

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



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October 2018

THIS MONTH:

**Several non-profit groups get funding from the Community Enhancement Programme**

**Vicky Phelan accorded a Civic Reception**

**National Technology Park, Plassey to be new permanent location for Edwards Lifesciences Corporation**

**120 local female entrepreneurs attend 'National Women's Enterprise Day' event**

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## Empowering the Citizen

### 1. Community Support Services

#### Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	2,674
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#### Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
Number of Units October 2018	10	0	1	0	11
Year to Date	191	26	15	28	260

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

Individuals – 22 October 2018		
Location	Description	No.
McGarry House	Mixed low threshold accommodation for singles	31
St. Patrick's Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	44
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	20
B and B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	18
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
TEP 2 (Phoenix Lodge)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>137</b>

Families - 22 October 2018			
Location	Description	No. Adults	No. Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10
		Families - 6	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	47	81
		Families - 34	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	16	22
		Families - 11	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>113</b>
		Families - 51	

### 2. HAP Shared Services

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme is a form of social housing support provided by all local authorities. Located in the Granary the HAP Shared Services Centre occupies two floors and specialises in a number of functions on behalf of the 31 Local Authorities including the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive in the delivery of the HAP Scheme nationally.

There were 41,692 active HAP tenancies at the end of October 2018. A weekly average of 352 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2018.

The weekly tenant debit is over €1.9 million. The October landlord payment run was over €31 million.

### 3. Social Development

#### Environment Awareness

##### Green Schools Seminar

Approximately 70 teachers attended the annual Limerick City and County Council Green Schools Seminar. Talks were held on all Green Schools themes, Litter and Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship and Marine Litter.

##### Limerick Going for Gold

The Limerick Going for Gold Grand Final was held on 9 October with a total prize fund of €99,400 (sponsored by JP McManus Charitable Foundation). The top prize of €10,000 in the Challenge Category was awarded jointly to Kilteely and Athea Tidy Towns, with Newcastle West Tidy Towns taking 2nd place and a prize of €7,000 and Kilfinane Tidy Towns

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being awarded 3rd place and a prize of €5,000. The competition encompassed groups from across Limerick City and County with awards being given across the following categories: Tidy Towns Incentive; Limerick in Bloom; Reuse: Residential Areas; Endeavour; Champions; Judges Award; Biodiversity, #loveyourlimerick and Best Front Garden (sponsored by Parkway Shopping Centre) all incorporated under the Limerick Going for Gold banner.

### National Reuse Month

- #RunReuseRefill The first "zero" waste St. Michael's Rowing Club (SMRC) Urban Run was organised by St. Michael's Rowing Club and supported by Limerick City and County Council. RunReuseRefill glasses were filled by SMRC volunteers. Another team of volunteers were further down from the water station with large 'skip' bags and they encouraged runners to put the reusable glasses in the bag. The glasses were returned to the SMRC clubhouse to be washed and stored for the next time they are needed. By implementing this initiative SMRC saved nine volunteer hours of litter picking, €250 and saved the use of 800 single use plastic bottles.
- Limerick Going for Gold Reuse Award was awarded to St. Mary's Aid Bike Repair Project, Our Lady of Lourdes Food Waste Prevention Course and St. Michaels Rowing Club.
- Environment event for staff in conjunction with Limerick Clare Energy Agency.
- Almost 300 people attended the Limerick City and County Council supported Limerick Baby Market, which keeps "preloved" baby items in circulation.

### Cemeteries

#### Total No. of burials in City Cemeteries 46

- Mount St Lawrence: 17
- Mount St Oliver: 14
- Castlemungret: 10
- Kilmurry: 4
- Castleconnell: 1

### Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

Total number of waivers approved for Limerick City and County Council for October was 21 and nine applications were refused.

### Community Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

The Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) meeting took place on 15 October with presentations to the members on a Tobacco-Free Policy, swimable Limerick and a request to consider a recommendation for Limerick City and County Council to prepare a Swimming Facilities Strategy.

### Age Friendly

Members of Limerick Older People's Council hosted a stand at the official launch of Positive Ageing Week 2018, held at Thomond Park. The weeklong calendar of events run at locations throughout the city and county is an annual event supported by Limerick City and County Council. Staff from the European Research Project PLACE – EE also hosted a stand at the same event.

Age Friendly Limerick was represented at the following events in October:

- Dementia: Community Champions event
- Department of Health: 2nd Annual Older Peoples National Stakeholder Forum
- Institute of Public Health: Physical Activity and the Older Person – What Works?
- Health Service Executive (HSE) – Services for Older People: AFFINITY Symposium 2018

### Healthy Limerick

- Healthy Limerick Small grants initiative: Most of the 18 actions led by local communities across the city and county are underway or completed.
- Healthy Ireland 2018-2019 funding application from Local Community Development Committee (LCDC):
  - Funding: The Healthy Ireland funding was received this month
  - Healthy Limerick Small Grants Initiative:
    - Number of applications received: 26
  - Breastfeeding is Welcome Here Initiative:
    - Number of premises in Limerick signed up to date: 62

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- Toolkit for use nationally: This month, agreement was reached with Healthy Ireland/ Department of Health that a guidance toolkit on the roll-out of We're Breastfeeding Friendly will be developed in Limerick for use by other local authorities in the new year.
- Initiative submitted for 2019 All Ireland Community and Council Awards (Community Health Initiative category).
- Interested businesses, organisations and groups with premises open to the public can participate. Contact [healthy.limerick@limerick.ie](mailto:healthy.limerick@limerick.ie)
- 4. Tobacco-Free Limerick initiative: Presentation of draft policy to Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee: Draft policy was recommended for consideration and adoption by full Council.
- 5. Expansion of Social and Health Education Programme (SHEP) to the County: Four community education health and wellbeing courses started this month in 1. Abbeyfeale, 2. Castleconnell, 3. Croom and 4. Newcastle West. A range of LECP (Local Economic and Community Plan) stakeholders are working together with the Social and Health Education Project to deliver this initiative, furthering priorities for Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), Connecting for Life, Learning Limerick Strategic Plan, Family Resource Centres programme and Mid-West HSE Community Healthcare Operational Plan.

