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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2019**

**Question submitted by Councillor D McSweeney**

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick Metropolitan District:

- for a breakdown of the number of house and business units connected to Patrickswell Sewerage Scheme at present.
- for the maximum number of units that may be connected to Patrickswell Sewerage Scheme before the pumping station at Barnakyle, Patrickswell reaches full capacity.

**REPLY:**

This question was referred to the Local Representatives Support Desk in Irish Water for response. Please see response below from Irish Water.

*In the absence of water charging account information we have had to use Census data, premises usage and growth data from the Central Statistics Office to determine the number of houses connected and associated loads.*

*287 no properties (799 no persons) in Patrickswell declared as connected to the public sewer network in the 2016 Census. Allowing for growth in the period 2016 to 2019, plus commercial activity, the collected load in Patrickswell has been assessed as 993 PE (Population Equivalent).*

*The pumping capacity for Barnakyle Pumping Station is currently 75l/s. (litres per second) There is 63l/s spare capacity, which is capacity for 8,064 PE, equivalent to 2,987 residential units.*

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**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

**Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick Metropolitan District for an update on the implementation of the proposed new speed limits along the N69 from Mungret Village to the Ferrybridge.

**Reply:**

We understand that TII will be installing and implementing the speed limits on this section of roadway, in accordance with County Limerick Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Byelaws 2019 in the first quarter of 2020.

**Signed**  
**Date**

*Trevor Ha Keelnie SCS*  
09.12.2019

## Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting to be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

### Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting that this Council explain why many streets in the city centre, that used to be lit up for Christmas such as Roches Street, Nicholas Street, Catherine Street and the Market Quarter, are without this year.

### Reply:

A sum of €100,000 is provided in the budget of the Council every year for Christmas lighting in the city centre. Almost all of this revenue provision is required to install, maintain and store the festive lighting which is owned by the Council. No provision is made in the budget to extend the street coverage. It has been the policy of the Council for many years to provide lighting on the principal streets, such as O'Connell Street / Patrick Street, Sarsfield Street / William Street, Thomas Street / Bedford Row, Roches Street / Shannon Street. The Market Quarter was provided privately by businesses in the area.

The budget also covers the provision of two Christmas trees, one located on O'Connell Street and one on the top of William Street.

In the past the responsibility for the Christmas lights fell exclusively to the traders in the city but this investment was not sustained by the traders, unfortunately. In the last twelve years or so the cost of the lights has been borne totally by the Local Authority. No support is provided by businesses or business organisations.

From time to time requests are received to extend the Christmas lighting but in the context of the above it is not possible to do so. It is generally agreed that the Christmas light offering in Limerick is one of the best in the country and a key element in maintaining the standard of lighting is to restrict the street coverage.

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



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## **Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**2019.**

### **Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe**

I will ask to the next Metropolitan Meeting for an update regarding the proposed playground in St. Mary's Park.

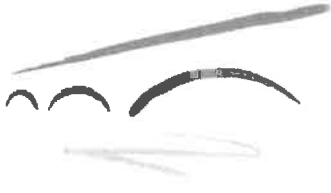
### **Reply:**

Kompan Ireland Ltd has been appointed to construct the King's Island Playground. The contractor has the play equipment on order and is scheduled to commence on site in the new year. The project will take approximately three months to complete.

Joe Delaney

A/Director of Services

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019



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## **Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan area for an update on my motion from November's meeting, regarding the extension of TEP services to provide 24hr accommodation and access for service users to daytime facilities and supports.

### **REPLY:**

In relation to the Notice of Motion on the TEP Service in November, I outlined that the Service could not be extended given the constraints of the build in terms of capacity for a communal living environment. However, the Drop In Centre is currently operating extended day service into the evening. Further Day Services are available in terms of the HSE Health Supports e.g. GP, Addiction Support, PHN, Community Mental Health Nurse etc...

Limerick City and County Council are currently working on new solutions for the TEP Service Users within other services and also exploring new independent accommodation that will support their needs.

**Rob Lowth, Housing Support Services**

**11/12/2019**



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**Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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**Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan area how many people are currently homeless in Limerick and to clarify if the figures on homelessness in the Chief Executive's report are inclusive of all people living in hotels, B&B's, hubs, hostels, TEP services, and those in temporary accommodation in the student villages.

**Reply:**

The only additional figures to the families in Emergency Accommodation as reported in the CE Report are the Childers Road Family Initiative (33) and Cratloe Village (4) which are classified as Own Door Accommodation.

Individuals – 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019		
Location	Description	No
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	30
St Patricks Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	45
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	20
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	5
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	13
TEP 2 (Phoenix Lodge)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>128</b>

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<b>Families</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No. Adults</b>	<b>No. Children</b>
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	12
		Families - 6	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	62	80
		Families - 49	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	13	15
		Families - 10	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>
		<b>81</b>	<b>107</b>
		<b>Families - 65</b>	

**Rob Lowth, Housing Support Services**

**11/12/2019**



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## **Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan area that this Council, include a breakdown of the DPG grants on the Chief Executive's monthly reports, as are done with the Mobility Aids Grant, Housing Adaptation Grant for People with Disabilities and the Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant.

