

Limerick City and County Council

Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick

16th September 2019

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Council for an update and a detailed outline of remedial works on the Red Path in Corbally. I would like to know who the contractors hired for these works are, and what the brief for their works is. I would also like to know whether this contractor has any other ongoing works with Limerick Council.

Reply:

The Council identified a number of areas on the Red Path that were trip hazards and required remedial works to be carried out. The Council engaged Maramba Road Services Ltd from a framework of Contractors to undertake the works. The works involved the removal of sections of path at joints where the trip hazard existed and replace with sections of concrete footpath to eliminate the trip hazard. The sections measured approximately 2m width and varied in length 1-3m in approximately fifteen locations along the path. The works required the path to be closed for approximately three weeks. The works have been completed and the path is opened to the public.

Maramba Road Services Ltd would also carry out works for the Roads department.

Signed: Kieran Lehane

Date: 12/09/2019

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16th September 2019.**

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Council to confirm what air and water quality monitoring is currently active in the Limerick Metropolitan area. I would like to know where these monitors are placed and the reasons for their positioning at these locations. I would like to know how the findings from these monitors can be accessed by the public.

Reply:

Air Monitors:

The Council operates a network of three sets of indicative air quality monitors in the Metropolitan area. These are located as follows:

- The Junction between O'Connell Street and William Street
- Temple Mungret House, Mungret
- Castletroy College, Newtown, Castletroy.

One was placed in O'Connell Street to assess the impact of the proposed redevelopment of O'Connell Street on air quality. The monitors in Mungret and Castletroy were located away from traffic to show ambient/background air quality in these areas.

Each of the sets of sensors measure particulates: sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, nitric oxide, ozone and carbon monoxide.

Real time data from these sensors can be viewed at www.airqweb.com

In addition to the Council network, the EPA has recently installed a high quality reference monitor in the People's Park. This measures particulates, ozone and nitrogen dioxide. It was placed in this location to measure background air quality in the city away from traffic. Results can be viewed at <http://www.epa.ie/air/quality/data/lp/>

The EPA intend to install a second monitor to obtain data from a trafficked location in the city. The location for this has not yet been finalised.

Water Monitors:

There are no continuous water quality monitors in the city. Water quality is sampled monthly from March to October by the Council/Irish Water laboratory at Worrell's End, Castleconnell and Corbally Baths to look at water quality in the context of the Bathing Water Regulations.

The Marine Institute monitors biological water quality in the Shannon Estuary to assess status under the Water Framework Directive. Status of waterbodies can be viewed on <https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/>



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
10th September, 2019

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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Council for an update on Gardens International including the current occupancy figures and name of current occupants.

REPLY:

The 112,000 sq. ft. Gardens International building was officially opened on the 19th March. The building has been completed to tenant fit-out standard following an 18-month construction programme. The project has been built to LEED Gold standards, which is among the top international benchmarks for sustainability in office buildings. The development has already won the 'New Build Workplace' category in the prestigious Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland annual awards. Nordic Aviation Capital (NAC) now occupy over 90% of the building and are completing Cat B fit-out and will take up occupancy shortly. LTT is also in negotiations with other potential user for the corner unit, 'number 19'.

LTT has also moved to the Mercantile Building to allow it continue its operations as the old offices at Patrick Street will be demolished as part of the Opera Site works, once planning permission is achieved. Letting agents are also currently looking for tenants for the remaining 3,000 sq. ft GPO section of the building.

**David Conway,
CEO,
Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC.**

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16th September, 2019

Question submitted by Councillor S Kiely

I will ask the Council, what is the status of the acquisition of Southill Junior School from the Diocese of Limerick. If it has not yet been acquired, when do you expect the acquisition to be completed.

Reply:

Discussions are ongoing with the Diocese, who currently own the property and also with the department re funding of the proposed acquisition under the Regeneration Scheme.

A date for completion cannot be estimated at this early stage.

**Jayne Leahy
Senior Executive Officer
Property Services.**

Date: 11th September 2019

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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask the Council, in the Metropolitan area, how many staff positions have become vacant in the last 5 years. What is the breakdown of vacancies by department. How many positions have been filled.

