

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE RATHKEALE
MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th MARCH 2019

7th March 2019

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale

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 Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale set out at appendix 1 attached.

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

**Caroline Curley,
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2019	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	1,636,020
Restoration Maintenance (RM) -Surface Dressing	352,270
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) – Surface Dressing	138,764
Drainage Grant	200,000
General Maintenance (GM)	775,256
General Maintenance Safety (GMS)	86,139
Specific Improvement Grant	500,000
Tar Patching (TP)	312,329
Footpath Repairs (FR)	100,000
Bridge Rehabilitation (STR)	185,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	44,000
General Municipal Allocation	225,000
Total Defined MD Spending	€ 4,554,778

- 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 and 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 for 2019.
- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) issued 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.
- 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 to be agreed with Department of Transport.
- An allocation of €328,000 has been made by TII for Capital Maintenance Works 2019 for national roads across Limerick City and County.
- Allocations have been made by TII for the N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming Scheme to the value of €250,000 and N21 Adare Western Approach Pavement Strengthening Scheme to the value of €600,000.

ADARE/RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Road Works Scheme 2019

Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation = €134,030

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R518	Kyletaun jn to Comnys	1200	€38,880.00
R521	Jobbers Cross to Cosgraves Cross	1800	€59,400.00
R516	Crean Bruff	1000	€35,750.00
Total		4000	€134,030

Regional Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation = €333,200

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R516	Crean Bruff	400	€53,200
R518	Askeaton Main Street Overlay	600	€220,000
R523	Reens towards Skehanagh	200	€60,000
Total		1200	€333,200

Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation = €357,004

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L6119	Shanid Lower Road	1772	€42,702.00
L1242	Ardnaveagh Rathkeale	1000	€26,750.00
L6014	Kennedys X towards Kilcornan	700	€18,725.00
L6057	Golf Club Rd	1500	€40,125.00
L8023	Kiltenan Road from L1206 Jn towards Croagh	450	€8,662.00
L6028	From L1206 Jn towards Ballinguile	750	€14,175.00
L1203	Rathkeale to Cappagh Rd from Rousemountr Jn to Roches Rd Jn	1300	€39,325.00
L1208	Ballingarry to Croom Road from Cahills R519 Jn to kilmacow X Part 1	1900	€57,365.00
L1219	Kilbradran Graveyard Towards Lissatotan	800	€22,000.00
L8606	Morenane	950	€23,513.00
L8016	Mainster South	1900	€34,200.00
L1409	Grange More Crecora	1600	€29,462.00
Total		14622	€357,004

Local Roads			
Road Reconstruction Allocation = €1,302,820			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L6110	Kilterry Cross to Stacks Cross	900	€66,000.00
L6098	Coolle Road Killaney	1,550	€117,800.00
L12016	Laundry Road Castletown	1,100	€80,000.00
L8033	Kennedys X Monanooag to Cloraine	1,000	€130,000.00
L1241	Glenameade to Tobermurray Rd	200	€80,000.00
L6010	Shanongrove to Shanpallas Road	250	€23,215.00
L6025	Amagon More Link Road	1,000	€70,000.00
L1206	Nevilles to Kiltenan	1,300	€125,000.00
L14201	Caherass Road	600	€55,000.00
L1250	Askeaton Slip road to N69	140	€30,000.00
L6182	Thomas Street Rathkeale	300	€170,000.00
L1419	Carrigeen	800	€91,200.00
L1410	Mainister	700	€53,200.00
L8656	Kilmore	500	€52,440.00
L8016	Ballymacsradeen East	200	€19,000.00
L1418	Carrow	400	€41,803.00
L1407	Greenmount to Crecora	800	€98,162.00
	Total	11,740	€1,302,820
Bridge Rehabilitation Work Structures (STR) Allocation = € 185,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L6150	Ballingarry	N/A	€85,000
R521	Shanagolden Culvert	N/A	€30,000
L1222	Ballylin	N/A	€35,000
R516	Tullovin Bridge	N/A	€35,000
	Total		€185,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI) Allocation = € 44,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R518	Rylands, Ballingarry	N/A	€44,000
	Total		€44,000
Drainage Works Allocation = €200,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R518	Courtmatrix	450	€52,000
R512	Shreelane Shanagolden	450	€52,000

R518	Rathkeale Underpass at Holycross	300	€81,000
L6110	Kilteery	120	€15,000
	Total	1,320	200,000
Specific Improvement Grant Allocation = €500,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
	Croom Distributor Road	N/A	500,000
	Total		500,000

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

Restoration Improvement (RI) €1,636,020

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) €352,270

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) €138,764

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.