### Limerick Sports Partnership(LSP)

- The LSP delivered a week-long programme of events for Positive Ageing week. The week was launched with a seminar, "Physical Activity as prescription Medicine" in Thomond Park for 200 delegates. Activities for the week included, inclusive games, swimming, Activator Pole walking and Scooch (a new Physical Activity game).
- The Move for Life Research Programme continues across all four sites (Caherdavin, Claughaun, Croom and Newcastle West) for Physical Interventions and Health screens in partnership with University of Limerick.
- The LSP secured €16,000 in capital funds from the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB).

- The LSP assisted several sports clubs through the Sports Capital Grants Application process.

### Community Enhancement Programme(CEP)

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and (RAPID) Revitalising Areas through Planning Investment and Development, with the ethos of the programme being the targeting of disadvantaged areas. It offers not-for-profit groups access to small/medium capital funding. Below is a list of successful applications under the initial CEP 2018 funding as well as under the CEP 2018 – Men's Shed's funding as evaluated by the Local Community Development Committee.

Group/Organisation Name	Amount Approved
Glenroe Hall Committee	€455.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Tidy Towns	€6,477.00
Limerick Women's Network	€660.00
Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council - Defibrillator Sub Group	€691.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Arts and Crafts Co-Op	€1,700.00
Ashford Raheenagh Tidy Towns	€735.00
Community Crisis Response Team	€751.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Sign Language Group	€849.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Heritage Committee	€900.00
Hospital Family Resource Centre - Step Forward Disability Group	€950.00
Effin and Garrienderk Development Association	€952.00
Familes Men's Shed	€2,414.00
Southside Women's Group	€980.00
Catholic Institute Athletic Club	€982.00
Abbeyfeale Community Council and Tidy Towns	€984.00
Scouting Ireland Ballybricken South Group 46th Limerick	€988.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Graveyard Committee	€989.00
South Family Resource Centre	€995.00
37th Croom Scout Group	€1,000.00
Abbeyfeale Council and Men's Shed	€1,000.00

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Group/Organisation Name	Amount Approved
Abbeyfeale Council and Town Park	€1,000.00
Ballyhahill Development Association	€1,000.00
Carew Park FC	€1,000.00
Con Colbert Community Hall	€1,000.00
Croom Family Resource Centre	€1,000.00
Croom Men's Shed	€2,450.00
Desmond Ability Resource Complex	€1,000.00
Doon Community Centre	€1,000.00
Doon Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Friar's Gate Theatre	€1,000.00
Glin Rovers Soccer Club	€1,000.00
Hill Walking Community Radio Group	€1,000.00
Hyde Rangers Football Club	€1,000.00
Kilbehenny National School	€1,000.00
Knockfierna Heritage Society	€1,000.00
Knocklong Development Association	€1,000.00
Knocklong History, Heritage and Tourism Group	€1,000.00
Limerick Celtics Basketball	€1,000.00
Oola Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Patrickswell Community Council	€1,000.00
Rainbow Community Employment	€1,000.00
Southill Club2gether	€1,000.00
Kilbehenny Community Centre CLG	€1,587.00
Ballyagran Development Association	€1,807.00
Galbally Community Council	€1,929.00
County Limerick Youth Theatre	€2,000.00
Southill Men's Shed	€3,450.00
Ballingarry Youth Club	€2,497.00
Ballyorgan Community Council - Ballyorgan National School	€2,500.00
Athea Community Council	€2,645.00
Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council - Glenroe and Ballyorgan Tidy Towns	€2,777.00
Glin Defrib Group	€2,792.00
Newcastle West District Community Centre	€3,500.00
Croom Community Development Association CLG	€3,739.00
St. Gabriel's School and Centre	€4,000.00
Limerick Youth Service	€4,031.15
Banogue Hall Committee	€4,350.00
Ballingarry Community Park Group	€4,500.00

Community LAW and Mediation Limerick	€4,576.22
Bilboa Sports and Athletic Club	€5,000.00
Hospital FRC - My Time After Schools Childcare Services	€5,000.00
Murroe Wood Park CLG	€5,000.00
St. Mary's Aid	€5,000.00
Broadford Utd AFC	€6,700.00
Rathkeale Playground	€6,960.00
Northside Family Resource Centre	€10,000.00
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	€9,022.00
Doon and District Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Bruff Men's Shed	€1,356.00
Abbeyfeale Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Newcastle West Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Adare Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Mulcair Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Glin Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Dooradoyle Raheen Men's Shed	€4,450.00
Caherdavin and District Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Galbally Men's Shed	€1,450.00
St. Mary's Parish Men's Shed	€1,385.00
Kilmallock Men's Shed	€948.00
Le Cheile Men's Shed	€1,450.00
Northside Men's Shed	€1,360.00
Irish Wheelchair Association Limerick Men's Shed	€1,432.00
	<b>€178,245.37</b>

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### 4. Corporate Services

#### Civic Reception

A Civic Reception was accorded to Vicky Phelan in recognition of her positive impact on women's healthcare nationally and her bravery and leadership in highlighting issues with the Cervical Screening Programme. The Reception was held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick on 18 October, 2018.

#### Register of Electors

Corporate Services published the Supplement to the Register of Electors for the Presidential Election and Referendum on Blasphemy.

