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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council

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Re: Development Fund Allocations 2019

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2019.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13th February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contributions total income of €2m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted 2019. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2017 - 2021 for the administrative area of Limerick in January 2017. The monies outlined below are a combination of receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the respective Councils.

The €2m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2019. The proposals may be revised if additional funding becomes available or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included or if there is a shortfall in collection. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

The Contribution Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings. In determining the allocations for 2019 a number of additional guiding principles were adopted namely; strategically focussed projects, continuation of existing commitments, Forward Planning costs, and geographical considerations.

The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 25 specific projects / initiatives for 2019. In addition, a general financial allocation to each of the Municipal Districts has been provided

Assisting Communities

A sum of €100,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawing down of bonds in order to bring such estates up to the minimum standards.

Account is taken of commitments given to local community groups to provide funding in respect of Adare Manor Fields, Kildimo Community Centre, Ballyneety Community Park, and the Knocklong Community Railway project.

A sum of €100,000 has been made available for the extension of the Playground in Castletroy Park.

€25,000 has been provided to replace equipment and refurbishment of MUGA facilities throughout Limerick.

Rebuilding Limerick

A sum of €400,000 has been allocated for construction of the Croom Distributor Roadway. Junction improvements in the National Technological Park and in Atlas Ave., Dock Road have also been funded, These investments will help solve traffic congestion in these locations.

Planning for improvements at Garryglass junction, the Baggott Estate, and the Groody Park & Ride facility has also been supported.

Planning for the Future

A sum of €100,000 is provided towards Forward Planning costs which represents 5% of the estimated yearly income.

Provision has also been made for preparatory works for various infrastructural projects e.g. the Dock Road, Abbefeale Traffic Calming, etc.

A number of longer term economic initiatives are also being funded under the scheme e.g. the Abbeyfeale Hub, and the NCW Business Park.

A further contribution of €30,000 is being made to a Central Library Fund

Quality of Life Initiatives

A sum of €350,000 p.a. is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan / Municipal level. Proposals consistent with the Development Contribution Scheme will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

A sum of €20,000 has been provided for the upgrade of the Peoples Park Playground equipment.

A further contribution of €100,000 has been made available for the construction of the Regional Athletics Track in Newcastle West.

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Dr. Pat Daly

Director of Services

**Economic Development
Development Fund 2019 – Proposed Allocations**

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed 2018	Comment	
Transportation & Surface Water	Atlas Ave, Dock Road,	€200,000	Junction Improvements to facilitate new entrance into Limerick Port	
	Croom Distributer Road	€400,000	Construction of new road to allow access to new school	
	Junction Improvements in National Tech Park	€150,000	Re-alignment of junction to ease traffic congestion within NTP	
	Golf Links Road, Castletroy	€50,000	Re-alignment of roadway	
	Groody Park & Ride	€20,000	Preparation of preliminary Study & Design	
	Peafield Road Improvements	€10,000	Extension of Footpath	
	Garryglass Masterplan	€20,000	Design for Garryglass junction interchange	
	Abbeyfeale Traffic Calming	€25,000	Installation of traffic calming measures	
	Recreation & Amenity	Ballyneety Community Park	€50,000	Year 5 of five year commitment
		Castletroy Park / Playground	€100,000	Expansion of Children's Playground
Baggott Estate Masterplan		€5,000	Preparation of Masterplan for Baggott Estate	
Lough Gur Improvement Works		€15,000	Improvement works in vicinity of Lough Gur	
Adare Manor Field		€25,000	Contribution to Community Initiative	
Kildimo Community Centre		€25,000	Contribution to Community Initiative	
Peoples Park Playground Refurbishment		€20,000	Replacement of playground equipment	

	Central Library Fund	€30,000	Contribution to new Central Library Fund
Community & Tourism	Kilmallock Enterprise Centre	€70,000	Purchase and development of Enterprise Centre
	MUGA Upgrades	€25,000	Upgrade of multi activity games areas in public parks
	Taking in Charge – Steamboat Quay	€25,000	Up-grade of facilities to allow taking in charge
	Local Enterprise Development Partnership, Roxboro	€20,000	Contribution of the establishment of a Sporting Limerick office.
	Innovate Limerick	€20,000	Abbeyfeale Hub Initiative
	Regional Athletics Track Newcastle West	€100,000	Construction of regional athletics track.
	NCW Business Park Improvements	€20,000	Facilitation of FDI investment.
	Knocklong Community Railway Project	€25,000	Completion of fencing around the Knocklong facility
	Taking in Charge of Estates	€100,000	Various locations throughout Limerick
Ancillary	Municipal Allocations	€350,000	€140k to Metro, €70k to each Municipal Dist. (2019) Dev Contribution Scheme projects to be agreed at District level.
	Forward Planning Costs	€100,000	5% of Projected Income
TOTAL		€2,000,000	