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November 2018

THIS MONTH:

Civic Receptions for All-Ireland Winning Hurling and Ladies Football Teams

20,000 people 'Light Up Limerick'

Pride of Place Awards for Communities in Limerick

Funding - €13.4 million under Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds

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Empowering the Citizen

1. Community Support Services

Waiting List

Housing Waiting List	2,856
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Allocations

	Metropolitan District	Newcastle West	Adare – Rathkeale	Cappamore – Kilmallock	Total
Number of Units November 2018	24	6	2	3	35
Year to Date	215	32	17	31	295

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

Individuals – 23 November 2018		
Location	Description	No.
McGarry House	Mixed low threshold accommodation for singles	31
St. Patrick's Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	47
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
B and B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	16
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	6
Total		143

Families - 23 November 2018			
Location	Description	No. Adults	No. Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	12
		Families - 6	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	42	76
		Families - 38	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	14	17
		Families - 10	
Totals		62	105
		Families - 54	

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 43,043 active HAP tenancies at the end of November. A weekly average of 355 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2018.

The weekly tenant debit is over €1.9 million. The November landlord payment run was over €32 million.

3. Social Development

Pride of Place

Three Limerick Groups won awards at the Pride of Place Gala Awards Ceremony, which was held in Cork City Hall, on 17 November:

- Children's Grief Centre won an award in the Communities Reaching Out Initiative category,
- Limerick Civic Trust received runner up award in the Creative Place Initiative category,
- Kilmeedy Community Development Group received runner up award in the 0-300 population category.

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Environment Awareness

Burial Ground Awards

The Annual Burial Ground Award Ceremony was held in Rathkeale House Hotel on 21 November. Twenty groups received awards under modern and ancient categories with prize money totalling €5,500. Over 120 representatives from Community Groups attended the event.

Modern Category Winners

Operations North

1st: Old Pallas Burial Ground

2nd: Inch St. Lawrence Burial Ground, Caherconlish

3rd: St. Lelia's Burial Ground, Kileely

Operations South

1st: Caherelly Burial Ground

2nd: Bruree Burial Ground

3rd: Bruff Burial Ground

Operations West

1st: Relig na Tríonoide, Templeglantine Burial Ground

2nd: St. Nicholas Burial Ground, Adare

3rd: Feenagh Burial Ground

Overall winner in the Modern Category is Relig na Tríonoide, Templeglantine Burial Ground

Ancient Category Winners

Operations North

1st: Stradbally Church of Ireland Burial Ground

2nd: Towerhill Burial Ground

3rd: Oola Burial Ground

Operations South

1st: Anhid Burial Ground

2nd: Castlejane Burial Ground

3rd: Kilflynn Burial Ground

Operations West

1st: Kilcoleman West Burial Ground

2nd: Cloncagh Burial Ground

3rd: Rathkeale Church of Ireland Burial Ground

Overall winner in the Ancient Category is Anhid Burial Ground

Healthy Limerick

- Review meeting on expanding the Social and Health Education Programme to Limerick County took place this month with a range of partners across County Limerick. Excellent learning from four up-and-going courses to inform the next four in spring 2019.
- The launch of the new cookery booklet by a group of women from Ballynanty and Knockalisheen Direct Provision centre took place in Northside Family Resource Centre.
- Limerick City and County Council was represented at the Co-Designing Healthier Communities event, a conference jointly organised by Healthy Ireland and Sport Ireland, and the Healthy Cities and Counties Network national committee meeting.
- Sixty four premises are signed up to We're Breastfeeding Friendly. All Local Economic and Community Plan stakeholders with premises open to the public are eligible to sign up to this no-cost, easy-to-implement initiative. Interagency working group responsible for this initiative met to review progress and inform the preparation of brand and implementation guidelines for sharing with local authorities around the country through the Healthy Cities and Counties Network.
- Nine projects were approved by the Local Community Development Committee for a small grant promoting social connectedness and are currently being supported in their plans.

PLACE – EE (Platforms for Ageing Community Engagement-Exchange and Enterprise)

- Active Retirement Group in Newcastle West identified as the first participants on the PLACE – EE project.
- Work advancing on intergenerational piece with Desmond College Transition Year students (32 in total) and older people living in the PLACE – EE programme demonstrator area.
- Report on current service provision and assets of the demonstration site has been completed.

Age Friendly Limerick

Age Friendly Limerick was represented at the following events in November:-

- Launch of Paul Partnership Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.

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- National Convention of Older People's Councils of Ireland, Wicklow.
- Update on National Smart Ageing Housing Programme.
- Housing with supports for older people – joint conference hosted by Ministers Daly and English – Colivet Court presented as a model of best practice in supported housing for older people – request for submissions by Christmas.
- Town Thresholds introduction meeting.

Sikh Community Project

Meeting in Templeglantine with members of Sikh community to advance plans for the erection of a plaque in memory of Max Arthur Mc Auliffe.

Plans advancing for a number of events including an exhibition on the life of M. A. Mc Auliffe, the launch of a biography on the life of M. A. Mc Auliffe written by Professor Tadhg Foley, and a one day seminar on the life and works of M.A. McAuliffe to be hosted in Limerick in the first quarter of 2019.

Migrant Integration

Attendance at a conference on supporting Integrated Communities – linking local and national action on migrant integration. Limerick Integration Strategy 2018 – 2022 was presented as a model of best practice. Hosted by Minister David Stanton.

Connecting for Life

Attendance at the Connecting for Life Mid-West Conference – "Are we connected?" held at Thomond Park.

