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## LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

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#### Question submitted by Cllr. J. Scanlon

I will ask at the next meeting what is the up-to-date position on the rental equalisation measures due for implementation in the final Quarter of the current financial year.

#### Response to Question

Limerick City and County Council are continuing the back office administration to harmonise two existing schemes in the City and County. In particular, this involves poverty proofing in excess of 5000 rent accounts in addition to linking of I-house and Agresso systems. In addition to the Limerick City and County Council rent accounts, it has come to our attention that HAP and RAS tenancies are required to be calibrated also, and this requires a manual update, as they are not configured in the same manner as Limerick City and County Council's tenancies. At present, there are approximately 1200 RAS tenancies and approximately 2200 HAP tenancies in Limerick.

Given the high number and the manual process required to adjust these, the likely end of year completion, the timing of the prior communication to all tenants and elected members, it is envisaged that the Single Differential Rent Scheme will be formally introduced in February 2020 by way of Chief Executives Order.

A workshop on the detailed parameters of the new Rent Scheme will be workshopped with the Elected Members in Q4 2019 and a date for this will be advised in the coming weeks with adequate notice.

Aoife Duke  
Director of Service  
Housing Development

17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## REPLY TO QUESTION

### COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

#### Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the scheduled timing of the next Development Plan for the County and City.

#### Reply:

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 made provision for the extension of the lifetime of both the Limerick City and Limerick County Development Plans pending the making of a National Planning Framework (NPF) and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). In accordance with this provision both Development Plans were extended with no defined expiration date. The 2018 Planning and Development amendment Act requires the preparation of a new development plan to commence within 26 weeks of the making of the initial Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

The NPF was published on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and the RSES based on current information will be adopted by the end of 2019. Therefore, the preparation of the Limerick City and County Development Plan legally must commence within 26 weeks of that date. However, given the outdated nature of both plans it is proposed that the review will commence with the publication of an issues paper in Q2 2020. This will commence the statutory 99 week process of preparing a new development plan. The preliminary work will commence in advance of this date and briefing meetings with the Elected Members will take place in early 2020.

Maria Woods  
A/Senior Planner  
Economic Development Directorate

## COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019

### Question submitted by Councillor B. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council provide details of any traffic studies performed by the Council in 2018/2019 and any traffic volumes collected directly by the Council.

### Reply

Limerick City and County Council has undertaken traffic counts during 2018/19 at the following locations:

- Golf Links Road
- Grove Island
- Mungret R510

Given the amount of data arising from these traffic counts, which would take some time to collate, we would propose that if any Member wishes to view the data, we could facilitate access to same at a time convenient.

*Dara McC*  
pr **Brian Kennedy**  
Director of Service  
Physical Development Directorate  
Date: 20 September, 2019

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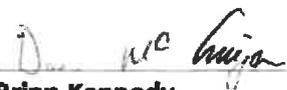
### Question submitted by Councillor B. Leddin

I will ask at the next meeting that the Council give a progress report on its plans to develop a cycle lane between Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology.

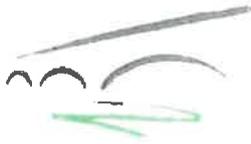
### Reply

RPS consultants have been retained to undertake preliminary design of the cycle lanes for both the Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology to the city centre routes.

RPS are currently progressing the LIT route and Limerick City and County Council intend lodging Part 8 mid to late October. The MIC route will follow and we intend submitting Part 8 before year end.



pp Brian Kennedy  
Director of Service  
Physical Development Directorate  
19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019



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**Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

**I will ask at the next Meeting for the Council to provide examples of how it adheres to its obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, to incorporate accessibility and universal design for all into planning processes.**

**Response:**

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) rigorously applies requirements of *Technical Guidance Document M – Access and Use* to all developments, and includes provision for people with disabilities. Compliance with Building Standards are set out in law under the Building Control Acts.

Reference documents and standards referred to, and legislation upheld in the preparation of *Technical Guidance Document M – Access and Use* are fully listed at the back of that document.

It is worth noting that among those documents listed are publications produced by the National Disability Authority (NDA). The NDA is a statutory authority that provides information and advice to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in its role as the official monitoring body for Ireland's compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The NDA's work includes the development and provision of statistical information to assist the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in its review of the adequacy and effectiveness of law and practice in the State relating to the protection of persons with disabilities.

In addition, LCCC are liaising with the Older Persons Forum on public realm works in relation to appropriate street furniture specification, selection of appropriate materials to support ease of movement, location of accessible car parking spaces, and so on.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Maria Donoghue A/Senior Executive Officer

Design and Delivery Services, Limerick City and County Council

20 - 9 - 2019

