

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE RATHKEALE**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020**

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal District of  
Adare-Rathkeale**

**Re: Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works - (SMDW)**

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgements in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which

were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the "strategic" budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

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**Caroline Curley,  
Director of Services.**

## Appendix 1

<b>ADARE RATHKEALE DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2020</b>	
<b>Work Category</b>	<b>€</b>
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	1,828,977
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	642,368
Drainage Grant	200,000
General Maintenance (GM)	852,784
General Maintenance Safety (GMS)	97,729
Tar Patching (TP)	366,233
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	112,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	270,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	245,000
N69 Court Cross to Bolane Kildimo Pavement Scheme	1,400,000
N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming Scheme	950,000
N20 Ballyphilip to Howardstown North & N20 Ballymacrory Phase 2	750,000
<b>Total Defined MD Spending</b>	<b>€ 7,715,034</b>

- Winter Maintenance (WM) €558,954 Total City & County.
- Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) – Limerick City & County Council are currently identifying schemes that will be included in the 2020 programme. An allocation of €316,000 has been made to Limerick City and County.
- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – Awaiting Department Funding allocation/instructions.
- Public Lighting €2,460,000.00 Total City & County.
- National Road HD 28 Sites – €785,000 – Locations requiring Skid Resistance Improvement to be identified and agreed with TII.
- Former National Road Grant – €1,000,000 – In accordance with Circular RW 1/2020, €1,000,000 has been made available for the upkeep of declassified national roads.
- TII Capital Maintenance Works 2020 for national roads across Limerick City and County – Awaiting TII funding allocation / instruction.

**ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**  
**Road Works Schemes 2020**

<b>Regional Roads</b>			
<b>Road Reconstruction</b>			
<b>Allocation € 786,601</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R518	Rathkeale - Danahers Cross to Cois Deel	525	€254,000
R518	Ballingarry - Rylands to Grotto	500	€400,334
R521	Shanagolden Main Street Jn	200	€50,000
R516	Croom Main Street Jn	100	€20,000
R521	Shroolane Trench Reinstatement	450	€32,262
R521	Corbally Bends	130	€30,005
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,905</b>	<b>€786,601</b>

<b>Regional Roads</b>			
<b>Surface Dressing</b>			
<b>Allocation € 136,785</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R521	Cosgraves Cross towards Kate Dalys-Section 1	1,200	€46,200
R523	Reens to Ardagh	1,930	€63,690
R512	Ballyneety to Manister Rd	815	€26,895
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,945</b>	<b>€136,785</b>

<b>Local Roads</b>			
<b>Surface Dressing</b>			
<b>Allocation € 505,583</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L1422	Samco Jn to Kilgrogan Jn	1,200	€29,700
L1423	Shauntraud Jn Carnane	800	€19,800
L1201	Askeaton to Moig RM	1200	€29,700
L6066	Bartholemews	2100	€47,250
L1221	Ballycullen to Askeaton	1200	€27,000
L1423	Capparoe to Monanoog RM	1395	€34,526
L1203	Callow Jn towards Cheps Cross	1300	€32,175
L1208	Lynchs Shop to Dollas	1,500	€40,500
L1408	Crecora Jn to Bawnacouma Jn	1,300	€32,175
L1408	Crecora to Shanaclough Jn	980	€21,402
L1208	Ballingarry to Croom Road from R519 Jn to kilmacow X Part 2	2,077	€51,405
L1420	Caherass Jn Towards Adare	1,450	€39,150
L8004	Manister School to Mortgage	2,000	€31,500
L1416	N21 Banogue Jn towards Maigue Bridge	1,100	€27,225
L8003	Manister School to Kilcurly	1700	€42,075
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,302</b>	<b>€505,583</b>