- 6,429 electors were added to the Supplement to the Register of Electors.
- 75,158 Presidential Electors were eligible to vote in the Constituency of Limerick City
- 68,740 Presidential Electors were eligible to vote in the Constituency of Limerick County

The call centre has continued its success, with our Customer Services Department receiving a total of 13,687 calls throughout the month.

This works out at approximately 720 calls per day, with the average response time being 32 seconds for calls to be answered.

Throughout October, a total of 3,204 cases were logged, with the majority broken down as follows;

- Operations and Maintenance: 2,161 – (1,437 of these being housing maintenance)
- Housing Support Services: 367
- Planning and Environmental Services: 208
- Customer Services: 147
- Veterinary: 82
- Design and Delivery: 137
- Urban and Village Renewal: 36

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 3,045.

### 5. Customer Services

Continuing with the integration of the Housing Maintenance Department, along with answering all maintenance calls, a total of 880 cases were logged by our Customer Services teams in both Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle.

Customer Services handled and processed 98 Residential Parking Permits throughout the month of October.

Customer Services is using its digital displays to signpost customers in its waiting areas to local supports for a number of health and wellbeing issues including: Adapt Domestic Abuse Services, Quit.ie and the Samaritans. This is in line with the Council demonstrating its support for Healthy Ireland priorities. Additionally, in October the Customer Services became the first local authority customer service offices to become Breastfeeding Friendly by signing up to the Limerick City and County Council-led 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly' initiative.

### 6. Library Services

- Children's Book Festival events were enjoyed in all main library branches. Libraries welcomed children, families and local schools to visit, enjoy the events, have fun and read lots of books! During the month, children have met some of their favourite authors and taken part in fun events for the whole family.
- Authors, Roisin Meaney, Judi Curtin, Helena Close, Michael Smith and Gillian Perdue entertained hundreds of children across the city and county as part the festival.
- Michael Moylan of History Live brought his unique and lively recreation of historic events to the Newcastle West and Adare branches, while Rosie from Animal Magic introduced Dooradoyle Library readers to lizards, chinchillas, a meerkat, an owl and a snake.
- The Hunt Museum brought treasures to The Granary and Dooradoyle branches looking at The Bronze Age and Viking Ireland.

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- Arran Towers of Cork Circus presented "Old Father Story" to junior classes at the Granary and in Dooradoyle; he performed the story of "The BFG" by Roald Dahl with the aid of a suitably giant chair for the Big Friendly Giant.
- A table quiz with lots of prizes was held at The Granary on 23 October.
- On 4 October, Dooradoyle Library hosted Anne Marie McCarthy for a "Chill Out Charlie" session. This positive living programme helps children relax their minds through positive thinking and awareness of their feelings and emotions. An after-school group from Starting Small, Standing Tall attended.
- Pebble painting with Carol and performances from Pignut Productions Children's Theatre Company featured as part of Adare Library's programme. Founded in 2003, PigNut Productions is a children's theatre company, with a mission to create original performances for younger audiences using physical theatre, clowning and puppetry.
- In Watch House Cross Library, Moyross Pre-school attended a Family Reading session on 19 October, 22, three-year-olds and their parents enjoyed stories and rhymes and decorating a witches hat. For most of the children and their parents, it was their first time in a public library.
- Halloween was also widely celebrated with parties, mask and costume making, spooky spells with magic and Room on the Broom sessions. Kilmallock Library marked 31 October with an open invitation to monsters, hulks, witches and wizards to come for a story time scare at 12 noon.
- I Leabharlann na Gráinsí, le Musaem Luimních mar chuid de Cheiliúradh Bhliain na Gaeilge 2018 thug an Dr. Breandán Ó Crónín, Roinn na Gaeilge, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, leacht poiblí dar teideal "Oidhreacht Phílí na Máighe".
- In addition, as part of 'Bliain na Gaeilge', Newcastle West Library hosted a walk/talk and workshop on "Dríocht na Coille", the students from Gaelscoil ÓDoghair participated in the events, which included experiments on the ozone layer, potting seeds and the beautiful magic of our autumn landscape.
- Newcastle West library was delighted to host the Ardagh Chalice 150 Children's Art competition. The competitors hail from the four schools in St Kieran's Heritage area: Ardagh, Carrigkerry, Coolcappa and Kilcolman. The competition was held to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the finding of the Ardagh Chalice at Ardagh on 17 September 1868. The children have produced replica chalices, shields, poems, short stories and colouring. Prizes were presented during the festival. The artwork produced is outstanding and can be viewed in the library foyer from 23 October until the end of November.
- Adults were not forgotten and a full schedule of talks, lectures and exhibitions continued in library branches throughout the month.
- In The Granary Library, The Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor James Collins, launched the Stony Thursday book on 2 October. In association with Limerick Arts Office, "Bygone Days – Stories of Limerick" by Denis O'Shaughnessy; was launched by Deputy Jan O'Sullivan, T.D. on 19 October.
- Limerick Writer's Centre presented a literary evening with Gabriel Fitzmaurice and Tony Curtis in the Granary on 25 October. Kerry born Gabriel Fitzmaurice is a poet, broadcaster, writer, translator, singer and raconteur. He is the author of over fifty books, including poetry collections in English and Irish, with several collections of verse for children. Tony Curtis was born and raised in Dublin and is the author of eight poetry collections. His books include "The Well in the Rain" and "Approximately in the Key of C".
- "When the Sky Meets the Water", an exhibition by Deirdre Kelly and Carol Kennedy was opened in Dooradoyle Library on 19 October. It consisted of paintings by Deirdre and photography by Carol. It was their first exhibition.
- Newcastle West branch hosted a workshop/lecture by artist Jim Furlong on 17 October, based on his paintings, which were on display, it was attended by the Senior Cycle students from the Desmond College, as part of their Gallery/Museum experiences. 26 students attended.