### **REPLY:**

Housing Support Services will undertake to include Disabled Persons Grant information in the CE Report from January 2020. A breakdown of the 2019 DPG's end of year position will also be provided in January.

**Rob Lowth, Housing Support Services**

**12/12/2019**



**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**DECEMBER MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

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

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick if a formal process has commenced to notify all relevant parties, including the developer of Curragower House, Clancy Strand, that it has been placed on the record of protected structures. I ask the Council to confirm that this has been done and if not, the reasons for the delay.

**Reply.**

The initiation of the formal process, which is an executive function, has not commenced and will not be initiated. The Conservation Officer, Limerick City and County Council, prepared a report on the said building assessing it under the eight areas of significance provided for under Part IV [Architectural Heritage] of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). These are: Architectural, Historical, Archaeological, Artistic, Cultural, Scientific, Social, and Technical interest. The assessment concludes that Curragower House is not of such special interest to warrant its inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures.



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**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

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

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting for a detailed breakdown of how housing allocations are prioritised and how can individuals find out where they are on the housing list.

**Response to Question**

Allocations are in accordance with the Allocation Scheme 2017 as adopted by the Elected Members. The purpose of this Allocation Scheme is to provide a means of determining the order of priority to be accorded in the allocation of dwellings. The manner in which the Housing Authority will allocate dwellings, or different categories of dwellings, or to different classes of households, shall have regard to the order of priority as set out below:

1. Priority shall be given to applicants living in dwellings deemed to be dangerous as defined in Section 3 of the Sanitary Services Act, 1964 or being displaced by operations of the Local Authority.
2. Priority shall be given to applicants deemed to be homeless under Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1988.
3. Priority shall be given to applicants living in dwellings deemed to be unfit as defined in Section 66 of the Housing Act, 1966.
4. Priority shall be given to applicants in need of housing on disability, medical, compassionate or similar grounds.
5. Priority shall be given to applicants living in dwellings deemed to be overcrowded as defined in Section 63 of the Housing Act, 1966.
6. Priority shall be given to applicants in need of housing who are living in unsuitable accommodation having regard to the particular household circumstances in accordance with 23 (f) Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011.
7. Priority shall be given to persons who are sharing accommodation with another person or persons and who, in the opinion of the Housing Authority, have a reasonable requirement for separate accommodation.
8. Priority shall be given to applicants not included in any other category above who have been assessed and approved for social housing support.

9. Priority shall be given to persons who are, in the opinion of the Housing Authority, not reasonably able to meet the cost of their mortgage and are unable to obtain suitable affordable alternative accommodation.

Whilst allocations will be made in accordance with the above order of priority, where a number of applicants fall within the same category, regard shall be had to the length of time that has elapsed since the applicant qualified for inclusion as a qualified applicant for housing by Limerick City and County Council.

The manner in which Limerick City and County Council allocate properties is based on the Order of Priority of the Basis Need of each approved housing applicant in accordance with the Allocations Scheme as adopted by the Elected Members. Limerick City and County Council do not operate a placement system on the Housing Waiting List. Housing Applications are assessed in line with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 (SI84/2011), Priority (Medical, Homeless, etc.) at this point is based on the assessment of the person or family in terms of the Allocation Scheme 2017.

The full text of the adopted Allocation Scheme 2017 is available on [Limerick.ie](http://limerick.ie).



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Aoife Duke  
Director of Service  
Housing Development  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2019



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## MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2019

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

I will ask at the next Metropolitan Meeting for the state of the final destination of waste placed in on-street bins and what percentage of this waste is recycled, land filled, incinerated and exported.

### **REPLY:**

The Council have requested this information from the Contractor and the information will be provided at the next Metropolitan meeting.

Anne Peters SE  
13/12/19

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**DECEMBER MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

**Question submitted by Councillor C Sheehan.**

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council the number of people prosecuted for burning hazardous waste/material domestically under the Waste Management Regulations .

**Reply.**

Limerick City & County Council has prosecuted 6 persons to date since January 2018 in relation to burning hazardous waste/material domestically under the Waste Management Regulations.



**Stephane Duclot.**

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**DECEMBER MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK.**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

**Question submitted by Councillor C Sheehan.**

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council when the Council last conducted a survey whereby the Council called to peoples' homes to ensure they could vouch for their rubbish disposal.

**Reply.**

The Council's Domestic Waste and Litter Team issues Questionnaires on Household Waste Management Disposal to households as part of its daily operations to tackle illegal dumping, etc., verifies / records the returns submitted and takes appropriate follow-up action. To date, in 2019 over 500 such surveys have been logged.



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