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Question submitted by Councillor Sean Lynch

Question Councillor S. Lynch

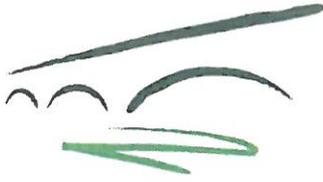
I will ask at the next meeting, has there been many complaints received from those living in emergency accommodation. If so,

- 1) What are the nature of the complaints
- 2) What actions have been taken to improve the standards/conditions

Reply:

There have been no official complaints registered with Limerick City and County Council by those living in emergency accommodation.

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Question submitted by Councillor John Costello

Question Councillor J. Costello

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting how many emergency accommodation beds were provided on a night to night basis for each month in 2018 and up to and including February 2019.

Reply:

Please see table attached for a summary of the number of emergency beds provided on a nightly basis from January 2018 through to February 2019

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Homeless Summary Jan 2018-Feb 2019 (Snapshot day per month)

Date	31.1.18	25.02.18	20.03.18	27.4.18	31.05.18	27.06.18	31.07.18	31.08.18	21.09.18	22.10.18	23.11.18	21.12.18	31.01.2019	28.02.2019
Hostel														
Number of rooms available														
McGarry House	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
St Patricks Hostel	47	43	43	47	45	47	47	47	45	44	47	47	47	47
Thomond House	24	20	20	21	20	21	23	25	24	20	23	21	23	23
B&B (No Children)	variable	9	9	11	20	17	20	21	17	18	16	13	12	10
TEP1	20	21	20	20	20	20	21	20	14	15	20	20	20	20
TEP2	10	0	6	6	10	12	10	12	7	9	6	10	10	9
Suaimhneas (Families)	6	5	3	3	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
DRFI (Families)	10	9	9	9	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	9	10
B&B														
Families	variable	8	17	23	29	31	38	36	34	34	38	34	30	34

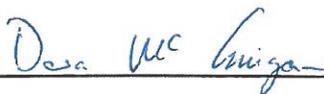
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Question submitted by Comhairleoir Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting at what stage is the current plan for the second phase of the LNDR and when it is expected that works on the second phase will begin.

Reply:

Limerick City and Council, working with Clare County Council and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, is progressing the Limerick Northern Distributor Road. The Councils have recently met with the Department of Transport and advised it of the high importance of the scheme, in light of the growth targets for the Limerick region under the National Planning Framework, including increased investment in new jobs. The Councils have asked the Department for permission to complete and submit the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to An Bord Pleanála, and the Department is considering this request.



pp **Brian Kennedy**
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
14 March, 2019



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Question submitted by Councillor Seighin Ó Ceallaigh

Question Councillor S Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many homeless accommodation beds were available in total in March 2018, how many are available at present and what take up there is on these beds.

Reply:

		20.03.18	28.02.2019
Accommodation	No of available beds	Beds occupied	Beds occupied
McGarry House	30	30	30
St Patricks Hostel	47	47	47
Thomond House	24	21	23
B&B (No Children)	Variable	11	10
TEP1	20	20	20
TEP2	10	6	9
Suaimhneas (Families)	6	3	6
DRFI (Families)	10	9	10
B&B Families	Variable	23	34

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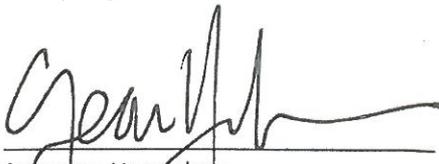
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Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting what is the status of the €15m loan that was targeted for Housing Maintenance.

Response to Question

A decision to draw down a loan of €15m was approved in principle by the Council as part of the budgetary process. This will be progressed by Limerick City and County Council and drawn down as required in accordance with the Planned Maintenance Programme. Members will be consulted prior to any decision regarding the allocation of resources under this programme.



Seamus Hanfahan,
Senior Architect,
Housing Development

13th March 2019

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2019

Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting what is the timeframe for the programme of works planned to clean all the gutters in Watergate complex.

Reply:

The Housing Maintenance Department have assigned an Engineer to oversee this project. In light of the difficulty of the project (H & S, Accessibility etc), quotations will be sought from Contractors. A current estimation of the timeframe for this project would be approximately four months.

Anne Peters
Senior Engineer
Operations and Maintenance Services.