<b>Local Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation € 1,042,376</b>			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
L12143	Rylands Estate	200	€42,759
L1227	Ballyhahill to Gaa Field Jn	1550	€125,550
L1227	Shanagolden to Cloonaclohesy Depot	1200	€108,000
L1423	Capparoo to Monanooag RI	760	€75,240
L8065	Shangrove	1166	€94,446
L8016	Ballymacscreedeen East	300	€41,177
L1418	Croom Concrete Road	1300	€117,000
L1421	Lisaleen Road From Lantern Lodge	1242	€130,638
L8606	Morenane to Liskennett	1200	€133,920
L6110	Fleanmore Cross to Four Cross Roads	874	€86,526.00
L1201	Askeaton to Moig RI	880	€87,120.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,672</b>	<b>€1,042,376</b>

<b>Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI) Allocation €112,000</b>			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
R521	Shanagolden main Street Jn		50,000
R511	Kellihers Cross on the R511		12,000
R516 / L1478	Croom Junction Improvements		50,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€112,000</b>

<b>Drainage Works Allocation € 200,000</b>			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
R521	Corbally		60,000
L6106	Loughill Middle Road		20,000
R523	Castlematrix		50,000
L6114	Knockpatrick		20,000
R518	Danaghers Cross		50,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€200,000</b>

<b>Bridge Rehabilitation Allocation € 245,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L6150	Ballingarry Bridge, Ballingarry		85,000
L6119	Shanid Upper		50,000
L1406	Doneen Bridge Crecora		25,000
L12341	Glenbane West Cul De Sac		50,000
L60891	Mohernagh		10,000
L1239	Lisgordan Kilcolman		25,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€245,000</b>

**Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District:**

**Restoration Improvement (RI) €1,828,979**

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). Many roads have deteriorated to such an extent that they require resurfacing, reshaping and strengthening to enable them to cater for the heavy vehicles and to prevent water lodging.

**Restoration Maintenance (RM) €396,993**

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM). A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

**Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM) €245,376**

This is new specific allocation in 2018 under the Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant (SRM) for surface dressing works only. A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as overlays and surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads. At the current level of funding the overlay and surface dressing life cycles for non national roads is up to 1:40 years.

**Drainage Grant €200,000**

This grant may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. There are 6 schemes in the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District in 2020.

**General Maintenance €852,784**

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

**General Maintenance Safety (GMS) €97,729**

General maintenance safety monies will be used to cover a wide range of works such as road markings, road studs, road signs and general upkeep of roads in the city and county which will improve road safety.

**Tar Patching (TP) €366,233**

Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

**Bridge Rehabilitation €245,000**

There are six schemes under this heading in Adare Rathkeale this year.

**Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI) €112,000**

The 2020 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There are currently three schemes in the Adare Rathkeale District.

**General Municipal Allocation (GMA) €270,000**

This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

## **Items for which expenditure is provided on a City and County at large basis**

### **Public Lighting (PL) €2,460,000**

This covers the operation, repair and maintenance of Public Lighting. The supply of energy is purchased through the National Procurement Service (NPS). The repair, replacement and maintenance of public lights are tendered separately. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

### **Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS) €622,594**

This includes for school wardens, road safety plan, road safety education and training. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

### **General Maintenance of National Roads €268,920**

General maintenance of National Roads covers a wide range of works for which this allocation will be used. €268,920 is the allocation for Limerick City & County. Improvement works locations to be agreed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

### **Capital Maintenance TII Roads €TBC**

Capital maintenance of National Roads covers a wide range of minor works for which this allocation will be used. It is generally used for pavement schemes with a value less than €200,000.

### **HD28 Schemes €785,000**

HD 28 Schemes comprises pavement resurfacing on national primary and national secondary roads. Schemes under this funding category are identified by TII annually.

### **Winter Maintenance (WM) €558,954**

This provision is for the treatment of roads in severe weather in accordance with the Winter Service Plan and pertains to the whole City and County area.

**Community Involvement schemes (CIS)****€316,000**

A Grant of €316,000 has been allocated to Limerick City and County Council. Limerick City and County Council is currently identifying schemes to be undertaken in 2020.

**Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)****€TBC**

The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ring-fenced funding for LIS in 2020 and proposes to continue to operate this scheme in 2020. The 2020 allocation for Limerick City & County Council has not yet been received.