Cemeteries

Total No. of burials in City Cemeteries 44

- Mount St Lawrence: 22
- Mount St Oliver: 11
- Castlemungret: 10
- Kilmurry: 1

Domestic Waste Refuse Waiver Scheme

- Continuation of subsidised Bin Waiver Scheme for 2019 approved by Elected Members at Annual Estimates Meeting on 15 November with same qualifying criteria as 2018.
- Bin Waiver Tender closed on 19 November – four companies submitted tenders. Tenders being assessed on 26 November.
- Bin Waiver Application forms and cover letters sent to approximately 2,800 homes. Forms are also available from Customer Services and Area Offices.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP have delivered six Mental Health First Aid courses (Two Days) to frontline staff across a number of key stakeholders.
- Limerick has completed its series of Health Screens for the 430 participants on the Move for Life Research Programme which has been running for nine months. We have achieved a 70% return rate.
- LSP have delivered three Health and Fitness, Nutrition and Mental Health talks as part of the Healthy Ireland Initiative in partnership with the Libraries.
- An eight team Intercultural Futsal League is running in UL in partnership with West Limerick Resources, the FAI and the LSP. Teams from the following are taking part:
 - a. Knockalisheen
 - b. Hanratty's
 - c. Mount Trenchard
 - d. Henry Street Gardaí
- 978 primary school children have completed the Sports Hall Athletics programme.
- On average 2,000 participants are engaging in the LSP Physical Activities Interventions on a monthly basis:
 - a. Men on the Move
 - b. Traveller Health and Fitness
 - c. Women on Wheels
 - d. TY VIP's
 - e. Intercultural Health and Fitness
 - f. Activator Pole Walking
 - g. Cool Movers
 - h. Inclusion Club

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- i. Sports Hall Athletics
- j. Active 55 Swimming and Aerobics
- k. Go for Life Games
- l. Woodlands for Health Walking
- m. Company Health and Fitness
- n. Men's Shed Scooch Programme

Community Enhancement Programme(CEP)

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

At the November LCDC meeting additional Funding of €364,212 was distributed by the Local Community Development Committee to 115 applicants.

Leader Funding

Six Leader projects were approved by Local Action Group to the sum of €606,607.88 at the November LCDC meeting.

CLÁR 2018

Projects to the value of €343,840 are 90% completed by the Municipal Districts Newcastle West and Cappamore-Kilmallock in conjunction with the applicants involved.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018 (ORIS 2018)

An application made by Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with Ballyhoura Development CLG, who are the lead authority on the project, for Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails completion works was successful in the sum of €406,710. This project will commence shortly.

A Measure 1 project that received funding under the ORIS for Bleach Lough Anglers at the Marina was completed in November.

4. Corporate Services

Civic Reception

A Civic Reception was held on 6 November in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, for the Limerick Senior Hurling Panel and Management Team in recognition of their achievement in winning the 2018 All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship.

A Civic Reception was held on 28 November in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, for the Limerick Ladies Football Panel and Management Team in recognition of their achievement in winning the 2018 All Ireland Junior Football Championship.

Leading light in Information Transformation in the Local Authority

On 22 November Limerick City and County Council in partnership with the Information and Records Management Society hosted an event in Merchant's Quay, Limerick on the theme 'Creating an Information Management lighthouse'. Limerick City and County Council provided a demonstration of their LITE Programme- Limerick Information Transformation e Programme, the first Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS) project in Ireland which is built on a Local Government Classification Scheme (LOGICS) providing for automated retention rules and a user driven communication strategy to bring information governance to digital records. Over a hundred delegates attended including IT Managers, Records Managers, individuals interested in Change Management, Business Process Improvement, Cyber Security, Data Governance Managers, Archivists and Data Protection Officers. There were cutting edge presentations on Cyber Security, Data Protection, Electronic Solutions and progress on the development of the revised Local Government National Retention Schedule. The event was launched by the Mayor of Limerick City and County, Councillor James Collins.

5. Customer Services

- Customer Services are working with the Design and Delivery and Business Improvement Departments to advance the provision of Residential Parking Permits as an online service to our customers. In November, work continued on this project with the migration from processing the permits on an older access database onto the Councils Customer Relationship Management System, SugarCRM.
- Customer Services processed 31 permits in November.
- Customer Services received 12,978 calls via our call centre throughout the month, handling 53% of calls at first point of contact.
- This works out at approximately 590 calls per day, with the average response time being 33 seconds for calls answered.

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- As well as logging housing maintenance cases for the North Operational Division, Customer Services also logged 40 cases for housing maintenance in both the West and South Operational Divisions.
- Throughout November 3,114 cases were logged, 60% of these being logged by Customer Services in both our Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.
- The majority of cases logged were for the following;
 - Operations and Maintenance: 2,300– (1,495 of these being housing maintenance)
 - Housing Support Services: 314
 - Planning and Environmental Services: 168
 - Customer Services: 68
 - Veterinary: 40
 - Design and Delivery: 107
 - Urban and Village Renewal: 36

The total number of callers to our counters at Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle was 3,179.

