

Date: 5th June, 2020

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

**Re: Draft Metropolitan District of Limerick (Parking Places) (Amendment)
Bye-Laws 2020.**

I attach herewith for the consideration of the Members the Draft Metropolitan District of Limerick (Parking Places) (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2020.

In 2017, the transport sector was the second largest contributor of non-ETS emissions in Ireland, accounting for over 27% emissions; it is projected that over the period 2017-2030 transport emissions could potentially increase by 17-20% depending on the level of policy intervention. The transport sector therefore has a key role to play in the national decarbonisation effort and the transition to low emission vehicles is a necessary step-change to affect a substantial reduction in transport emissions.

In order to address the high level of emissions from the Transport Sector, the Government's Climate Action Plan 2019 sets an ambitious target of replacing approximately 800,000 private fossil-fuelled vehicles with electric vehicles by the year 2020. The purpose of the draft Bye-Laws is to incentivise the uptake of electric vehicles by exempting the on-street parking charges for electric vehicles for a period of up to up to 4 hours while the vehicles are charging.

This exemption was adopted by the members of the Metropolitan District in Parking Place Amendment Bye-Laws in 2018, subject to its review after 24 months from the date of the adoption of the 2018 Bye-Laws, which is due to cease on 31 August, 2020.

It is proposed that the exemption under the Draft Bye-Laws 2020 would be subject to review after a period of 24 months from their adoption to take account of potential growth of the EV sector.

I hereby recommend that the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in accordance with Section 131A and Schedule 14A of the *Local Government Act 2001*, and in accordance with the reserved function under Section 36 of the *Road Traffic Act, 1994* approve the draft Metropolitan District of Limerick (Parking Places) (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2020 to go on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Section 200 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2001* as amended.



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