**Overheads (OH)****€1,874,552**

This includes for insurances (EL/PL), Health and Safety training and equipment, sick pay, holiday pay, legal costs, office expenses, etc. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

**Former National Road Grant (FNR)****€1,000,000**

Arising from the 2018 regional road pavement condition survey findings, the Department introduced a grant in 2019 to assist local authorities with the rehabilitation of sections of former national roads with a poor condition rating.

## Work Category –Social Development

### Housing Maintenance

Limerick City & County Council manages an expanding Social Housing portfolio which is expected to exceed 5,280 properties in 2020. The range of properties is extensive which is highlighted by the fact that over half the Councils Housing stock was built before 1985. 66% of the entire housing stock is located within the Metropolitan District. The remaining 34% of housing stock is located between the Newcastle West, Adare-Rathkeale and Cappamore-Kilmallock Districts. Total requests for Housing Maintenance during 2019 was 15,323, with 74% of all cases received in the Metropolitan area).

In each operational area we have small but effective direct labour teams who respond directly to the needs of our Tenants and who report service requests from Area Offices, Customer Services and Operations Services. The request is added to the Customer Relationship System and assigned to the correct Maintenance Team.

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below.

#### Emergency Repairs (within 24 Hours)

Fire	Water Leaks	No Electricity	No Mains Water
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#### Urgent Repairs (within 1-3 Days)

Blocked Flue in Open Fire	Blocked Foul Drains	No Hot Water	No Heating
Faulty Sockets	Faulty Switches	Faulty Storage Heater	Faulty Door Entry System
Banister or Hand Rail Loose or Detached	Storm Damage	Partial Loss of Water Supply	Unsafe Floor Boards or Stair Treads
Damaged Path/Steps			

#### Routine Repairs (within 1-3 Weeks)

Other Works	Electrical	Other Joinery Works	Plaster Works	Other Works	Plumbing
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### BUDGET Allocation 2020

#### Adare Rathkeale Municipal District 528 Properties (10% of housing stock)

Works Budget (non pay)	<b>2020</b>
Maintenance	€ 127,273
Re-lettings	€ 87,205
Halting Site	€ 41,683
	<b>€ 256,161</b>

## **Housing Maintenance - Planned Works**

### Heating Servicing – county wide

Also, in 2020 the Budget of €101,078 has been allocated to ensure that Heating Systems County Wide are working effectively and safely. This is an important area and ensures that the Council maintain heating system guarantees, some that currently run for 10 years which represents a long term savings to the Council.

### Planned Maintenance / Heating Systems Replacement – county wide

Many of our Tenants have Heating Systems that are outdated and highly inefficient by current standards. €387,000 (2019: €200,000) has been allocated for the replacement of heating systems and other works of a planned nature on a county Wide. The scheme will operate on a priority needs basis initially.

### Planned Maintenance Loan – county wide

Members approved the drawdown of a €15m loan for the implementation of a four year planned maintenance works programme. This will be on a county wide basis, with the initial steps being implemented currently (team formation and procurement of sample surveys). A loan repayment provision of €620,905 has been adopted as part of Budget 2020.

### Thermal Upgrade Project – 120 units – county wide

Approval was received in August 2019 for a thermal upgrade project for 120 units across Limerick City and County Council. 20 units in each electoral area will be refurbished with recommendations made by Area Engineers and Housing Foremen. In the AR Area, a total of 20 units will thermally upgraded. This scheme is part funded by Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the European Regional Development Fund. SSE Airtricity have been appointed as partners for the scheme with surveys and procurement underway on the initial 40 units (20 in Metro North and 20 in NCW).

## **Private Housing Grants**

The following private housing grants are available again in 2020

### Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme – HAGS

### Mobility Aids Grants Scheme – MAGS

### Housing Aid Older People – HOPS

These grants have not yet been released for 2020, however, it is expected that the amounts will be similar to those in 2019. The total 2019 Revenue grant allocation for Limerick City and County Council was €3,164,726. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DoHPLG meeting 80%.