6. Library Services

- Science Week Ireland was celebrated in libraries across the city and county with new and innovative workshops focusing on STEM subjects. On 8 November, students from Kilmallock and Ardpatrik National Schools visited Kilmallock Library for a fantastic session of Lego and Stop-Go Animation. Ninety senior primary students became directors, writers and movie makers. The students created stories, enacted with Lego characters, became cinematographers and put together mini movies exploring Stop-Go Animation techniques using Lego, Props and Digital Tablets under the expert guidance from the folk at Designer Minds. Adare Library facilitated a workshop exploring how to use a green screen to create remarkable special effects. Children were able to insert themselves into scenes from books featuring their heroes such as Messi, Bale, Harry Potter and Horrid Henry. 97 children participated under the guidance of the Makermeet team. On 13 November, the Granary Library had a STEM information stand and a question and answer session with physicist, Richard Nolan.
- To celebrate 'Bliain na Gaeilge' in Newcastle West Library, on 7 November, local author and poet Micheal Mac Domhnaill, gave a talk to the students from Scoil Mhuire agus Íde, Coláiste Deasmhumhain and Gaelscoil Uí Chonba. His lecture was based on poets, authors and artists from the area, including Cliodhna Cussen, Liam O'Mahony, Dr. Patrick J. O'Connor, Michael Hartnett, Eithne Strong, Art Ó Conghaile and Mairéad Medbh (Buckley). The event had an attendance of seventy students.
- On the same day, a showing of the film "An Leabhar", was followed by a lecture and discussion on contemporary Irish Film by Dr. Sorcha de Brun. Dr. de Brun also visited the Granary Library on the 20 November with a workshop titled "Cuir snas uirthi". This was an hour-long workshop in a friendly atmosphere for people with a cúpla focal who wished to learn more. In Dooradoyle Library on 24 November, "Léigh & Pléigh" held an interactive session for families with the children's author Siobhain Grogan, to sample the pleasure of reading through Irish and discuss the joys and challenges of raising a family as Gaeilge.
- To mark the centenary of the end of World War 1, Watch House Cross Library and then Kilmallock Library hosted a travelling exhibition from the National Library of Ireland, which explored and illuminated the Irish experience of the First World War. On 1 November, Dooradoyle Library unveiled its own World War 1 exhibition and on 22 November, Dr. Matthew Potter, delivered three very informative lectures on the subject to classes from St. Paul's and St. Nessan's National Schools.
- On 6 November, Limerick writer, Róisín Meany made a visit to Kilmallock Library. Róisín met over sixty students from Kilmallock National School for two wonderful sessions about writing and reading.
- On 13 November, writer, Sarah Moore Fitzgerald, one of Ireland's foremost authors for young adults met with sixth class primary students at Abbeyfeale and Rathkeale. Sessions with Sarah, which explored the power of books to change and enhance lives, were also delivered at Cappamore and Kilmallock Libraries on 14 November.
- On 15 November, memories were stirred in Newcastle West Library, when journalist and writer Breda Joy read from her debut novel, "Eat the Moon". The novel is set on a Cork farm in 1969, the year of the first moon landing and feature as a horse named Apollo. Although this is her first novel, she is no stranger to seeing her name in print, she is a reporter with the Kerryman and Kerry's Eye newspapers and is author of three non-fiction

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books. Breda is a Graduate of the M. Phil in Creative writing from Trinity College and her poetry has been published in literary journals, including "The Story Thursday Book". She has been short-listed for the Francis Mac Manus Short Story competition and the Greenbean Novel fair.

- Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan District, Councillor Elenora Hogan was present at the Granary Library on 22 November for a poetry reading to celebrate the publication of 'The Speaking Trees' by Ciaran O'Driscoll and 'Stowaway' by Anatoly Kudryavitsky, two chapbooks in the series, New Poetics by SurVision Books.
- For the last week of November The Granary Library hosted part of an exhibition celebrating 100 years of Poland's independence. The panels displayed at the Granary focussed on the heroic involvement of the Polish people in the fight against Nazism in the Second World War.
- On 30 November, Limerick Libraries showcased their range of services at the "Sharing the Learning" event organised by ABC Start Right in Thomond Park, as part of Library Ireland Week. Watch House Cross Library marked this week with a visit by Arran Towers of Cork Circus, on 27 November. Aaron came complete with stilts, and giant chair, as Roald Dahl's BFG, (Big Friendly Giant) and 100 children from Corpus Christi Primary School, Caherdavin Boys Primary School and Parteen Primary School had a wonderful time swapping dreams with the BFG.
- World Nursery Rhyme Week was marked on 21 November with rhymes and songs in Adare Library and a group of library staff led an interactive public session of favourite nursery rhymes at the concourse of the Crescent Shopping Centre.
- An exhibition, "A Moment in Time" by Brid Quinlan opened in Dooradoyle Library on 7 November. This was a collection of 21 paintings, mostly landscapes.
- The Minister of State, Catherine Byrne launched Healthy Ireland at Your Library Phase II in Dublin on 19 November. The initiative allows libraries to provide a range of health resources, services and support to users and communities. Key areas targeted include nutrition, mental well-being and exercise. In November, further book stock has been added to the health and wellbeing collections held in every public library in the country. There are also significant additions to the online health resources

in E-book and E-audio format. Over the last number of weeks talks on health have been well received in branch libraries including Dooradoyle, Glin, Foynes, Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale, Watch House Cross and The Granary.

- Abbeyfeale Library started Christmas early with first class girls from Scoil Mháthair Dé Abbeyfeale decorating the Christmas tree in some decorations they made themselves with the help of their teacher Mrs Moore. The girls also sang and played Christmas songs for their audience (parents and younger siblings). A great way to start the Christmas season in the Library.

7. Limerick Culture and Arts Office**Cultural Strategic Policy Committee**

The Cultural Strategic Policy Committee met on 5 November. At the meeting, the Individual Arts Bursaries were recommended to Full Council as well as the International Mobility Award Guidelines and Criteria for the 2019 Scheme. It was agreed that Limerick Culture and Arts Department would work with Centre Culturel Irlandais in Paris to offer a one month residency opportunity for a Limerick creative practitioner in order to facilitate a residency opportunity in 2019. Closing date for applications is 10 January 2019.

Strategic Developments**1. Creative Associate with Helium Arts, Healthy Ireland**

Limerick Culture and Arts Department is working in a brokering role with Helium Arts on their deliverability of a new Creative Health Hub in Limerick by introducing potential stakeholders. Helium Arts have advertised for a new Creative Associate for Limerick for working in Hospitals and Communities.

2. Eigse Michael Hartnett Literary and Arts Festival

Limerick Culture and Arts Department are working with The Arts Council and Eigse on a research project to understand how rural arts can be sustainably developed within a community context, and how best to serve the community in terms of capacity building, developing sustainable autonomy.

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3. County Limerick Youth Theatre

Limerick Culture and Arts Department is working with County Limerick Youth Theatre to develop a vision and a mission for the sustainable development of County Limerick Youth Theatre to support the growth achieved over the past number of years. The youth theatre's application to the Charity Regulator was approved which represents a significant milestone for the organisation. The application to register as a Company Limited by Guarantee to the Companies Registration Office was completed at the end of the quarter and the outcome is awaited.

4. Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at University of Limerick (UL)

A presentation to MA Festive Arts programme IWA and visiting DIT students and faculty members from the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism/College of Arts and Tourism on Limerick's cultural journey from Limerick City of Culture 2014 to now took place on 19 November.

5. The School of Spectacle – Creative Europe Project – Final report

Limerick Culture and Arts Department was a partner in a Creative Europe project called European Outdoor Arts Academy – School of Spectacle. Between autumn 2016 and spring 2018, Creative Europe investment enabled Walk the Plank (UK) to lead a partnership between five European Capitals of Culture and candidate cities with Limerick as a partner, to develop and deliver an outdoor arts training school: School of Spectacle. Growing a culture of sustainable outdoor arts activity in the partner cities; engaging new audiences; and strengthening European creative practitioners' skills and networks, School of Spectacle was the first European Outdoor Arts Academy programme to work deep within communities to generate a different set of relationships between communities and artists. The report will be available on line on Limerick.ie

Creative Ireland

Additional Creative Ireland funding was secured by Limerick City and County Council with an allocation of €26,000 for seven local projects to be enhanced as part of Creative Ireland Programme.

Cantette 20th Anniversary Concert, St. Mary's Cathedral

Cantette Children's Choir celebrates twenty great years of song, music and fun this year. Founded in 1998 by its conductor, Máire Keary-Scanlon, Cantette welcomes young boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 16 from all over Limerick city and county. The aim of Cantette is to introduce children to a high standard of choral music, covering many different genres from classical to contemporary to film scores.

Our Traditions, Links – Kilfinane Arts : Made in Kilfinane

The aim of the project was to facilitate both casual participation of the wider community in creative art and craft and more intense creative skills development for people in the core group. This approach brought people together and provided an opportunity to see art and talk about art in the local area and in an environment that they would feel comfortable in so as to invigorate Kilfinane's sense of cultural identity. A series of workshops delivered as part of this Creative Ireland funded project, culminated with an exhibition at the Ballyhoura Apple Farm, Kilfinane.

Print-Spiration at Limerick Printmakers

This project focuses on imparting printmaking skills over four weeks to young adults (aged from thirteen to eighteen years) from two local organisations, Moyross Academy and Limerick Youth Service. The project culminated in each participant completing print artworks that were exhibited both in their own locality and also as part of a group exhibition in the Belltable and with Limerick Printmakers project partner, Georgia College, USA, who have also created prints with a group of young adults.

The Archaeology of Lough Gur

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan TD, launched a seminal book on the the Archaeology of Lough Gur which is one of the richest landscapes of field monuments in Ireland. Author Rose Cleary who has been involved in long-term research on the prehistoric site explained that Lough Gur has been occupied continuously by people for over eight thousand years. The lake was and is still a focus within the community of Lough Gur and for the greater hinterland of Limerick as well as for visitors from Ireland, Britain, Europe and America. The book launch took place on 29 November and was

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Limerick Culture and Arts Department Programme delivery

1. Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

One of Ireland's greatest pianists, Hugh Tinney, ended the 2018 Castleconnell Autumn Series on 27 November. Hugh drew together core piano composers - Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert - and two outstanding present-day composers, Belfast-born Ian Wilson and the celebrated British composer Thomas Adès in the beautiful surroundings of All Saints Church in the County Limerick village as part of his 60th Birthday Tour of Ireland. This concert was delivered in partnership with Classicallinks.

2. Light up Limerick

Limerick campaigner Vicky Phelan and family were the Mayor's guests of honour at this year's spectacular Light Up Limerick event held on the 18 November marking the start of the Christmas season. The entertainment programme included stilt walkers, The Corpus Christi Moyross Choir, The Limerick Gospel Choir, The Limerick Panto Society and Myles Breen from the University Concert Hall panto. The Lights were switched on at 6pm to an explosion of colourful fireworks. The event saw a 54% increase in audience attendance with over 18,000 people arriving in the city centre for the festivities.

This year a new partnership with Liveable Limerick, funded through Creative Ireland saw volunteers, citizens and some well-known faces take to the streets for a Santa Dash in aid of local charity Novas and the Peter McVerry Trust. This initiative provided opportunities for people to enjoy the streets when closed to traffic and was a great success for a first time out.

3. Toots Train

For the first time as part of Christmas in Limerick and a wonderful way of animating the City, the Toot's Christmas Train arrived in Limerick. On 30 November, it took its inaugural journey in the city centre, taking in King John's Castle, The Hunt Museum, Arthur's Quay and the River on Howley's and Honan's Quay.

Festivals and Events Supported by Limerick City and County Council Festival and Events Grant Scheme

Soulsapes

Soulsapes is an Autumn series which took place in Friarsgate Theatre Killmallock each Wednesday evening in November. The programme celebrates and reflects on the human spirit through art, word, music, dance and song aiming to inspire, entertain, uplift and challenge its audience. The 2018 Programme consisted of the following:

- Loving Your Life with Caroline Crotty
- The Nurture of Nature - How the natural world impacts upon mind, body and soul - Fiann Ó Nualláin
- The Ear is the Avenue to the Soul - A poetics of a new kind of listening - Nóirín Ní Riain
- How to bring change into your Life - Bibi Baskin

Catherine Hayes Concert

On November 8, a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Catherine Hayes in St. Mary's Cathedral Limerick took place. To mark this remarkable lady's contribution to Opera and our cultural heritage The Catherine Hayes experience was created by The Hunt Museum with a video installation, an exhibition, a real live performance of song and opera, a lunchtime lecture and a supper in her honour. The video has made use of archival material and paintings from Jim Noonan, Cian O'Carroll, the Limerick Museum and Limerick City Gallery of Art and Limerick Civic Trust. This material will be physically exhibited at the Hunt Museum from the 8 November for the rest of 2018 giving people the opportunity to dive deeper into Catherine Hayes contribution to the world of music and opera.

