

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
TO BE HELD ON Tuesday, 19th March 2019

8th March 2019

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Metropolitan Municipal District Re: Draft
Schedule of Municipal District Works - (SMDW)**

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes.

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc).

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgements in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will

also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Metropolitan Municipal District is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

**Kieran Lehane,
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2019	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	2,676,539
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	201,977
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) - Surface Dressing	79,642
General Maintenance (GM)	2,217,041
General Maintenance Safety (GMS)	246,338
Tar Patching (TP)	203,691
Bridge Rehabilitation (STR)	162,000
Footpath Repairs (FR)	400,000
Specific Improvement Grant (SI)	700,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	7,500,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	40,000
Drainage Works	256,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	503,000
Traffic Management & Parking	1,235,000
Total Defined MD Spending	16,421,228

- Winter Maintenance (WM) €578,198 Total City & County.
- Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) In 2018 a 2-year grant allocation of €356,000 was issued for 2018 & 2019, most of which was expended in 2018. Limerick City & County Council are currently identifying schemes that will be included in the 2019 programme. An allocation of €86,751 has been made to Limerick City and County.
- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) issues ring-fenced funding for LIS. €384,092 has been approved for 2019 for Limerick City and County.
- Public Lighting €2,460,000.00 Total City & County.
- National Road HD 28 Sites – €400,000 – Locations requiring Skid Resistance Improvement to be identified and agreed with TII.
- An allocation of €328,000 has been made by TII for Capital Maintenance Works 2019 for national roads across Limerick City and County.

- Declassified National Road Grant – €1,000,000 – In accordance with Circular RW 1/2019, €1,000,000 has been made available for the upkeep of declassified national roads across Limerick City and County, locations and details of improvements to be agreed with Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.
- An allocation of €628,518 has been made for Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS).
- General Maintenance of National Roads €258,493 is the total for City and County.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT			
Road Works Scheme 2019			
Regional Roads			
Road Reconstruction			
Allocation = €1,149,320			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R506	Garraun To Grange Upper	2500	€100,000.00
R526	SouthCourt Roundabout	30	€99,000.00
R510	Dock Rd	908	€431,640.00
R445	O'Connell Avenue	740	€222,000.00
R464	Hasset Cross	300	€65,700.00
R857	Ennis Rd	350	€94,500.00
R463	Corbally Road	650	€136,480.00
	Total	5478	€1,149,320
Local Roads			
Surface Dressing			
Allocation = €281,619			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L5001	Coolreidy	300	€4,500.00
L1103	Nelsons Cross to the R445	600	€12,000.00
L5006	Mountshannon Rd	1300	€23,400.00
L1122	Ahane Church to R503	1000	€22,500.00
L5123	Hannon's Road	1000	€13,500.00
L5113	Bushy Island	1300	€23,400.00
L5102	Kishyquirk	1300	€29,250.00
L1146	South Liberty's towards Knockea	1350	€36,000.00
L5122	Killonan towards Monaleen Stores	1300	€30,444.00
LP1425	Nolans Cross to Ferrybridge	1000	€22,500.00
LP1401	Clarina To Patrickswell	1000	€27,000.00

LP1477	Rahina to Camheen	1000	€22,500.00
LS8043	Coramore	650	€14,625.00
	Total	13100	€281,619

**Local Roads
Road Reconstruction
Allocation = €1,527,219**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
1171	Morrissons Pub to O' Sheas pub	800	€170,000
5124	Bellmount road	600	€60,000
10188	St Judes street	120	€22,000
5159	Kilbane Estate	400	€90,000
10539	Windsor Court	100	€25,000
10199	St Lawrence's Park	200	€60,000
10539	Castletroy view	110	€15,000
11512	Bengal TCE	100	€15,000
1121	Superquin Rd	180	€55,000
1121	Briarfield	500	€36,000
1114	Monaleen Heights	500	€42,000
1115	School House Rd	300	€74,000
1119	Castle Rd Upper	200	€10,000
1116	GLR towards Old Ballysimon Rd	350	€80,000
11473	Boherlode	900	€41,000
11161	Mount Green	300	€63,000
1114	The Fairways Monaleen Rd	300	€53,000
5158	Elm Pk	250	€16,319
L1144	Rosbrien Road	1000	€180,000
LT14023	Islanduane	1200	€126,000
LP1432	Avonmore Road	600	€167,000
LT10076	Glenview Gardens	130	€15,000
LT10236	O Donagh Avenue Janesboro	200	€36,000
LT10075	Landsdowne Gardens	200	€36,000
LT10271	Old Clare Street (Long Can)	190	€39,900
	Total	9730	€1,527,219

**Bridge Rehabilitation Work
Structures (STR)
Allocation = € 162000**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R525	Derrylusk Bridge	N/A	€30,000.00
R857	Thomond Bridge	N/A	€102,000.00
R463 & R857	Matthew Bridge, Sarsfield Bridge, Athlunkard Bridge	N/A	€10,000.00
LP1122	Annagh Bridge	N/A	€20,000.00
	Total		€162,000