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### 7. Limerick Culture and Arts Office

#### Samhain Festival – Limerick's first Halloween Festival

Limerick's first Samhain Festival took place this October from the 26 to 28 October. Samhain was historically the name of the feis or festival to herald a change in seasons. Created and delivered by Lumen Street Theatre this new festival has been supported by Limerick City and County Council through two different grants schemes; (i) a GMA Festivals and Events Grant in 2017 to develop the idea and (ii) a Festivals and Events Grant to bring it to fruition in 2018. Limerick City and County Council has also provided logistical support via the provision of space, road closures and operational support.

The programme consisted of three days of public talks, family friendly workshops, tours and a night swim all designed to celebrate, re-imagine and retell local Halloween stories through history, folklore and traditions.

The festival culminated with a light-filled lantern parade on Nicholas Street as The Bishop's Lady rose once again to roam the medieval streets of Limerick City, haunting all who gathered before her. An extensive outreach family focused programme was the central piece for the delivery and participation in the parade. Hundreds of people and visitors to the city gathered in a procession of light and dramatically lit up the river as the lanterns floated away, honouring the spirits of those who have passed.

The ethos of Lumen is eco-friendly and lanterns and puppets were constructed from biodegradable materials.

#### Launch of EVA International Strategic Plan

EVA Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024 was launched in Culture House on 17 October. The new strategy puts forward ambitious change for the organisation and leads with a vision:

'To lead in creating experiences and encounters of world-class contemporary art that activate Limerick as a place of creative endeavour and cultural destination'

The changes will unfold over the next three editions of the biennial, 2020, 2022, 2024, which will give a strength and a cohesion to the festival. This new strategy focuses on priorities of programme, engagement, and organisational sustainability and growth that will not only benefit artists and the arts

sector more broadly, but the public at large. It seeks to considerably grow the scope of opportunity for contemporary art in Limerick and in Ireland more broadly.

#### The Arts Council announce Invitation to Collaboration successful projects – 17 October

Limerick City and County Council is delighted to have been successful in securing funding from The Arts Council under the Invitation to Collaboration Scheme, for The Bingo Wings Project that will be delivered by Fidget Feet in partnership with three local authorities, Limerick, Kerry and Donegal. It is a participatory circus project exploring inter-generational topics with a focus on social inclusion, cultural participation and wellbeing. The themes are explored through artist residencies and multi-disciplinary immersive theatre performances with the project evaluation findings presented at a symposium at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in the University of Limerick. The final theatrical presentation will be in the Lime Tree Theatre in September 2019. The project highlights the quality of perception and ambition within local authority arts, the partnership approach to arts development and creative ways in which this is imagined. The announcement was made in Limerick at the Irish Aerial Creation Centre on 17 October and was attended by Orlaith McBride, Director of the Arts Council and the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor James Collins.

#### The Stony Thursday Book Launch

The Stony Thursday Book is one of the longest-running literary journals in Ireland and it has been edited by some of Limerick's and Ireland's finest poets including a long and august list with Mark Whelan, Kevin Byrne, Patrick Bourke, Knute Skinner, Thomas McCarthy, Ciarán O'Driscoll, Mary Coll, Jo Slade, Paddy Bushe, Peter Sirr and Mary O'Donnell. This latest edition was edited by Nessa O'Mahony and 1,800 poems were submitted for consideration with entries from Limerick to New Delhi and as far as Australia. The launch took place on 2 October at the Granary Library and was officially launched by Councillor Joe Pond.

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### Open call and Assessment Panel for Individual Arts Bursaries

The open call for a new Individual Arts Bursary Awards Scheme had a closing date for receipt of applications of 8 October. The assessment panel met on 23 October and assessed all of the 16 applications. There was a total ask of €58,847 on the fund. The panel recommended the allocation of funding to six successful applicants totaling €20,000. The recommendations will go forward to the next Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

### Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

The ongoing Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series continued with the multi award winning Amatis Piano Trio at All Saints Church, Castleconnell on 16 October. The audience experienced the consummate musicianship of pianist Mengjie Han, cellist Samuel Shepherd and violinist Lea Hausmann who provided intense, passionate and beautifully-nuanced performances.

### Aerowaves Network Meeting

Dance Limerick hosted a partner meeting for Aerowaves Europe from 24 to 27 October. Aerowaves is a cross-border dance performance network, offering opportunities to younger artists working in Europe. Forty-six delegates from 33 countries attended this annual meeting which is held in a different network partner's home city each year. Its purpose is to select the 20 exciting dance artists from an open call who will go on to become Aerowaves Twenty artists.

### Creative Ireland

As part of Creative Ireland Programme 'Made in Limerick Grants' 2018, the following projects were delivered:

- The AK Ilen exhibition at the Hunt Museum continues until 11 November. The exhibition explores maritime history boat building and community enterprise. As part of Open House public tours of Ireland's last wooden sailing ship were available with access to ship decks and below decks. Over 400 people were onboard.
- Our Traditions, Our Links with Nature creative workshops continued throughout October in Kilfinane delivered by Kilfinane Art, Crafts and Traditional Skills Group.

- The Hunt Museum continued to deliver drop-in arts sessions exploring the Vikings through a series called 'Connect & Create'. On 31 October the drop in session was at The Crescent Shopping Centre.
- Narrative 4 Creative Pool training took place on the 3 and 4 October. This training was open to all artistic disciplines, especially those who use word and story-form, and those who work in a socially engaged way.