Limerick and Language Revival, resurgence and new beginnings

This one day, international, interdisciplinary conference took place on 9 November in Mary Immaculate College and set out to track the national language journey from the founding of Conradh na Gaeilge in 1893 to today's multilingual nation. Talks on Friday morning were from Prof. Timothy G. Mc Mahon (Marquette) president of ACIS and author of Grand Opportunity: The Gaelic Revival and Irish Society,

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1893-1910, and Cuan Ó Seireadáin, Curator of Conradh na Gaeilge's archive. The afternoon talks focused on Limerick as an urban centre of language revival from Limerick man and esteemed historian Prof. Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh (NUIG); on Belfast and the story of 'Turas' as Linda Ervine discusses her experience as the first ever Irish language development officer in a loyalist working class area; and on the wider post-colonial world as Prof. Ngugi Wa Thiong'o (California, Irvine), acclaimed post-colonial scholar and author of *Decolonising the Mind: The Politics of language in African Literature*, will make the case for language as a repository for memory.

Light Moves Festival

Light Moves Festival of Screendance, Ireland's international festival of dance on film took place from the 8 - 11 of November at Dance Limerick. The festival is a response to the vibrant and expanding field of dance film/screendance in Ireland and internationally. Light Moves presents feature screenings, short films, invited works and open submissions, as well as a Screendance Lab and Symposium with some of the most respected figures in the field.

The Light Moves Screendance Lab, offered a practical workshop to participants and valuable opportunities to interrogate and explore questions around making dance film works.

In 2018 the Light Moves Screendance Symposium welcomed papers and presentations responding to the title *Screendance Through the Senses*. The symposium aims to encourage artistic and scholarly exchange, debate and discussion in screendance and related disciplines including performance, dance, film, visual arts, sound and text.

Madeline" Angeliki Smalis, Ormston House

"Madeline", a new character-based dance work, and video series, for three dancers, four musicians, and one actor, based on a 1798 Irish Gothic novel of the same name by Regina Maria Roche took place in Ormston House on 12 November.

8. Limerick Museum

- Limerick Museum received 2,482 visitors in November.

- An exhibition "45 for Valour" commemorating the centenary of the ending of the First World War by Trish Taylor-Thompson opened in the Museum on 1 November. In it, she honours the 45 soldiers of Irish descent who were awarded the Victoria Cross for their bravery and heroism during the Great War.
- Dr. Matthew Potter's Limerick Military Tradition (1691-1922) A Brief Introduction was launched on 1 November. It places Limerick's Great War experiences in the wider context of the 230 years between the Treaty of Limerick and the winning of independence. It traces aspects of Limerick's interesting military past, from the many Limerick generals who attained high rank in the British, French, Russian and other armies to the evolution of military technology and organisation.
- Limerick Museum, in collaboration with Friends of Lace held an Amazing Lace symposium in the Absolute Hotel in Limerick on 17 November. The theme of the symposium was Lace Making in the Modern World - Tradition and Innovation. It included presentations from invited speakers, discussions on the topics of lace preservation, promoting lace making as a living craft, teaching lace making, and avenues for making lace commercially available. A small exhibition of lace was held as part of the Symposium.
- The exhibitions Limerick's 130 Years of All-Ireland Success and Limerick to Hollywood continued throughout the month.
- Friends of Limerick Lace Group held meetings in the Museum on 1 and 22 November.

9. Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Installation and commissioning of new boiler, which is part of the Fire and Safety upgrade works to LCGA. Continued meetings and plans for essential upgrade works to LCGA to take place in the New Year. Funding for these upgrade works was provided by Department of Arts grant and matched by Limerick City and County Council. It will be necessary to raise further funds to complete all the other works that have been identified as necessary to bring the building up to international Fire Safety Standards.

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- Continuation of Maud Cotter, a consequence of - without stilling and Anita Groener, The Past is a Foreign Country exhibitions which have attracted significant visitor numbers. Anita Groener's exhibition will tour to three venues in 2019.
- Selected 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. In addition works from The Mushroom Book, by John Cage, Louis Long and Alexander Smith are also on exhibit.
- RTÉ Contempo Quartet continued its winter series of concerts at LCGA.
- LCGA continued its series of the weekend workshops for children.
- The exhibition, HEADLAND, by Elizabeth Magill on exhibit in the New Art Gallery, Walsall, UK. Concluding LCGA's participation in the touring of the exhibition.
- LCGA's visitor attendance for November was over 6,166.
- 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 local groups such as the Senior Limerick City Orchestra performed their first concert in the Gallery while the Limerick Art Society, Narrative 4 and Limerick Art Teachers Society held meetings in HUB space during November.
- LCGA continues to negotiate the use of the HUB/ East Gallery with local groups like the Limerick's Writer Centre and held two poetry launches in November by Ron Carey and Louis Mulcahy.
- LCGA continues to 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.

10. Planning and Environment

Litter/Waste Enforcement

- 128 complaints were received in November.
- 243 inspections were undertaken throughout the month.
- 41 on the spot litter fines were issued in November.
- Legal proceedings were issued in six cases under the Waste Management Act.
- 17 warning letters were issued in relation to environmental issues.
- Eight Notices were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 14 Directions were served under the Waste Management Act.
- 77 cases were closed / resolved / completed in November.

Air Noise and Water Pollution.