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Question submitted by Councillor Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council to consider extending the one way traffic system from Lower Catherine Street to Upper Catherine Street with the addition of wider footpaths to facilitate full pedestrianisation at various times during the year, similar to Shop Street in Galway.

Reply:

Catherine Street is among a number of city centre thoroughfares which when combined form the Great Streets Programme.

In 2001, Limerick City Council recognised that investment in urban re-development, under a number of urban re-development schemes, needed to be supported by an improved public realm and transport system. Following a design competition, the Limerick City Centre Remodelling of Streets and Public Spaces programme was adopted by Council in 2002. This programme proposed a programme of public realm improvements across the entire city centre. This strategy still forms the strategic basis for all public realm projects in the city. The projects carried out to date include:

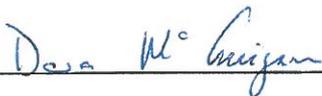
- Baker Place 2002 - creation of a new public square close to the railway station.
- Bedford Row 2006 - pedestrian priority environment adjacent to substantial urban renewal projects.
- Thomas Street and Catherine Street 2008 - extensive public realm improvements providing a pedestrian focus which has seen the development of a cafe quarter within the prime city centre retail area. Cost - €4.3 million
- William Street and Sarsfield St - Public realm improvements targeted at facilitating public transport and pedestrian priority through the primary retail area. Cost - €3.4 million
- St. John's Square - Remodelling of a public square that restricted car movements and provided a multi-functional amenity for residents. Cost -
- City Quays - The remodelling of the city's waterfront to create a world class amenity along the River Shannon. The project included the construction of extensive boardwalk, event spaces and parks that complement a number of private sector mixed use investments in the area.

The Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan adopted in 2014, endorsed the Limerick City Centre Remodelling of Streets and Public Spaces programme and proposed that the entire public realm of the city be refurbished, with an initial focus on O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Catherine Street. This became the Great Streets Programme.

Limerick City & County Council working with The National Transport Authority has commenced Transport Strategy for the Metropolitan Area of Limerick-Shannon. The Transport Strategy will address all modes of transport and will delineate the functions of the various streets, which in turn will inform the ultimate finished design for particular streets. It is also important to note that the design of these streets is interdependent on one another, from identifying desire lines for pedestrians and cyclists through to linkages to sites of interest in the city. Therefore, the continuity in design concept that will emerge is important to the successful implementation of the Great Streets Programme.

An application under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund in 2018 to progress the Great Streets programme was unsuccessful, however the application itself received very positive feedback from the adjudication panel. The panel was cognisant of the Transport Strategy and advised that it should inform the next phases of the Great Streets Programme.

The Council intends to submit an updated application for funding under the URDF in 2019, which will include proposals for the upgrading of Catherine Street.



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Question submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

Question Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council how many council owned homes that were previously occupied by tenants in the last two years are currently empty and what is the average time period between a vacancy occurring and the house being re-let.

Reply:

The number of Council owned houses that were occupied in the last two years and that are currently vacant is 110.

The average time to prepare these properties to the required re-letting standard is 34 weeks.

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Question submitted by Councillor M Hurley:

“I will ask at the March meeting of the Metropolitan District what infrastructural plans the Council Executive have considered to facilitate the housing development growth in the Castletroy area.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with The National Transport Authority and Clare County Council, has commenced work to develop a new Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (MATS) for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area.

The National Planning Framework (NPF) supports ambitious growth targets to enable Limerick City to grow by at least 50% to 2040, and to enhance its significant potential to become a city of scale. To achieve these ambitious targets a Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) is currently being prepared for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area as the appropriate vehicle to address both the city and suburbs, and adjoining area that supports the core of the city.

The principles underpinning the development of the MASP include the effective integration of transport planning with spatial planning policies, from regional down to local level and the alignment of associated transport and infrastructure investment priorities. The MASP sets out as a priority that to the greatest extent practicable, development within the Metropolitan Area should be carried out sequentially, whereby lands, which are, or will be, most accessible by walking, cycling and public transport, are prioritised. The Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS), when completed, will inform the integration of land use and transport planning within the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area and will inform investment in transport infrastructure and services over the short, medium and longer term to promote and encourage sustainable transport use.

In addition the Castletroy Local Area Development Plan 2018 sets out the Strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area over the coming years including the proposed infrastructural improvements that will facilitate development in the Castletroy area.

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Director of Service
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15th March, 2019