### Festivals in October supported by Limerick City and County Council

- 4 – 7 October : Make a Move Festival
- 7 – 14 October : Global Limerick Series- I.NY
- 9 – 20 October : Bualadh Bos Children's Festival
- 19 – 21 October : Open House – Architecture is Community
- 19 – 21 October : Garry McMahon Singing Weekend in Abbeyfeale
- 25 – 29 October : Global Limerick Series – Richard Harris International Film Festival

### 8. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum received 2,889 visitors.
- An exhibition 'Limerick's 130 Years of All-Ireland Success' opened on 4 October in The Granary Library and Limerick Museum. It showcases Seamus O'Ceallaigh's GAA Collection memorabilia in the Library and Gerry Piggott's Collection is showcased in the Museum. These collections include hurleys used by Mick Mackey and Joe McKenna in the All-Ireland Finals of 1940 and 1973, historic books, magazines and match programmes.
- An exhibition 'Limerick to Hollywood' opened on 19 October in the Glazed Street, Limerick City and County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick. It is organised by the Richard Harris International Film Festival and is focusing on two of Limerick's greatest film stars Richard Harris (1930-2002) and Constance Smith (1928-2003).
- Friends of Limerick Lace Group held meetings in the Museum on 4 and 18 October.

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

- Continued exhibit of Maud Cotter, a consequence of - without stilling and Anita Groener, The Past is a Foreign Country, and selected works from the Permanent Collection.
- Works from The Permanent Collection including works by local artists, Tom Fitzgerald, Don MacGabhann and recent donations from the Rodgers family in memory of their parents hang alongside The Mushroom Book.
- Continued meetings and plans for essential Fire and Safety upgrade work to LCGA with the new boiler upgrade works due to finish and continued plans for the scheduled works being carried out over the coming months. Funding provided by Department of Arts grant that has been matched by Limerick City and County Council. It will be necessary to raise further monies to complete the other works that have been identified as necessary to bring the building up to acceptable international standards.
- Deleyaman & Jules Maxwell Irish Tour started at Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA) on 4 October.
- RTE Contempo Quartet returned for the winter series of three concerts at LCGA.
- LCGA hosted a concert by world renowned Syrian musician, Maya Youssef, this concert was held to highlight the link between Anita Groener's, Memoirs animation video works which deal with the situation in Syria.
- LCGA started its winter series of the weekend workshops for children taking place until early December.
- The exhibition, HEADLAND, by Elizabeth Magill opened in the New Art Gallery, Walsall, UK. Concluding LCGA's participation in the touring of the exhibition.
- LCGA's visitor attendance for October was 6166.
- LCGA will store the ceramics collection owned by The Hunt Museum while they undergo building works. It is planned to exhibit these works alongside ceramics from the Permanent Collection in November – December 2018.
- 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. Painting due for return in early November.

- LCGA has loaned two works by Mary Swanzy to a major retrospective exhibition, of her work which opened at the Irish Museum of Modern Art. This exhibition will tour to LCGA in summer 2019.
- LCGA continues its support for workshops by Limerick Art Society and Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD) held in HUB space.
- LCGA continues to negotiate the use of the HUB/ East Gallery with local groups, such as the ICO, Limerick's Writer Centre.
- Ongoing plans for exhibition in 2019, discussion with artists and galleries.

### 10. Planning and Environment

#### Litter/Waste Enforcement

- 158 complaints were received in October.
- 230 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- 33 on the spot litter fines were issued in October.
- Legal proceedings were issued in seven cases under the Waste Management Act.
- Legal proceedings were issued in three cases under the Litter Pollution Act.
- 19 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- Nine Notices were served under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act.
- Two Statutory Notices were served under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act.
- Six Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 86 cases were closed / resolved / completed in October.

#### Air Noise and Water Pollution.

- 26 complaints were received in October.
- 14 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- One Notice was served under Section 26 of the Air Pollution Act 1987.
- One Notice was served under Section 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992.
- Legal proceedings were issued in one case under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992.

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## 11. Fire and Emergency Services

## Statistics

	Fire Related Calls	Non Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 1/10/18 – 31/10/18	87	36	123
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	73%	60%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	23%	33%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	4%	7%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications October	26	25	2	21	
Disability Access Cert Applications October	22	23	0	20	
Licensing Applications October	8	5			
Commencement Notice October	57	43			
Completion Certificate October	21	16			
Sugar CRM Cases October	5				2

## Civil Defence attendance at Events for the month

- Schools World Marathon Challenge UL
- Shine a Light on the River 2018
- CARI Family Fun Day UL
- James Keating Memorial Rugby Blitz Bruff RFC

- Voluntary Emergency Services Document completed
- Inter-Agency Limerick Tunnel Plan finalised
- A Media Liaison Officer course was held for the Mid-West Region
- An Information Management course was held for the Mid-West Region

## Major Emergency Management Events for month of October 2018

- Regional Risk Assessments completed
- Inter-Agency Media Communications Plan completed
- Mass Fatality Plan completed

## Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	October 2018	Total January to October 2018
Metropolitan Area	4	12
Municipal Area	1	10

## 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 October
No. of call outs 01/10/18 – 31/10/18	1,025	1,775	69	2,800

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### 12. Access to Information

	October	2018 (January to October)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	25	197
FOI Internal Appeals	-	7
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	4	25
Total AIE Requests	1	6

### 13. Veterinary Services

- 14 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 26 dogs.
- 11 food samples were submitted during October 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. Derelict Sites and Vacant Homes/Properties

- 44 inspections were carried out
- Three UVRD information notices
- 14 Statutory Notices were issued under the Derelict Sites Act
- Five cases were closed through engagement
- Four properties entered onto the Derelict Sites Register
- One property put forward for Buy & Renew
- Three vacant homes identified through survey