- 19 complaints were received in November.
- One Notice was served under Section 12 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- One Notice was served under Section 23 of the Water Pollution Acts.
- Two Notices were served under Section 110 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.
- One Notice was served under Section 107 of 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 1/11/18 – 30/11/18	68	47	115
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	62%	61%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	26%	31%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	12%	8%	

	Received / Assigned	Validated	Invalidated / Refused	Granted	Completed
Fire Certificate Applications November	14	17	1	11	
Disability Access Cert Applications November	10	12	0	12	
Licensing Applications November	12	12	0		
Commencement Notice November	36	32			
Completion Certificate November	30	21			
Sugar CRM Cases November	9				3

Civil Defence attendance at Events for the month

- Glenstal Woods Charity Walk
- Avian Flu Training Mallow
- Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships UL
- Mass for deceased members
- National Radiation Monitoring Exercise Limerick
- Aviva Stadium Match

Major Emergency Management Events for the month

- The Management Team attended a Local Co-ordination Group workshop with An Garda Síochána.
- The Fire Service attended a Table-Top exercise for Limerick Tunnel

Nominations for Long Service Awards

- Four Sub Station Officers awarded a 20 year Long Service Award
- Three Fire Fighters awarded a 20 year Long Service Award

- One Brigade Mechanic awarded a 20 year Long Service Award
- One Station Officer awarded a 20 year Long Service Award
- Three Munster Regional Communication Centre (MRCC) Staff awarded a 20 year Long Service Award

The reception was held in the Moran Hotel, Dublin and the presentation was made by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr. Eoghan Murphy in November 2018.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	November 2018	Total January to November 2018
Metropolitan Area	2	14
Municipal Areas	0	10

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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 November
No. of call outs 01/10/18 – 31/10/18	771	858	72	1629

12. Access to Information

	November	2018 (January to November)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	15	212
FOI Internal Appeals	-	7
Information Commissioner Appeals	-	-
Total Ombudsman Requests	4	29
Total AIE Requests	-	6

13. Veterinary Services

- 18 stray or wandering horses were impounded.
- The Dog Control Unit dealt with 36 dogs.
- Three food samples were submitted during November 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

- 42 inspections were carried out.
- Six Urban and Village Renewal Department information notices.
- 14 Statutory Notices were issued under the Derelict Sites Act.
- One case closed through engagement.
- Three Properties entered onto the Derelict Sites Register.
- Eight properties put forward for Buy & Renew.
- Four Vacant Homes identified through survey.

15. Physical Development

The Contract for the Parnell Street / Wickham Street Improvement Works was signed, and these important public realm works will commence on site in December 2018.

Consultant Tenders for the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan were received on 31 October 2018. Tender assessment is underway and appointment of the successful tenderer is anticipated to take place in December 2018.



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Economic Development and Planning

1. Planning Applications

A total of 106 new planning applications were received as follows:

Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	72
Agricultural Developments	6
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	9
Sporting/Community & Educational Developments	3
Other Developments	13

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of a three storey administration and laboratory building at Raheen Business Park, Raheen.
- Construction of 20 residential units at Killeline, Newcastle West.
- Construction of 99 residential units at Newtown, Castletroy.
- Construction of a commercial data centre at Ted Russell Dock, Dock Road.
- Construction of a two storey ward block extension at St. Camillus Hospital, Shelbourne Road.

2. Investment

- Contractors and fit-out specialists, Flynn, announced plans to add 50 new jobs to its current workforce over the next two years. This will bring its headcount to more than 200 by 2021. From its Mid-West Regional base in Clondrinagh, they have delivered some major office fit out projects. The new jobs will be based across its Irish operations and their London Office.
- Italian restaurant chain Milano opened its second restaurant in Limerick at the Crescent Shopping Centre in November, with up to 35 new jobs created.

3. Local Enterprise Office

- Partnership agreement signed between Network Ireland Limerick and the Local Enterprise Office Limerick to manage the Limerick Women in Business Network 2019.
- Tenders for 2019–2020 LEO Training and Development Programmes received and assessed.
- A significant increase in LEO Social Media interaction on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

4. Innovate Limerick

- Innovate Limerick has been successful with its application for the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund with an initial budget allocation of €1 million being approved to plan and scope the expansion of the Digital Innovation Lab, which is located close to ENGINE in the Georgian innovation district.
- Innovate Limerick worked closely with NBC representatives to organise the advance screening of Night Flyers in Limerick.

5. Marketing/ Communications

- Officially launched Christmas in Limerick 2018 at Light Up Limerick on 18 November with an estimated turn out of 20,000 people.
 1. The event secured widespread national coverage on RTÉ, Today FM, The Irish Times, The Irish Independent and The Irish Examiner.
 2. Seven week digital, print and radio PR and marketing campaign ongoing.
 3. Dedicated Christmas section created on Limerick.ie
 4. Design and distribution of 100,000 Christmas in Limerick Event Guides across Limerick and the Mid-West through An Post and direct marketing.
 5. Issued three Christmas in Limerick e-newsletters; Light Up Limerick, Christmas Event Guide, Toots Christmas Train.
- Limerick.ie reached milestone of 1,000,000 users in a year.

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- Feature November What's On advert for social and digital media marketing.
- Marketing support provided to:
 1. Pigtown Culture and Food Series
 2. Elemental Arts and Culture Festival
 3. The Limerick Tour
- Marketing materials supplied to 100 delegates from the Information and Records Management Society.
- Laura Ryan, keynote speaker at the Local Authority Communications Seminar 2018 showcasing the digital transformation of Limerick.ie to delegates.
- Produced eight Limerick.ie e-newsletters.
- Monthly Limerick.ie Business Bulletin e-newsletter issued.

Social Media

- Posted 41 times on Limerick.ie's Facebook with total page likes now 21,685. Posts reached 59,348 users with 12,914 engagements.
- Tweeted 35 times on Limerick.ie's Twitter, @limerick_ie, with total followers now 15,256. Our tweets earned 107,000 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 11 times on Limerick.ie's Instagram and created a Christmas in Limerick highlight story, with total followers now 5,024.
- Tweeted 3 times on Limerick Marketing's Twitter, @limkmarketing, with total followers now 2,464. Our tweets earned 13,400 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).
- Posted 5 times on Limerick City and County Council's LinkedIn with total followers now 1,625.

Limerick.ie

A total of 134,195 people visited the Limerick.ie website in November – a 55% on the same period in 2017.

