

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

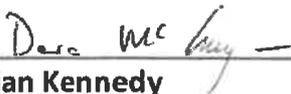
I will ask at the next Meeting for an update and timescale for when flood defences are to be installed in Mulcair Drive in Annacotty, Mountshannon Road, Castleconnell and Montpellier to prevent flooding to houses in these areas when the Mulcair and Shannon Rivers flood.

Reply:

Tenders have recently been sought for consultants on the **Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme**. This scheme includes Annacotty & Mountshannon Road within its Study Area. Tenders are to be returned in October with appointment of the successful consultant by the end of 2020. It is expected that Stage 1 of the Project (Options Assessment, Scheme Development and Design including Environmental Impact Assessment) will take approximately 2 years and Planning/Development consents will follow this. It is currently estimated that Stage IV (Construction) will commence in 2025 and will be of 4-5 year duration. It is anticipated that multiple construction contracts will be undertaken and accordingly the Annacotty / Mountshannon Road sections of the scheme may be advanced separate to the city centre construction contracts.

The **Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme** is currently progressing with Hydraulic Modelling at Final Draft stage. Costing of Options is also being progressed with Preferred Options to be assessed in October 2020. A cost beneficial scheme will be progressed through Stage I with Planning / Development consents to follow. It is currently estimated that construction will commence in early 2023, with 7-month construction programme.

The **O'Briensbridge/Montpellier AFA** (Area for Further Assessment) falls within the Clare County Council area. It was one of the 300 AFA's assessed under CFRAM but was not one of the 118 schemes identified for funding. The Summary of the Outputs for Areas identified in the Flood Risk Management Plans included the AFA as a Potential Scheme subject to further assessment.



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
16 September, 2020

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the amount collected in parking fines in the first half of 2020 and 2019.

Reply:

The amount collected in parking fines is as follows :

Parking fine income 2019 = €640,305

Parking fine income January to June 2020 = €170,155

**Louise Magner,
Administrative Officer,
Finance Services.**

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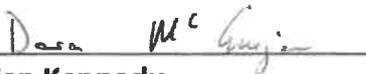
Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the current and proposed flood relief projects in Corbally and Kings Island and the timeframe for completion for both projects.

Reply:

The **King's Island Flood Relief Scheme** is currently at Planning Approval Stage. The current programme estimates a decision will be due from An Bord Pleanála by the end of January 2021. Tendering for contractors will follow the Bord decision, with construction currently programmed to commence mid-July 2021. The estimated construction period is 2 years.

Tenders have recently been sought for consultants on the **Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme**. This scheme includes Corbally within its Study Area. Tenders are to be returned in October with appointment of the successful consultant by the end of 2020. It is expected that Stage 1 of the Project (Options Assessment, Scheme Development and Design) will take approximately 2 years and Planning / Development consents will follow this. It is currently estimated that Stage IV (Construction) will commence in 2025 and will be of 4-5 years duration. It is anticipated that multiple construction contracts will be undertaken and accordingly the Corbally section of the scheme may be advanced separate to the city centre construction contract.



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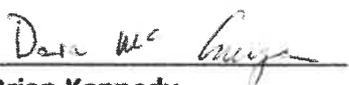
Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting what funding Limerick City and County Council has received for 2020 for the installation of new bus shelters and what locations in the Limerick City East area will benefit from this funding.

Reply:

Funding, in the amount of €160,000, has been secured from the NTA for the 2020 Bus Shelter Enabling Works Programme. 11 sites across the city (six sites) and county (five sites) have been identified in collaboration with JCDecaux and Bus Eireann for upgrades in 2020.

Two of the six sites identified in the Metropolitan area to be completed under the 2020 works programme are located in the Limerick East area - Kilmurry Road at Hazel Hall and Groody Road at Brookfield Hall (UL bound). Upgrade to the latter shelter has been completed.



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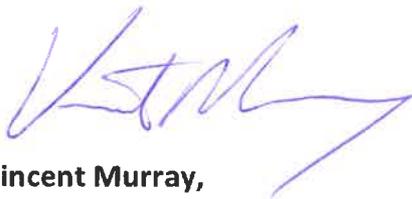
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting how many people are employed in the Troy Studios Development and has the social inclusion clause been implemented.

Reply:

Troy Studios is not an associate or subsidiary company of Limerick City and County Council, and as such, we do not have information on their operations or employee data.



**Vincent Murray,
A/Director of Service,
Economic Development.**

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Meeting to be held on Monday, 21st September, 2020

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting, following on from the allocation of €15,000 from the GMA funding for Metropolitan North in 2018 towards a Corbally Community Park, what progress has been made so far.

