen on behalf of Limerick City and County Council and Limerick GAA.

- Promoted big screen event at Gaelic Grounds.
- Promoted Homecoming event online and on traditional channels such as TV and radio.
- Promoted on social media including live tweeting the match, coverage of the homecoming with 120+ posts across four accounts; commissioned a video of the homecoming event which reached 275,000 people on Facebook with 89,000 views.
- Hosted 2 Facebook Live videos of the All-Ireland Champions' journey from Colbert Station to the Gaelic Grounds (30,000+views).
- Commissioned photography and video of homecoming for distribution to local and national media.
- Secured widespread national and local media coverage (live TV broadcasts, online, social, radio and front page coverage) generating hugely positive PR for Limerick.
- Appointed global creative agency M & C Saatchi to create a new brand identity and implementation plan for Limerick.
- Continued Limerick Student City marketing campaign to encourage third level students to explore Limerick – feature advert in Mary Immaculate College's Student Diary.
- Provided marketing support and operated Limerick.ie trade stand for the Limerick Show 2018
- Feature August What's On advert for social and digital media marketing.
- Produced four Limerick.ie e-newsletters.
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued by the Office of Marketing and Communications.

### Social Media

- Posted 44 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total page likes now 20,985. Posts reached 546,500 users with 122,700 engagements.
- Tweeted 42 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick\_ie, with total followers now 14,734. Our tweets earned 234,100 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 11 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram with total followers now 4,505.

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- Tweeted 6 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 2,354. Our tweets earned 26,700 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted seven times on Limerick City and County Council's LinkedIn with total followers now 1,395.

### Limerick.ie

- A total of 129,233 people visited the Limerick.ie website in August 2018 – a 64% increase on the same period in 2017.

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in August 2018 were:

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

### Digital Strategy

- With the award in July of €6.5m to Limerick from the Horizon 2020 EU Research and Innovation Funding programme for its part in the +CityxChange (positive city exchange) smart cities project, the Digital Strategy department recently held the inaugural CityxChange partners meeting in the city. The meeting was a high-level discussion of Limerick's part of the overall project, looking at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and risks. This was attended by our Irish partners, including the Limerick Clare Energy Agency, Innovate Limerick, University of Limerick, IES R&D, Smart MPower, ESB Innovation and ESB Networks, Space Engagers, GKinetic Energy Ltd, and Future Analytics Consulting.
- Digital Strategy attended an All Ireland Smart Cities forum meeting in Dublin, where plans were made in collaboration with our partners in Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Galway, Belfast and Derry for the All Ireland Smart Cities Annual Conference scheduled for 26 September in Croke Park.

## 4. Housing Capital

- Approval for the refurbishment of Clondrinagh Halting site, Ennis Road was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 28 August. This is a further phase of improvement works following an earlier project carried out in 2017.
- Approval was received in August 2018 to proceed with a planning application for a District Play Area in Saint Mary's Park.
- Approval has been received to proceed to Construction Stage for Thermal Upgrade projects, Contract SMP113 (29 houses) and Contract BW116 (25 houses) in Saint Mary's Park and Ballinacurra Weston. This is a combined investment of €1.6m.
- Phase 2 works to the Watergate Flats complex are on site and due to be completed in Q4 2018.

## 5. Water Services

### Capital Works

- Lead replacement works completed in Farranshone and progressing in Corbally and Rosbrien Phase 3
- Watermain rehabilitation completed in Oola, progressing in Pallaskenry, Kildimo and Hospital.

## 6. Forward Planning

- Chief Executive's Report issued to Elected Members on the proposed Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025.
- Chief Executive's Report issued to Elected Members in relation to the deferral of making a new Local Area Plan for Castleconnell.