**Low Cost Safety
Improvement Schemes (LCSI)**

Allocation = € 40,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R527	Approach to Shannon Bridge Roundabout	N/A	€10,000
L10441	South Circular adjacent to Fathers Church	N/A	€30,000
Total			€40,000
Drainage Works Allocation = €256,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L5006	Mountshannon Rd	400	€42,000
R503	Newport Rd	400	€42,000
R445	Clondrinagh (Old Ennis Road)	500	€80,000
L1144	Lissanalta Phase II	600	€92,000
Total		1900	€256,000
Specific Improvement Grant Allocation = €700,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
	Park Road Bridge Replacement	N/A	€100,000
	Golf Links Road & ballysimon Road Upgrade	N/A	€500,000
	Castletroy Link Road	N/A	€100,000
Total		0	€700,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads Allocation = €7,500,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
	Coonagh/Knockalisheen Distributor Road		€7,500,000
Total			€7,500,000

Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Metropolitan Municipal District:

Restoration Improvement (RI) €2,676,539

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). Many roads have deteriorated to such an extent that they require resurfacing, reshaping and strengthening to enable them to cater for the heavy vehicles and to prevent water lodging.

Restoration Maintenance (RM) €201,977

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM). A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) €79,642

This is new specific allocation in 2018 under the Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant (SRM) for surface dressing works only. A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

General Maintenance (GM) €2,217,041

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

General Maintenance Safety (GMS) €246,338

General maintenance safety monies will be used to cover a wide range of works such as road markings, road studs, road signs and general upkeep of roads in the city and county which will improve road safety

Tar Patching (TP) €203,691

Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

Bridge Rehabilitation (STR) €162,000

There is four schemes under this heading in Metropolitan Municipal District this year.

Specific Improvement Grant (SI) €700,000

There are 3 schemes under this heading in Metropolitan Municipal District this year.

Strategic Regional and Local Roads (SRLR) €7,500,000

€7,500,000 has been allocated for the Coonagh/Knockalisheen Distributor Road

€40,000

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)

The 2019 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There are currently 2 schemes in the Metropolitan District.

Drainage Works €256,000

This grant may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. There are 4 main schemes in the Metropolitan District in 2019 along with a number of additional locations identified for minor surface water drainage improvements.

Footpath Repairs (FR) ~~€400,000~~

€400,000 has been allocated for footpath maintenance and repair in the Metropolitan District.

Traffic Management & Parking Management €1,235,000

This includes for disc parking operation, wages, traffic fines management system, communication equipment.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €503,000

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

Items for which expenditure is provided on a City and County at large basis

Public Lighting (PL) €2,460,000

This covers the operation, repair and maintenance of Public Lighting. The supply of energy is purchased through the National Procurement Service (NPS). The repair, replacement and maintenance of public lights are tendered separately. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS) €628,518

This includes for school wardens, road safety plan, road safety education and training. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

General Maintenance of National Roads €258,493

General maintenance of National Roads covers a wide range of works for which this allocation will be used. €258,493 is the allocation for Limerick City & County. Improvement works locations to be agreed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Winter Maintenance (WM) €578,198

This provision is for the treatment of roads in severe weather in accordance with the Winter Service Plan and pertains to the whole City and County area.

Capital Pavement Maintenance €328,000

An allocation of €328,000 has been made by TII for Capital Pavement Maintenance for 2019.

HD28 Sites

National Road HD 28 Sites – €400,000 – Locations requiring Skid Resistance Improvement to be identified and agreed with TII. **€400,000**

Declassified National Roads

€1,000,000
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Community Involvement schemes (CIS) €86,751

In 2018 a 2-year grant allocation of €356,000 was issued for 2018 & 2019, most of which was expended in 2018. Limerick City & County Council are currently identifying schemes that will be included in the 2019 programme. An allocation of €86,751 has been made to Limerick City and County.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) €384,092

The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ring-fenced funding for LIS Limerick City & County Council has received a Grant of €384,092 in 2019. Schemes are currently being identified by Limerick City and County Council for inclusion in the 2019 programme.

Overheads (OH) €1,434,492

This includes for insurances (EL/PL), Health and Safety training and equipment, sick pay, holiday pay, legal costs, office expenses, etc. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

Work Category –Social Development

Housing Maintenance

Limerick City & County Council manages an expanding Social Housing portfolio which is expected to exceed 5200 properties in 2019. The range of properties is extensive which is highlighted by the fact that over half the Councils Housing stock was built before 1985. 66% of the entire housing stock is located within the Metropolitan District. The remaining 34% of housing stock is located between the Newcastle West, Adare-Rathkeale and Cappamore-Kilmallock Districts. Total requests for Housing Maintenance in Metropolitan area during 2018 was 11,144 (74% of all overall total of 14,991).