### 15. Physical Development

#### European Green Leaf Award

On 16 October, Limerick City and County Council submitted an application for the European Green Leaf Award 2020. The objectives of this award are to:

- recognise cities that demonstrate a good environmental record and commitment to generating green growth;
- encourage cities to actively develop citizens environmental awareness and involvement;
- identify cities able to act as "green ambassadors" and to encourage other cities to progress towards better sustainability outcomes

The application looks at the city's performance in relation to:

- Climate Change and Energy Management
- Sustainable Urban Transport
- Nature, Biodiversity and Land Use Planning
- Air Quality and Noise
- Waste Management and the Circular Economy
- Water Services Infrastructure

Applicants are also required to demonstrate how they have engaged with citizens in relation to each of the above areas.

Cities with populations of between 20,000 and 100,000 are eligible to apply for this award. To date

Galway is the only Irish city which has won the European Green Leaf.

Cities will be shortlisted by mid November 2018 and the shortlisted cities will be invited to present to a panel of experts in Oslo in July 2019. The European Green Leaf will be awarded at this event.

Limerick City and County Council's application was accompanied by a Mayoral Declaration signed by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor James Collins.

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## Economic Development and Planning

### 1. Planning Applications

A total of 105 new planning applications were received as follows:

Part 8	1
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	64
Agricultural Developments	7
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	12
Sporting/Community & Educational Developments	14
Other Developments	5

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 17 residential units at Gough Place, Rosbrien Road.
- Construction of 30 residential units at Pallas, Pallaskenry.
- Construction of 17 residential units at Cúirt na hAbhann, Clarina.
- Construction of a medical device manufacturing facility at Rivers, National Technology Park, Plassey.
- Construction of a logistics facility at Plassey.

### 2. Investment

- Edwards Lifesciences Corporation confirmed it has chosen the National Technology Park, Plassey, as the location for its new permanent facility. Plassey, headquartered in Irvine, California, plans to complete the new 170,000 sq.ft facility by 2021. Once it is fully operational, the company expects it will employ approximately 600 people with an investment in the project of €80 million.
- A new service station is to be built on a site adjacent to the Coonagh Roundabout and the Clondrinagh Business Park, with 100 construction jobs and 50 permanent roles to be created.
- Telecommunications company Eir confirmed it is to create up to 120 jobs in Limerick City at the company's exchange on Roches Street.

- Azon Recruitment Group has created 35 roles with the opening of new offices at Henry Street in Limerick.
- MACE opened a new 3,200sq.ft store on Thomas Street in Limerick City, with positions in food, services and management.

### 3. Local Enterprise Office

- REDZ North Cork/Limerick Engineering Cluster Network launched with initial membership of 21 companies – target 40 companies.
- Highly intensive 12 week Management Development Programme ongoing with 11 owner-managers.
- General Data Protection Regulations Information Seminar for business held with 30 attendees.
- Mind Over Matter design clinic held on 10th October in conjunction with Irish Design Institute
- Employment Law for Small Business Seminar held with eight companies in attendance.
- Video Marketing course held with twelve companies participating.
- Mid West Regional National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED), organised by LEO Limerick, was held on 18 October at Adare Manor. 120 female entrepreneurs from Limerick, Clare and Tipperary attended the event.

### 4. Innovate Limerick

- Innovate Limerick secured €200,000 in Town and Village Renewal funding to establish an e-hub in Abbeyfeale.
- During the month Innovate Limerick worked closely with NBC Universal to organise the premiere of Night Flyers which is to be held at the University of Limerick in November.
- Innovate Limerick are in discussions with a number of interested parties in relation to relocating to the last remaining space in Rathkeale Enterprise Centre.

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### 5. Marketing/ Communications

- Commenced PR and Marketing campaign for Christmas in Limerick 2018. Partnerships engaged in with a number of local and regional sponsors at varying levels.
- Progress is continuing apace with the Brand Limerick project with M&C Saatchi. Strategic territories are undergoing a process of refinement and are being progressed to the next phase of creative development. Longitudinal research candidates, across a number of different sectors have been recruited and surveyed regarding their input and perspectives on Limerick.
- Continued marketing campaign for Limerick October Bank Holiday Weekend 2018:
  - Design and distribution of 5,000 printed guides throughout Limerick City and County, Clare and Tipperary
  - Dedicated section promoting the offering created on Limerick.ie
  - Paid and organic social media coverage
  - Two e-newsletters
- Continued Limerick Student City #FeelTheCity marketing campaign to encourage third level students to explore Limerick.
- Devised and managed marketing and PR campaign for the Purple Flag Weekend (19 – 21 October) to raise awareness of the award and the weekend. This included venue dressing (Purple Packs including flags, bunting and posters), publicity via press and radio and organic social media coverage.
- Managed marketing campaign for the Limerick Global Irish Series including poster design, production and distribution regionally and large scale banner erection at Harvey's Quay.
- Delivered an integrated recruitment campaign for Retained Firefighters, which incorporated print, social media, publicity and radio over the course of the recruitment period.
- Hosted the official launch of 'Treaty Triumph' a photographic memoir celebrating Limerick's Senior Hurlers All-Ireland victory in conjunction with Limerick GAA and Sportsfile (Ireland's leading sports photographic agency).
- Took part in the Local Government Management Agency's #HousingWeek social media campaign.
- Engaged with Fáilte Ireland's #MyWildAtlanticWay campaign through social media
- Delivered Digital Voice of Local Government presentation to Digital Marketing undergraduate students at the University of Limerick.
- Supplied welcome packs to President Michael D. Higgins and television and radio presenter Ryan Tubridy on their recent visits to Limerick.
- Supplied welcome packs to a group of 24 visiting Canadian tour operators.
- Provided marketing support to Limerick Jazz Festival.
- Feature October What's On advert for social and digital media marketing.
- Produced six Limerick.ie e-newsletters.
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued.