Drainage Grant (DG) €200,000

This is a new grant introduced in 2018 that may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. There are 4 schemes in the Adare Rathkeale District in 2018.

General Maintenance (GM)**€775,256**

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)**€86,139**

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)**€312,329**

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

Footpath Repairs (FR)**€100,000**

An allocation of €100,000 has been made for footpath maintenance and repair in the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale.

Bridge Rehabilitation (STR)**€185,000**

There are four scheme under this heading in Adare Rathkeale this year.

Specific Improvement Grant (SI)**€500,000**

There is one scheme under this heading in the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District this year. €500,000 has been allocated to the Croom Distributor Road.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)**€44,000**

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 is one scheme identified in the Adare Rathkeale District in 2019.

€225,000

General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

N21 Adare West Approach Pavement Strengthening

€600,000

This allocation will be used for pavement strengthening works on the western approach to Adare village. The scope of works is to be agreed with TII.

N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming

€250,000

This allocation will be used for design and tender stages on the proposed N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming Improvement Scheme.

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.

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.

€86,751

Community Involvement schemes (CIS)

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) – In 2018, a 2 year grant allocation of €356,000 was issued for 2018 and 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.

€258,493

General Maintenance of National Roads (LIS)

An allocation of €258,493 has been made by TII for Capital Maintenance Works 2019 for national primary and secondary roads across Limerick City and County.

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

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 to be agreed with Department of Transport.

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 Council's 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 Adare Rathkeale area during 2018 was 938 (6.3% 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

Adare-Ratheale Municipal District 520 Properties (10% of housing stock)

	2019
Maintenance	€157,530
Re-lettings	€ 96,023
Halting Site Maintenance	€ 24,961
	€278,514

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

Available to assist in the carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who has enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairments. The types of works available include the provision of access ramps, downstairs toilet facilities, stair-lifts, accessible showers, adaptations to facilitate wheelchair access, extensions and any other works deemed necessary. Applicable to works costing in excess of €6,000.

Mobility Aids Grants Scheme – MAGS

Available to cover works to address mobility problems, primarily associated with ageing. The type of works available include grab rails, access ramps, level access showers and stair-lifts. Applicable to works not in excess of €6,000.

Housing Aid Older People – HOPS

Available to assist older people living in poor conditions to have necessary repairs and improvements carried out. The types of works available under this scheme include re-roofing, re-wiring and the provision of central heating (where none exists) and the replacement of windows and doors.

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 Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District was €310,000. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DoHPLG meeting 80%.

Cemetaries

There are approx 50 cemetaries in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District. An allocation of €54,000 has been allocated in 2019. It is intended that this extra allocation of funding will be used for the replacement and improvement of footpaths in the cemeteries, and for maintenance and upkeep of historic walls.

Parks and Landscaping

The Parks & Landscaping Team carries out a wide range of functions in relation to parks and open spaces. These works include tree pruning, grass cutting, hedge trimming and small maintenance and landscaping works. Grass cutting for 30 hectares takes place between March and October with 1 No grass collection planned for the 1st cut in March 2019. During the Autumn and Winter period, works are concentrated on tree pruning and planned and responsive works.

The budget includes for maintenance to the Adare Heritage Centre. A dedicated annual budget of €25,000 is provided for the maintenance and upkeep of Adare Town Park.

The budget also allows for responses to service requests from the Customer Relationship System. In 2018, 50 number service requests were received from the Customer Relationship System.

The 2019 allocation for Parks and Landscaping for the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District is €70,000

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 65no 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.