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Limerick City
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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2019

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for an update on the progress for the proposed Corbally Nature Park given that €15,000 was allocated from the GMA during the term of the previous Council.

REPLY:

A meeting has been requested between Limerick City and County Council and the relevant group/project promoter to receive an update on this project. A progress report will be circulated to the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District after this meeting has taken place.

Gordon Daly
Director of Service
Community Development Department
17th October 2019

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a list of the electric vehicle charging points within the Metropolitan area.

REPLY

There are a total of 11 points for electric vehicles located within the Metropolitan Area on public streets.

These are at Bishops Quay, Lower Bedford Row, Carr Street, Merchant's Quay and Pery Square.

Details in relation to these sites are available on Limerick E-Parking.

**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Service Operations.**

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday,
21st October, 2019.**

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

"I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council what progress the Council has made in sourcing additional land at the Park Depot site where the former Park Road Recycling Centre was located, given it had been agreed at the July Special Meeting, that the Council would look to acquire additional land to allow the centre to re-open".

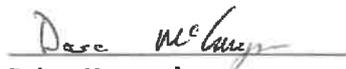
Reply:

The recycling facilities at the Park Road Depot were closed on the grounds of health and safety. This matter was discussed at a Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District held on 20 June, 2019.

In the course of the presentation given at this meeting it was explained to members that the limited site at Park Road meant that Health and Safety requirements which are essential for the operation of recycling centres could not be met at Park Road. Further, an increase in the area of the depot within the ownership of the Council will not meet Health and Safety requirements, and this was explained to members.

It was also explained to members at that time that any alternative location had to meet the requirement of ensuring correct segregation. Staff of the Council examined the possibility of alternative locations, and this was also explained to members at this time. Indeed, it was the lack of an available site within the area that led to the provision of the recycling centre within the Park Road site at the outset, some twenty years before.

The provision of an alternative recycling centre will require land and significant capital investment which must be funded from the Council's own resources. Given that 99% of the users of Park Road arrived by car, the Dock Road site is readily available to such users.



PP **Brian Kennedy**
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
17th October, 2019



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Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next meeting for the quantity of social housing properties provided for in the Caherdavin area (Council and AHB) and also the number of houses rented through HAP in the area.

Response to Question

The quantity of social housing properties provided for in the Caherdavin area, through the schemes listed below, is as follows:

Limerick City and County Council	62
Approved Housing Bodies	11
Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	36
Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	135

Aoife Duke
Director of Service
Housing Development

16th October, 2019

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2019

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

With a view to retaining Limerick City's purple flag, I will ask at the next meeting, has the Council developed an evening and night time strategy for the city centre and when will it be made public.

REPLY

Limerick City is the recipient of a Purple Flag for excellence in managing the evening and night time economy. The Purple Flag is a collaborative initiative and Limerick City and County Council, Limerick Chamber of Commerce and the Gardaí work in partnership together to retain the Purple Flag status.

Currently there is not an evening and night time strategy in place and there are no plans to develop such a strategy. The Purple Flag working group is the vehicle for discussion and the ongoing development of the evening and night time economy.

**Gordon Daly,
Director of Services,
Community Development Directorate.**



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I will ask at the next meeting how many social houses are boarded up and how long have they been boarded. Have many houses been released back to communities in the last 5 years. How many will be released in 2020 and in what areas.

Response to Question

Limerick City and County Council board up vacant units in exceptional circumstances. This is done to protect the property, pending the completion of works.

Given the limited circumstances in which this action is taken, we do not record the length of time houses are boarded up.

On occasion, refurbished properties may be boarded to protect the refurbished property pending the tenants occupation.

The average vacancy rate of council properties at year end over the past five years is set out below. A Single Point of Contact is being rolled out to manage the return of vacant properties ensuring that inspections of same are carried out as a priority, allowing specification, cost and timeframe to be identified for the property and works to be completed as soon as possible.

Year	LA housing Stock (year end)	Vacancy Rate
2014	5,211	6.70%
2015	5,094	3.79%
2016	5,143	3.73%
2017	5,269	2.71%
2018	5,280	3.97%

Montly reports including the status of all properties will issue per Municipal District and will contain details of the level of vacancies being managed.

Aoife Duke
Director of Service
Housing Development
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