### Social Media

- Posted 55 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total page likes now 21,551. Posts reached 145,000 users with 18,700 engagements.
- Tweeted 34 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick\_ie, with total followers now 15,134. Our tweets earned 92,000 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 16 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram and created nine Stories, with total followers now 4,875.
- Tweeted nine times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 2,428. Our tweets earned 10,500 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted three times on Limerick City and County Council's LinkedIn with total followers now 1,568.

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### Limerick.ie

A total of 131,007 people visited the Limerick.ie website in October 2018 – a 36% increase on the same period in 2017.

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

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

## 6. Housing Capital

### Capital Investment

Part 8 Planning Permission was granted on the 15 October at the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the following:

- Housing Development at Barnakyle, Patrickswell consisting of 24 units and associated works which includes:
  - 16 two-bed units
  - Three three-bed units
  - Five four-bed units

### Irish Planning Institute's Autumn Conference

A presentation on 'Design Quality through Development Codes' was delivered by Sarah Newell at this year's Autumn Planning Conference entitled 'Planning for Regeneration' organised by the Irish Planning Institute, held in the Gibson Hotel on 5 October. The conference looked at key issues in the successful regeneration of Irish cities, towns and villages, drawing together many case studies and experiences to stimulate debate and facilitate the sharing of best practice and ideas. Other speakers at the conference included Michael Walsh, Chief Executive, Waterford City and County Council, Eddie Conroy, County Architect, South Dublin County Council and Damien English, Minister of State, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

### Housing Policy Workshop

The Housing Development Directorate held a roundtable workshop on 17 October in the small Exhibition Room, Corporate Headquarters, Merchant's Quay with invitations issued to the Members of Limerick City and County Council and the Home and the Social Development Strategic Policy Committee. The workshop was very well attended with presentations given on four key themes:

- A Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme
- A Single Differential Rent Scheme
- A Choice based letting Pilot
- Streamlining Areas of Choice in the Limerick Metropolitan Area

The responses from the roundtable discussions were recorded in a feedback report and there were a number of excellent suggestions for further consideration in 2019 where further workshops will be undertaken on the detail of the policies before formal implementation.

### Southside Masterplan

The Housing Development Directorate of Limerick City and County Council, under its Public Land Activation Programme, has commenced the reimagining of 75 hectares of land to the southside of Limerick City with the appointment of a masterplanning team led by Allies and Morrison.

Allies and Morrison, an architecture and masterplanning practice based in London and Dublin, is working with a team of Irish consultants and will now embark on the holistic masterplanning of the Baggot Estate, Ballinacurra Creek, Toppin's Field and the Rosbrien lands adjacent to the M20. The process will include thorough engagement and consultation with local community groups and interested stakeholders as well as understanding the existing physical and policy constraints. The objective of the masterplan is to make the most of the existing assets of the place and introduce uses, which improve safety and overlooking so that the local community can enjoy it. The team will be exploring a wide range of options for new recreation uses, nature conservation, homes, employment and community infrastructure. The design team assembled for the Southside Masterplan includes some of the world's best architectural and urban design talent and Limerick

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City and County Council look forward to working with Allies and Morrison to complete the masterplanning process for this important strategic city landbank. This work will be done in close consultation with the local community taking into account future needs with the objective of ensuring that the land uses proposed is maximised and that development takes place in a coordinated manner.

### 7. Water Services

- Watermain rehabilitation works progressing in Bengal Terrace, Hospital and Ennis Road.
- Works progressing on upgrade to Athea Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Works progressing on upgrade to electrical panels in Castletroy Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Limerick City Sewer Rehab works progressing on Catherine Street and O'Connell Street.



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## Organisational Development

### 1. Communications

- Issued 17 news releases from the Office of Marketing and Communications
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter
- Tweeted 117 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 11,298. Our tweets earned 184,400 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).

### 2. Digital Strategy

- Digital Strategy have successfully completed the Limerick Enterprise Architecture (LEA) project, a multi-year collaborative effort with researchers from DCU combining the strategic leadership of Limerick's Digital Strategy and the academic research expertise of the Irish software research centre, LERO. LEA has strengthened Limerick's Smart City capabilities through innovative cross-sectoral research and aims to improve effective deployment of future Smart investments.
- The Digital Leaders Network met at ENGINE on 5 October. At this meeting four working groups were initiated in the areas of Citizen Engagement, Data, Energy and Digital Inclusion.

### 3. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Operational Briefings</b> Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	02.10.2018 02.10.2018 02.10.2018	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting Meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019	15.10.2018 15.10.2018	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay
<b>Municipal District of:</b> (a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting Special Meeting to honour Patrick O'Dwyer, James Chawke and Martina McMahon Special Meeting to discuss the OPW renovation works at Desmond Castle, Askeaton Meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 (b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting Meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 (c) Cappamore-Killmallock: Monthly Meeting Meeting to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019	16.10.2018 08.10.2018 16.10.2018 16.10.2018 03.10.2018 19.10.2018 18.10.2018 18.10.2018	Rathkeale Rathkeale Askeaton Rathkeale Newcastle West Newcastle West Killmallock Killmallock
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b> Travel and Transportation Economic Development Enterprise and Planning Community Leisure and Emergency Services Environment Home and Social Development	08.10.2018 08.10.2018 15.10.2018 22.10.2018 22.10.2018	Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Merchant's Quay Dooradoyle Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	02.10.2018	Merchant's Quay
Corporate Policy Group	15.10.2018	Merchant's Quay

### 4. Fire & Emergency Training Events

- Two fire fighters completed a Bronto Operators Course.
- Four fire fighters completed a RSA Emergency Services Driving Standards Course.