Reply:

The group have engaged with the Forward Planning Department on the matter and as advised they have opened up further correspondence with the Diocese as they own the field. It is understood that the Diocese Property Subcommittee have confirmed that the project is due to be discussed during meetings in September. The Community Park Group are hopeful that by the end of September/early October they will have a clearer picture on the next steps required. The Council will review the matter with the group after they have further clarity from the Diocese.

**Gordon Daly,
Director of Service,
Community Development.**

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting what measures have been put in place for safer access to schools (in line with the guidelines from the NTA and the Department of Education and Skills) and request details in relation to contact with schools and supports either given or awaited to these schools.

REPLY:

I refer to the above question and the following outlines the measures currently been undertaken for the Metropolitan area schools;

1. All schools have social distancing road markings provided at appointed school crossing places.
2. All schools will have social distancing warning signs on signposts erected at appointed school crossing places by 31/09/2020.
3. Four schools have had pedestrian guard railings altered at school entrances following requests from school authorities.
4. All pelican crossing at appointed school crossing places have had wintergreen timings extended to accommodate longer lines of children crossing.
5. All and any additional adult school warden operating hours necessary to assist and enable altered school staggered start and finish times requested by school authorities.

John Sheehan
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15/9/2020



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SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK.

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2020.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting what consideration is given in the process of the Limerick City and County Council granting planning permissions for new housing developments and in consultation on strategic housing developments to the provision and availability of local education places for early education, primary and secondary education.

Reply:

In the plan making process (Local Area Plans and/or Development Plans) where lands are identified to be zoned for residential development, consultation with the Department of Education and Skills takes place to forecasts the demand for future school places and the adequacy, or otherwise, of existing school facilities.

Overall the plan making process and the zoning of land for residential purposes are therefore fundamentally guided and shaped by the capacity of existing social infrastructure (schools and community facilities).

Therefore, in assessing a planning application for new housing developments on land zoned for residential development within an adopted Local Area Plan and/or Development Plan, consideration is given to the land use zoning matrix which is intended as a guide to assess the acceptability or otherwise of development proposals. In land zoned residential development, housing is the primary use and therefore would be acceptable in principle. The issue of provision and availability of local education places for primary and secondary education has been dealt at an early stage during the plan making process.

In relation to early education/Childcare Facilities, the Childcare Facility Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Ministerial guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) require the provision of at least one childcare facility for new housing developments greater than 75 units. There are circumstances where there are significant reasons to the contrary for example, development consisting of single-bed apartments or where there are adequate childcare facilities in adjoining developments.

Stéphane Duclot.

A/Senior Planner.

Planning & Environmental Services.

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on my motion that was passed at the September meeting last year, requesting the installation of a water dispenser in the city centre, in a bid to reduce single use plastic bottles

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council successfully applied for Healthy Ireland Funding to install a minimum of four public drinking water fountains across Limerick City and County. The Council is currently identifying a suitable location in Limerick City and three locations outside the city.



pp **Brian Kennedy**
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Council for an update on the progress of Motion passed in October 2019 to livestream Metropolitan Council meetings.

Reply:

The reply to the previous Notice of Motion was as follows :

“Standing Order number 99 states that ‘no cameras of any kind or sound recordings or communication equipment may be used at Meetings of the Metropolitan District without the prior approval of the Metropolitan District Members, This governs use of mobile phones amongst other matters in the Council chambers during meetings.

In order to live stream Council meetings, there are a number of factors that need to be considered such as the existing infrastructure within the Council Chamber, refurbishments costs required to accommodate this retrofitting works and the digital/technical maintenance of providing this service. If the motion is agreed an examination of the costs, options and available technologies will be conducted. There are a number of local authorities that allow for live streaming of Council meetings deemed open to the public and we will liaise with these local authorities in relation to procedures, protocols and safeguards that they have in place”.

Since then, Metropolitan Meetings have moved to the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle to comply with physical distancing requirements. A tender has commenced for the upgrading of the sound and video systems in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle. Details will then be brought to the Protocol Committee for further consideration and for a decision on whether the relevant Standing Order will be amended to facilitate live streaming.



James Clune,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.

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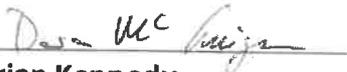
I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown of the expenditure of the Guiding Limerick through Covid plans.

Reply:

To date €195,889.64 (inclusive of VAT) has been spent on the Covid Mobility plan measures.

The breakdown of expenditure is as follows:

- Minor Works Contracts €176,269.83
- Materials €16,479.08
- Consultancy €738.00
- Advertising €2,402.73



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Question submitted by Councillor E. O' Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the progress of reinstating speed ramps on the Mulcair Road, Raheen.

REPLY:

To complete the overlay scheme on Mulcair Road it was necessary to remove the existing ramps within the works area. The Contractor, Roadstone Limited are contracted to replace these ramps and they confirm that these ramps will be replaced by Friday, 2nd October, 2020.

John Sheehan
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