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

1. www.limerick.ie
2. www.limerick.ie/christmas
3. www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs
4. www.limerick.ie/council

5. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-property/apply-or-search-planning-application/search-planning

6. Housing Capital

Tenders Issued

The Tender Documentation for the CHAS Flats on Mary Street, Kings Island, has been issued with a Tender Date anticipated in December 2018.

The completion of this refurbishment will see the return of a long-term vacant building to use as three 2-storey houses.

Contractors Appointed

The Design and Build contract for the 16-unit housing development at Lisheen Park, Patrickswell, has commenced. This housing scheme will provide 15 no. two-storey houses and 1 no. single storey apartment for the village of Patrickswell.

7. Water Services

- Watermain rehabilitation works complete in Bengal Terrace, Kilmeedy and Hospital.
- Watermain rehabilitation works progressing in Islanduane, Mayorstone, Church Street 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 as per programme.
- Digital Strategy also attended the latest All Ireland Smart Cities Forum event in Dublin, to discuss a programme of works and desired outputs from the forum for 2019.

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Limerick received over €13.4 million as part of the government's first round on funding under the Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds.

The funds concentrate on either urban or rural projects with the money coming as part of Project Ireland 2040.

Limerick received the highest percentage of funds under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) at 30% of the overall figure announced, with €7.1million in total going being allocated to the three projects:

- Great Southern Greenway €2,724,657
- Glenbrohane Local Hub €626,369
- Murroe Community Hub €3,816,451

The aim of the RRDF is to provide investment to support rural renewal for suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas and provides an unprecedented opportunity to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland, to make a significant and sustainable impact on rural communities, and to address de-population in small rural towns, villages and rural areas.

A further €6.2 million was allocated to strategically important projects for the greater Limerick city area in the Urban equivalent of the fund (URDF).

Funding has been received in Categories A and B. Category A projects are 'Ready-to-go' proposals that can be initiated in 2019 - have the necessary consents (e.g. planning) in place, be at an advanced stage of design and be procurement-ready.

Category B projects are proposals that require further development and that, subject to approval in principle, may be initiated in 2019 or in subsequent years.

The Limerick Metropolitan Area received 6% of the overall funding nationally.

Category A Total Funding €3,494,000

- Opera Project - Funding sought for the non-commercial elements of the development – public realm, new city library and enabling works.
- O'Connell Street - Project seeks to position O'Connell Street as Limerick's signature street.

- University of Limerick - Digital District (Inner City Digital Hub) - Working in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council this project seeks to harness the potential of digital technology to help grow Limerick as a 'smart' city for the benefit of all citizens and visitors.

Category B Total Funding €2,740,000

- Digital Collaboration and Virtual Reality Centre - Address building vacancy at No.'s 29 & 30 Cecil Street and to act as a catalyst for further investment and building refurbishment in the area. The Digital Collaboration and Virtual Reality Centre will work with multi-national companies (MNC's), small-medium enterprises (SME's), Start-Ups and third levels to facilitate the application and adoption of existing technology to solve business problems. The work of the centre will focus on business process improvement rather than new technology development.
- Living Georgian City Programme - Focus on targeted interventions to renew vacant and underutilised stock, to increase the level of residential use in the city – investment model and governance structure, smart ageing homes demonstration project, laneways upgrade, development of a citizen participation platform.
- Social and Economic Model - Develop an input output model that will allow the impact of various investments to be properly assessed. It will initially assess the potential impact of the development of the Opera site.
- World-class Waterfront - Implement one of the objectives of the Limerick 2030 Plan – a world-class waterfront by integrating the proposed flood defences under the CFRAMS programme with public realm works creating a linear link from the Docklands to King's Island.
- The Venue, Shannon (Strategic Masterplan).

The funding is part of the government's Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), which was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan.

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- Issued 18 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department.
- Wrote 29 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Tweeted 114 times on Limerick City and County Council's Twitter account, @limerickcouncil, with total fans now 11,418. Our tweets earned 157,500 impressions (no. of times users saw our tweet).

2. Digital Strategy

- The +CityxChange project, which commenced on 1 November, was formally signed off by the European Commission for a period of five years. The project is co-ordinated through the Digital Strategy Department and aims to develop solutions for positive energy districts and cities. The project kick-off meeting took place from 7-9 November in Trondheim, Norway with almost 100 participants from the 31 partners and 11 countries.
- Limerick's Open Data initiatives were presented at the 2018 Open Data Conference hosted by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER). Data initiatives undertaken to develop Limerick's Open Data potential were presented and gained significant interest at the conference.

3. Schedule of Meetings

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council		
Special Meeting to pass a vote of sympathy on the death of former Councillor Leonard Enright, RIP	05.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Budget Meeting	15.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	26.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Special Meeting to elect a representative on the governing authority of University College Cork.	26.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Operational Briefings		
Limerick City East	06.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City North	06.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Limerick City West	06.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Metropolitan District of Limerick		
Monthly Meeting	19.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Special Meeting – approval of the proposed allocations to various groups under Special Projects, GMA 2018	30.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of:		
(a) Adare-Rathkeale: Monthly Meeting	02.11.2018	Rathkeale
Special Meeting to honour Ms. Margaret O'Shaughnessy	13.11.2018	Rathkeale
(b) Newcastle West: Monthly Meeting	07.11.2018	Newcastle West
Special Meeting on Housing Development	21.11.2018	Newcastle West
(c) Cappamore-Kilmallock: Monthly Meeting	21.11.2018	Kilmallock
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings		
Cultural	05.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Local Community Development Committee	13.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Corporate Policy Group	12.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Corporate Policy Group	19.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Joint Policing Sub Committee Meeting		
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	08.11.2018	Rathkeale
Metropolitan District of Limerick	19.11.2018	Merchant's Quay
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	21.11.2018	Kilmallock
Protocol Committee Meeting	26.11.2018	Dooradoyle
Party Leaders' Meeting	26.11.2018	Dooradoyle



4. Fire & Emergency Training Events

- Eight fire fighters completed Emergency Services Driving Standards theory training.
- Four fire fighters completed Emergency Services Driving Standards training and driving assessments.
- One fire fighter completed swiftwater rescue technician refresher training.
- Three recruit fire fighters began their 3 week Initial Recruits course.
- Eight fire fighters completed Aerial Platform Operator refresher training.
- Nine officers attended a Senior Officer Operational Seminar.



