

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH 2019

26th February 2019

To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Newcastlewest

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 Newcastlewest is set out at appendix 1 attached.

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

**Gordon Daly,
Director of Services.**

Appendix 1

NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2019	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	1,936,870
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	401,825
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing	158,280
Drainage Grant	200,000
General Maintenance (GM)	747,444
Bridge Rehabilitation	40,000
Footpath Repairs	80,000
General Maintenance Safety (GMS)	83,049
Tar Patching (TP)	366,650
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	40,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	225,000
N21 Newcastle West Relief Road	450,000
N21 Abbeyfeale Relief Road	450,000
N21 Abbeyfeale to Mountmahon Pavement Strengthening	100,000
Total Defined MD Spending	€ 5,279,118

- Winter Maintenance (WM) €578,198 Total City & County.
- Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) – 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) – An allocation of €384,092 has been made to Limerick City and County Council. Schemes for inclusion in the 2019 programme are currently being identified.
- 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 and details of improvements to be agreed with Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

- An allocation of €328,000 has been made by TII for Capital Maintenance Works 2019 for national roads across Limerick City and County.

NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT <i>Road Works Scheme 2019</i>			
Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation = €89,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R524	Abbeyfeale to Knockbrack	2000	€50,000
R524	Kinard to Glin	1300	€39,000
Total		3300	€89,000
Regional Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation = €250,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
R515	Broadford Village (Overlay)	1300	€250,000
Total		1300	€250,000
Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation = €471,105			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L1238	Dereen towards Blaine Cross	600	€15,000
L1211	Ballyguille Beg, Castletown	1250	€22,500
L1540	Cappinahane, Castletown	900	€16,500
L1311	Tullaha - Coolygorman, Broadford	800	€15,280
L13243	Glengort North, Tournafulla	1000	€20,000
L1302	Cregans Cross towards Knockaderry	2200	€35,000
L1214	Aughalin to Walls cross, Knockaderry	1500	€28,000
L7003	Lissaniska towards R520, Knockaderry	1200	€22,000
L6044	Ballyhahill - Ballingarry	1800	€28,000

Local Roads Surface Dressing (continued)			
L1212	Gortnacneha Lower, Kilmeedy	1500	€28,000
L1329	Glenagowan towards Rooska, NCW	1800	€28,000
L1314	Ballyquirk towards Arranagh, NCW	1100	€20,000
L7074	Ballinloughane, Carrigkerry	2000	€27,000
L7031	Moanroe - Ballintober, Broadford	1200	€21,525
L7043	School Road, Mountcollins	1000	€18,300
L7038	Gortnaskehy, Tournafulla	1000	€18,000
L70582	Meenylina to Inse bhan, Templeglantine	1600	€31,000
L7056	Tullig Cross - N21 Junction, Templeglantine	2000	€32,000
L7059	Riordans Cross to Tullig, Abbeyfeale	1000	€25,000
L70771	Ashgrove, Newcastle West	600	€20,000
Total		22500	€471,105

**Local Roads
Road Reconstruction
Allocation = €1,686,870**

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L7089	St. Itas Road, Abbeyfeale (Overlay)	1000	€104,870
L70982	Glenduff, Ashford	1000	€70,000
L1212	Gortnacreaaha, Kilmeedy	1000	€80,000
L7038	Gortnacreacha, Tournafulla	1000	€80,000
L1212	Ambrose Forge to Ballynoe Cross, Kilmeedy	1200	€80,000
L7003	Lissaniska, Castlemahon	1000	€75,000
L7043	School Road, Mountcollins	1200	€75,000
L7004	Ballinakill, Castlemahon	800	€70,000
L7008	Clooncooravone, Kilmeedy	1000	€70,000
L8583	Rusheen, Castletown	1000	€80,000
L8599	Derraulin, Castletown	600	€45,500
L7035	Monaleana towards Arranagh, Strand	1000	€64,500
L7090	Abbeyfeale Hill, Dromtransa, Jack Joes Foleys	1000	€85,000
L6099	CNM Road, Ballygiltenane Upper, Glin	1200	€100,500
L1226	Clounlehard East, Glin	1000	€110,500
L51501	Church Road, Templeglantine	740	€65,000
L6072	Glensharrold to Knocknagunna, Carrigkerry	600	€41,000