## 7. Local Enterprise Office

- Commencement of Redz Engineering Cluster programme with the appointment of a Network Manager to facilitate the setting up and management of the Engineering Cluster in Limerick and North Cork.
- Promotion and Sponsorship of the Limerick Food Experience at this year's Cappamore Show provided a platform for Limerick's food and drink producers to showcase their products and to further promote Limerick's excellent food produce.
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick have joined forces with Network Ireland Limerick to amalgamate their Women in Business Networks.
- Engaged Retail Excellence Ireland and working closely with them on a new project aimed at boosting retail growth in the city centre.
- Distribution of over 2,000 car stickers as part of our #TeamLimerick campaign in support of the All Ireland Hurling Champions of 2018 Limerick.
- The Tender for delivery of training, mentoring and other services for 2019-2020 has officially been advertised on E-tenders - 21 Lots in total.

## 8. Physical Development

### Flood Relief

#### Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM)

The Council has notified the Commissioner of Public Works and Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government that the Full Council has approved the following Flood Risk Management Plans for the City and County of Limerick:

- UoM 23 – Tralee Bay - Feale Flood Risk Management Plan 2018;
- UoM 24 – Shannon Estuary South, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018;
- UoM 25/26 – Shannon Upper and Lower, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018;
- UoM 27/28 – Shannon Estuary North and Mal Bay, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018;
- UoM 16 – Suir Flood Risk Management Plan 2018;
- UoM 18 – Blackwater (Munster), Flood Risk Management Plan 2018.

These plans will provide flood relief measures that will protect homes and property in Limerick under the first phase of the CFRAM programme. The plans will be implemented in conjunction with the Office of Public Works as part of a 10 year programme involving €1 billion in investment nationally.

The approval of these plans enables the Council to engage directly with the Office of Public Works in relation to progressing the plans to a detailed design and then construction.



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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 122 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 10,971. Our tweets earned over 459,700 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Limerick City and County Council has been shortlisted for 10 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

The shortlisting for so many awards highlights the depth and breadth of work that the council carries out for the betterment of the citizens of Limerick.

The Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by local authorities all over Ireland.

Limerick City and County Council has been shortlisted for:

- Read Your Mind Book Project
- Riverfest
- Traffic Calming Measures for the Town of Rathkeale
- Balance Bike Initiative

- Healthy Limerick
- Limerick School of Spectacle
- Bridge Street Urban Garden
- ENGINE
- Limerick Clothing Factory
- Lord Edward Street Housing Development, Limerick city

**2 Digital Strategy**

- August saw the establishment of Limerick City and County Council's +Limerick (positive Limerick) project board, which will coordinate the council's involvement in the CityxChange project. At the first board meeting, the board structure and terms of reference were agreed, while at the second meeting work commenced on the analysis of the work packages involved in delivering the project.
- The build of the council's new Sharepoint Online-based Electronic Records Management System (EDRMS) continues. Part of the LITe (Limerick Information Transformation eProgramme) project, which manages the council's transition to and adoption of the new EDRMS, the rollout will initially focus on Archives, Business Improvement and Digital Strategy, before moving on to the remaining departments in a phased approach.

**3. Schedule of Meetings**

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Local Community Development Committee	14.08.2018	Merchant's Quay

**4 Training Fire and Emergency Services**

- Completed work based testing for 20 applicants for Whole-time Fire Fighters in Cappamore.

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### Financial Matters

#### 1. Home Improvement Schemes

AUGUST 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€0.00	0	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
Metropolitan	€35,581.94	7	€162,245.16	14	€35,225.00	7
Newcastle West	€1,990.00	1	€17,536.58	3	€13,130.00	2
Rathkeale	€10,400.00	2	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
	<b>€47,971.94</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>€179,781.74</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>€48,355.00</b>	<b>9</b>

Total Monies issued in August 2018 = €276,108.68

Total Grants issued in August 2018 = 36

JANUARY TO AUGUST 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	€191,252.20	42	€488,222.91	46	€158,808.29	35
Newcastle West	€70,728.45	16	€73,710.78	12	€150,979.39	29
Rathkeale	€33,695.03	8	€20,373.50	3	€34,248.73	9
	<b>€338,505.59</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>€743,930.26</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>€417,504.76</b>	<b>89</b>