In each operational area we have small but effective direct labour teams who respond directly to the needs of our Tenants and who report service requests from Area Offices, Customer Services and Operations Services. The request is added to the Customer Relationship System and assigned to the correct Maintenance Team.

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below.

Emergency Repairs (within 24 Hours)

Fire	Water Leaks	No Electricity	No Mains Water
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Urgent Repairs (within 1-3 Days)

Blocked Flue in Open Fire	Blocked Foul Drains	No Hot Water	No Heating
Faulty Sockets	Faulty Switches	Faulty Storage Heater	Faulty Door Entry System
Banister or Hand Rail Loose or Detached	Storm Damage	Partial Loss of Water Supply	Unsafe Floor Boards or Stair Treads
Damaged Path/Steps			

Routine Repairs (within 1-3 Weeks)

Other Electrical Works	Other Joinery Works	Plaster Works	Other Plumbing Works
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BUDGET Allocation 2019

Metropolitan Municipal District 3,233 Properties (64% of housing stock)

	2019
Maintenance	€1,565,858
Re-lettings	€ 501,717
Halting Site Maintenance	€ 595,000
	€2,662,575

Housing Maintenance - Planned Works

Heating Servicing

Also, in 2019 the Budget of €100,000 has been allocated to ensure that Heating Systems County Wide are working effectively and safely. This is an important area and ensures that the Council maintain heating system guarantees, some that currently run for 10 years which represents a long term savings to the Council.

Planned Maintenance / Heating Systems Replacement

Many of our Tenants have Heating Systems that are outdated and highly inefficient by current standards. €200,000 has been allocated for the replacement of heating systems County Wide. The scheme will operate on a priority needs basis initially

An additional provision of €300,000 has been adopted for the initial implementation of the proposed planned maintenance programme, which will be developed further following the finalisation of the ongoing consultation process with members and housing engineers.

Private Housing Grants

The following private housing grants are available again in 2019

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme – HAGS

Mobility Aids Grants Scheme – MAGS

Housing Aid Older People – HOPS

These grants have not yet been released for 2019, however, it is expected that the amounts will be similar to those in 2018. The total 2018 Revenue grant allocation for the Metropolitan Municipal District was €1,693,814. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DoHPLG meeting 80%.

Environmental Maintenance

The proposed schedule of works for the Maintenance District for 2019 may be summarised as set out hereunder.

Cemeteries

There are approx 10 cemeteries in Limerick Metropolitan District. The cemeteries budget for the Limerick Metropolitan District is €208,750. A significant portion of the budget provides for grave digging services in Mount Saint Oliver and Lawrence cemeteries.

The remainder of the allocation will be used for the replacement and improvement of footpaths and for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries.

Parks and Landscaping

The Parks & Landscaping Team carries out a wide range of functions in relation to the parks and open spaces. The team manages and maintains 8 parks and 350 acres of open space in the City Environs. This includes maintenance of playgrounds in People's Park, Shelbourne Park, O'Briens Park, Mungret Park and Castletroy Park.

Grass Cutting 179 hectares up to 15 times annually between March and October.

Tree maintenance Crown reduction, crown raising and pruning over the winter months

Bridges in Bloom Project 250 hanging baskets, planted and erected on eight bridges.

Summer/Spring bedding In parks and 150 flower tiers on city streets.

Other works include hedge cutting, landscaping works and general maintenance of the parks.

The 2019 allocation for Parks and Landscaping for the Metropolitan Municipal District is €528,000 which is an increase of €36,000 on the 2018 allocation.

The budget also allows for responses to service requests from the Customer Relationship System. In 2018, 706 service requests were received from the Customer Relationship System.

Street Cleaning

The Street Cleaning budget for the City and County for 2019 is €791,000. This provides for a schedule of routine cleaning for specific routes in the city and county area. The budget also provides for litter bin maintenance and collection.

Recycling Facilities

There are 65 no bring banks in the City and County. The 2019 budget is €155,000. The budget provides for collection and maintenance of all sites.

Civic Amenity Sites

There are 3 Civic Amenity Sites in Mungret, Newcastle West and Kilmallock operated by a Contractor. The 2019 budget for the operation of the 3 Civic Amenity Sites is €265,000.

Other Environmental Schemes

Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2019

Limerick City & County Council again invites applications for the Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2019

This grant scheme aims to assist with Environmental Improvement works undertaken by non-profit making organisations working within Limerick City and County areas.

The Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant is 50% funded by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation. The Limerick Going for Gold Competition prize fund is 100% funded by JP McManus Charitable Foundation.

Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2019.

Limerick City and County Council will again invite applications for the Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2019. This Scheme is designed to assist residents in the maintenance of open spaces in their estates by providing funding towards grass cutting.