L6072	Local Roads Road Reconstruction (continued) L6072/L1224 Knockaunnagon junction, Carrigkerry	50	€5,000
L7031	Moanroe - Ballintober, Broadford	1000	€85,000
L7053	Glenshesk - Glenmore West , Strand	1500	€80,000
L1303	Ardrine, Knockaderry	1000	€75,000
L1302	Carrowgar, Knockaderry	1000	€70,000
L7048	Cragg Road, Mountcollins	1000	€75,000
Total		21890	€1,686,870
Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI) Allocation = € 40,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L1316/L1317	Lenihan's Cross NCW (Old Barna)		25000
L/7060 / L7058	Ballaghbehy South, Abbeyfeale		15000
Total			€40,000
Drainage Works Allocation = €200,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost (€)
L1304	Castlemahon Village	450	100,000
L1315	Monagea Road	500	35,000
L1302	Knockaderry Village	470	35,000
L13401	Connolly Terrace	100	30,000
Total		1020	€200,000

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

Restoration Improvement (RI) €1,936,870

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) €401,825

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM) 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.

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) €158,280

This is a specific allocation in 2019 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 €200,000

This grant may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. There are 4 schemes in the Newcastle West District in 2019.

General Maintenance €747,444

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**€83,049**

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)**€366,650**

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

Bridge Rehabilitation - Structures (STR)**€40,000**

There is one scheme under this heading in the district for 2019. The scheme is Meenaheala Bridge, Abbeyfeale

Footpath Repairs (FR)**€80,000**

Repairs to existing footpaths will be carried out at a number of locations across the district in 2019.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)**€40,000**

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 are currently two schemes in the Newcastlewest District. Scheme 1 – Junction of L1316/L1317 Old Barna and Scheme 2 – Junction of L7060/L7058 Ballaghbehy South Abbeyfeale.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**€225,000**

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

Parking Management (PM)**€TBC**

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

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.

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.

A grant of €86,751 remains allocated to Limerick City and County Council and we are currently identifying schemes to be undertaken in 2019.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) €384,092

The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ring-fenced funding for LIS in 2019 and schemes for inclusion in this programme are currently being identified.

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.

Operations & Maintenance Services

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. In terms of managing the Housing Maintenance function across 4 Municipal District Areas, we must highlight that 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 Newcastle West area during 2018 was 1,649 (11% of all overall total of 14,991).

In terms of Housing Maintenance Service Delivery we have a broad range of solutions. In each area we have small but effective direct labour teams who respond directly to the needs of our Tenants who report Service Requests with a range of sources from the Area Offices, Customer Services and Operations Services. The result is uniform in each Service Request point of contact, 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

Newcastle West Municipal District 593 Properties (12% of housing stock)

	2019
Maintenance	€ 165,904
Re-lettings	€ 73,333
Totals	€ 239,237

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

Private Housing Grants consist of the following:-

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 Newcastle West Municipal District was €700,000. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DoHPLG meeting 80%.

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 of 34 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 Demesne in Newcastle West.

The budget also allows for responses to service requests from the Customer Relationship System. In 2018, 74 number service requests were received from the Customer Relationship System.

The 2019 allocation for Parks and Landscaping for the Newcastle West Municipal District is €52,000

Cemeteries

There are approximately 255 cemeteries in Limerick, of which approximately 46 are active. There are approx. 30 cemeteries in the Newcastle West Municipal District.

The 2019 allocation is €53,000. It is intended that this extra funding will be utilised for essential footpath repairs and replacement and for maintenance and upkeep of historic walls.

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.