REPLY:

I understand following receipt of clarification from Councillor Kiely that the information requested primarily relates to the following areas;

- (a) Parks
- (b) Estate Management
- (c) Housing Maintenance
- (d) Housing Assessments

Please find attached spreadsheet showing;

- (a) List of Appointments within the Municipal Area within the past 5 years
- (b) List of proposed appointments

Please note the following;

- (a) Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide details of vacancies retrospectively.
- (b) Additional administrative staff may be recruited prior to end 2019 within areas other than Parks, Estates, Housing Maintenance or Housing Assessments.
- (c) Staff within Limerick City and County Council may be reassigned to different departments/areas from time to time depending on organisational needs.
- (d) Staff shown may in some cases provide services to the public not confined solely to the Metropolitan area

**Dave Hennessy
A/Senior Executive Officer
Human Resources**

Department	Section (Appointment)	Year of Original Date Joined (Person)	Grade (Appointment)	Headcount	Subtotal		
HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES	N/A	2015	CLERICAL OFFICER	1			
			TECHNICIAN GRADE I	1			
		2016	CLERICAL OFFICER	1			
			CLERICAL OFFICER	5			
		2017	CLERICAL OFFICER	3			
			TECHNICIAN GRADE I	1			
		2019	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1			
			CLERICAL OFFICER	2			
		2018	TECHNICIAN GRADE I	1			
			SENIOR ENGINEER	2			
		2019	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
		OPS & MAINT SERVICES ROADS/HSG/ENVIRON	CENTRAL SERVICES	2015	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER	1	
					ASSISTANT ENGINEER	1	
				2017	CLERICAL OFFICER	1	
					CLERICAL OFFICER	1	
2018	CLERICAL OFFICER			1			
	ASSISTANT ENGINEER			1			
2019	ASSISTANT ENGINEER			1			
	TECHNICIAN GRADE I			1			
2015	CLERICAL OFFICER			1			
	EXECUTIVE TECHNICIAN			1			
2017	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					
	CLERK OF WORKS/BLD. INSP.	1					
2018	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					
	ASSISTANT ENGINEER	1					
2019	CLERICAL OFFICER	1					
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER	2					
OPS & MAINT SERVICES NORTH/CENTRAL	NORTH DIVISION	2017	DRIVER/PLANT OPERATOR B	1			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
		2018	DRIVER/PLANT OPERATOR B	2			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	3			
		2019	DRIVER/PLANT OPERATOR A	1			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE/DRIVER C1	1			
		2016	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
		2018	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	1			
2019	GENERAL OPERATIVE/DRIVER C1	1					
	SCHOOL WARDEN	2					
2017	TRAFFIC WARDEN	2					
	SCHOOL WARDEN	1					
2018	SCHOOL WARDEN	1					
	TRAFFIC WARDEN	1					
2017	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					
	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					
2017	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					
	GENERAL OPERATIVE	1					

		2018	GENERAL OPERATIVE	2	
			PLUMBER	1	4
	NORTH ROADS	2016	GENERAL OPERATIVE/DRIVER C1	2	
		2017	DRIVER/PLANT OPERATOR A	1	
			GENERAL OPERATIVE	1	
			SCHOOL WARDEN	1	
		2018	GENERAL OPERATIVE	3	
			TECHNICIAN GRADE I	1	9
	TRAFFIC & PARKING	2017	DRIVER/PLANT OPERATOR B	1	1
			ASSISTANT ENGINEER	1	
	N/A	2017	CLERICAL OFFICER	3	
			EXECUTIVE ENGINEER	1	
		2018	CLERICAL OFFICER	1	
			LICENSING ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR	1	
		2019	ENVIRON. TECHNICIAN GD II	1	
			EXECUTIVE PLANNER	1	9
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				Total	75

Department	Grade (Appointment)	Contract	Headcount	Status	Notes	Subtotal
Housing	ASSISTANT FOREMAN CRAFT	P	1	Awaiting Sanction	City based	
	CRAFTWORKER	P	2	Awaiting Sanction	Work across City and County	
	SENIOR STAFF OFFICER	T	1	Interviews Scheduled	(Community Sustainment) City based	
Cleansing	STAFF OFFICER	T	2	Interviews Scheduled	(Community Sustainment) City based	6
	FOREMAN	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	
	SUPERVISOR	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	
Traffic	FOREMAN	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	1
Roads	FOREMAN	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	2
	GENERAL OPERATIVE	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	
Facilities	GENERAL OPERATIVE	P	1	Replacement Post	City based	1
Total						12

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Question submitted by Councillor B. Leddin

I will ask at the next meeting can the Council provide the number of on-street parking spaces on each street within the city centre (the area bounded by St. Joseph Street to Bank Place, Henry Street to Parnell Street).

REPLY:

The total disc parking spaces on public roads is 3300 of which 1020 are located in the Central Business District (CBD).

The CBD period of operation is 9.30am to 5.30pm Mon- Sat all other spaces operate Monday to Friday. The CBD extends from Georges Quay to Mallow Street and from Cathedral Place to Howleys Quay (Shannon riverside).

**Kieran Lehane
Director of Service
Service Operations**

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Question submitted by Councillor B. Leddin

I will ask at the next meeting can the Council provide the number of off-street car parking spaces in each Council-owned surface level and multi-storey car parks in the area outlined above.

REPLY:

There are 17 off street privately operated car parking spaces with 5500 total spaces in the city centre. The Council does not own any surface level or multi storey car parks.

**Kieran Lehane
Director of Service
Service Operations**