- 27 fire fighters completed a RSA Emergency Services Driving Standards Theory Course
- One fire fighter completed a Station Officers Course.
- Six Officers attended an inter-agency exercise for Limerick Tunnel.

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## Financial Matters

## 1. Home Improvement Schemes

OCTOBER 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	€3,039.16	1	€22,299.35	4
Metro	€27,669.97	6	€89,188.43	9	€24,494.00	5
Newcastle West	€18,247.23	4	€23,116.68	4	€58,777.16	12
Rathkeale	€10,650.00	2	€0.00	0	€0.00	0
	<b>€56,567.20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>€115,344.27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>€105,570.51</b>	<b>21</b>

Total Monies issued in October 2018 = €277,481.98

Total Grants issued in October 2018 = 47

JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€59,029.91	12	€173,451.67	13	€109,334.34	24
Metropolitan	€289,725.30	64	€664,682.24	64	€230,673.56	53
Newcastle West	€105,775.71	24	€144,312.69	17	€207,890.27	41
Rathkeale	€49,745.03	11	€53,089.05	6	€56,878.73	14
	<b>€504,275.95</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>€1,035,535.65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>€604,776.90</b>	<b>132</b>

Total Monies issued January to October 2018 = €2,144,588.50

Total Grants issued January to October 2018 = 343

## 2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 31/10/2018	% Collection
€2,589,197	€12,842.190	€15,431,389	€11,879,151	€3,552,238	77%

## 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 October 2018	14,501,047	53,995,917	*	812,532	65,912,798	46,996,273	18,916,525	2,360,899	74%

\* 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 October 2018	461,159	1,010,057	1,624	1,469,591	1,237,197	232,394	84%

## Recourse to Overdraft Facility

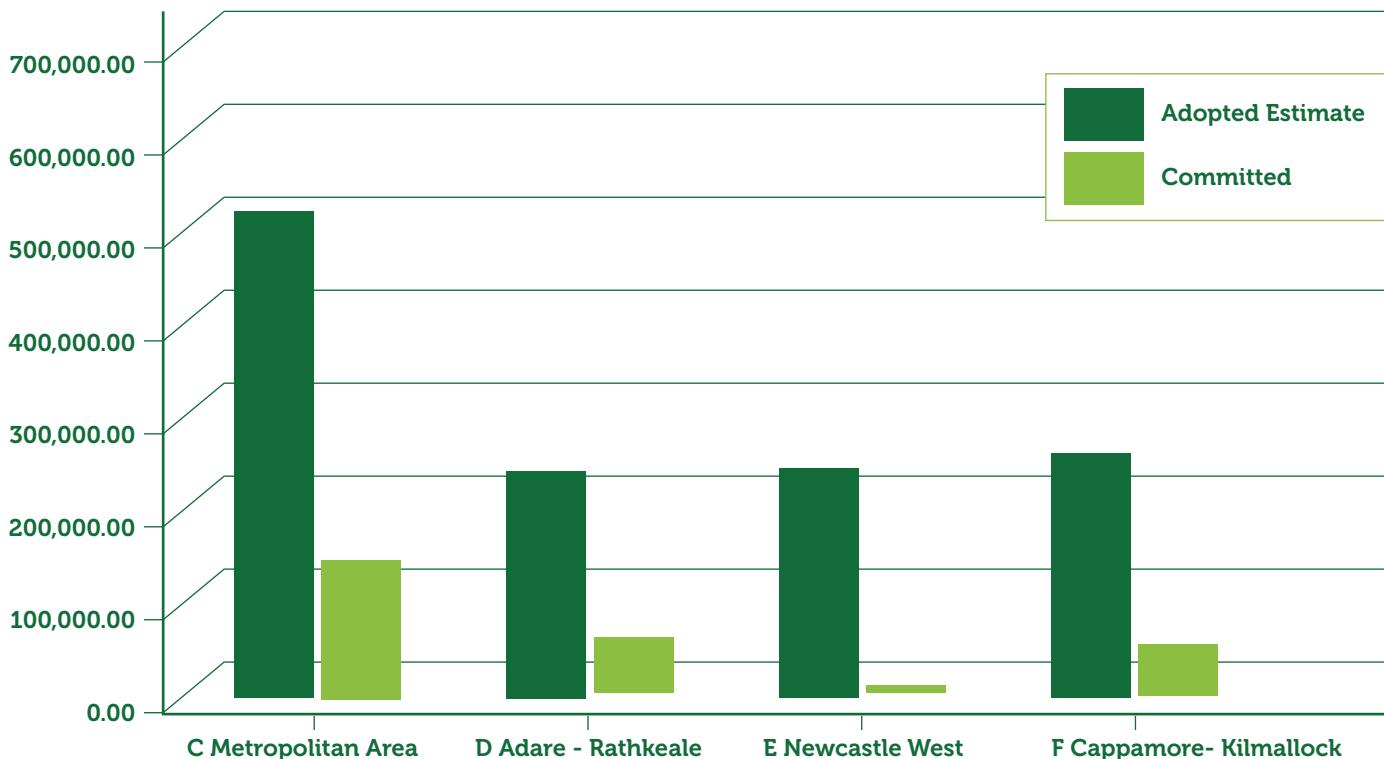
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**4. General Municipal Allocation 2018**

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

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



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	150,781
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	49,347
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	17,482
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	50,686