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NOVEMBER 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€52,400.00	10	€32,230.50	3	€17,248.61	4
Metropolitan	€60,141.56	13	€146,277.58	17	€65,794.25	16
Newcastle West	€15,600.00	3	€37,494.55	2	€19,715.00	5
Rathkeale	€5,400.00	1	€3,800.00	1	€13,475.00	3
	€133,541.56	27	€219,802.63	23	€116,232.86	28

Total Monies issued in November 2018 = €469,577.05

Total Grants issued in November 2018 = 78

JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2018	MAGS (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	No.	HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	No.
Kilmallock	€106,029.91	21	€193,853.57	15	€129,858.60	28
Metropolitan	€349,866.76	77	€810,959.82	81	€296,467.81	69
Newcastle West	€121,375.71	27	€181,807.24	21	€230,516.55	47
Rathkeale	€59,160.03	14	€51,889.05	6	€57,128.73	15
	€636,432.41	139	€1,238,509.68	123	€713,971.69	159

Total Monies issued January to November 2018 = €2,588,913.78

Total Grants issued January to November 2018 = 421

2. Rent Collection

Opening Balance @ 01/01/2018	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing balance 30/11/2018	% Collection
€2,589,197	€14,058,819	€16,648,016	€13,182,990	€3,465,026	79%

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 30th November 2018	14,501,047	53,997,093	*	1,035,551	1,963,991	65,498,598	49,131,611	16,366,987	2,225,458	78%

* 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 30th November 2018	461,159	1,136,334	1,624	1,595,869	1,351,507	244,362	85%

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No of days in overdraft 0

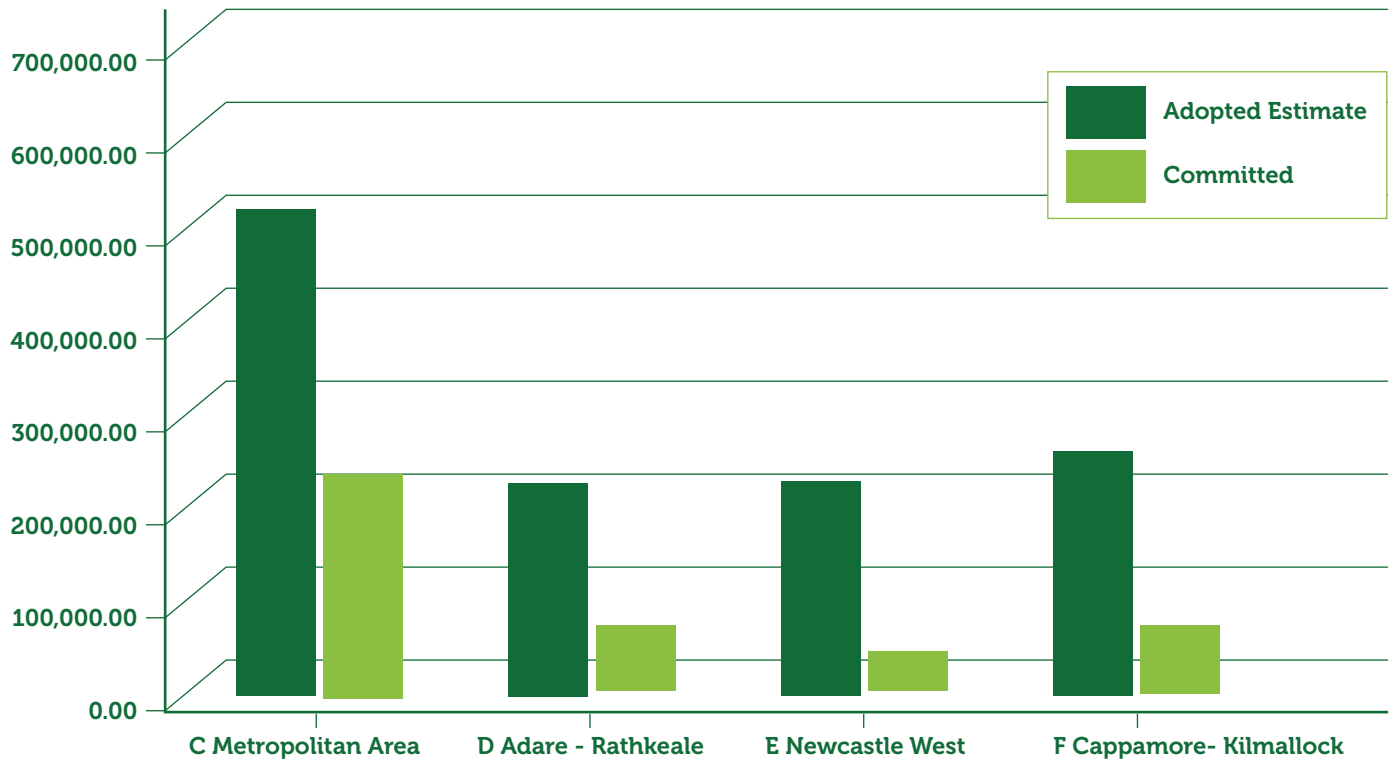
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4. General Municipal Allocation 2018

Adopted Estimate €1.203 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 30th November 2018



Municipal (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate	Value Committed
C Metropolitan Area	503,000.00	230,562
D Adare - Rathkeale	225,000.00	72,337
E Newcastle West	225,000.00	37,084
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	250,000.00	80,497