Total Monies issued January to August 2018 = €1,499,940.61

Total Grants issued January to August 2018 = 237

#### 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/08/2018	% Collection
€2,589,197	€10,357,949	€12,947,146	€9,528,797	€3,418,349	74%

#### 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 August 2018	14,501,047	55,055,115	*	444,243	1,375,814	67,736,105	39,879,813	27,856,292	2,721,864	61%

\* 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 August 2018	461,159	750,949	1,624	1,210,484	1,010,077	200,407	83%

##### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

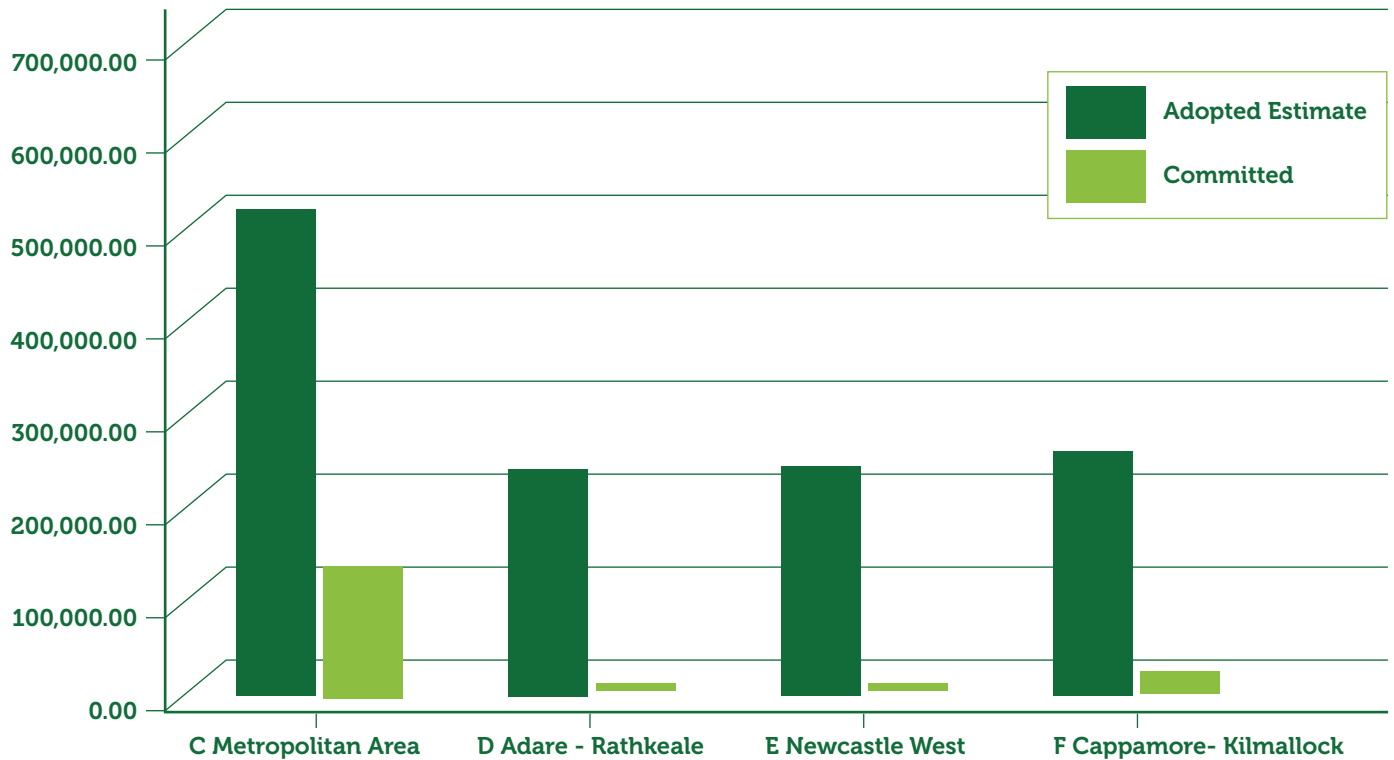
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**4. General Municipal Allocation 2018**

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

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



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	117,993
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	5,900
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	0
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	25,7268