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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 19th APRIL 2021

Question submitted by Councillor Daniel McSweeney

I will ask the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the audit of Community and Arts facilities in Limerick City and County and the expected publication date.

REPLY:

The final reports on the audit of Community Facilities and Arts and Cultural Facilities are currently being finalised. The actual audit of facilities in the city and the county is completed following an extensive data gathering exercise and a survey of organisations undertaken in cooperation with the three Limerick Local Development Companies. Draft reports have been prepared for Limerick Urban Area, West Limerick and East Limerick. A presentation on the high-level findings is being presented to the members of the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee on 19th April 2021. Following this, a presentation will be provided to each of the Municipal Districts in May/June 2021.

When this process is complete, it is envisaged the final reports will be published.

Seamus O'Connor,
LCDC Chief Officer,
15th April 2021.

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Question for April 2021 Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON April 19th 2021

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many road sweepers Limerick City and County Council has, where they are normally kept and will Limerick City and County Council allocate a permanent sweeper to the Limerick City East area.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council operates a combination of owned and hired, large and compact road sweepers based at multiple locations. In total, four large and four compact sweepers operate all year round with an additional two large road sweepers used seasonally.

From the Street Cleaning depot on Park Rd, three large and three compact sweepers operate in the metropolitan area.

From the Roads depot in Park Rd, one large sweeper operates seasonally cleaning gulleys.

From the Machinery depot in Newcastle West, one large road sweeper operates on a full time rota in the NCW & CA/KM municipal districts. A second sweeper is hired in Autumn to facilitate the removal of leaves.

From the Rathkeale roads depot, a compact sweeper operates in the RK/AD municipal district on a full time basis.

The street cleaning service in the Metropolitan area is currently under review with a view to providing a consistent frequency of service across the district on the main routes and secondary routes. The review will also take into consideration the possibility of providing a service to housing estates in the district.


Conor Culloo
Senior Engineer
Service Operations



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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Noise Action Plan 2018-2023 and if TII have given Limerick City and County Council a response regarding the implementation of noise mitigation measures for M7 following the Council's meeting with TII in October last year.

Reply:

A cost benefit assessment was undertaken for the Monaleen hotspot (M7) comparing the monetised cost in terms of benefit to health by the implementation of mitigation measures against the cost of implementing them.

A report for that hotspot was submitted to TII and the Council met with their representatives in October last year. Comments on the report were received at the end of December 2020, which are currently being examined.

TII also committed to establishing the cost of implementing the mitigation measures, using an external consultant. The Council has been informed that their cost review is due shortly, in the coming weeks.

The Council is awaiting TII's costings in order to finalise the report.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
15th April, 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the Burial Ground Strategy will be presented to the Elected Members for approval and if the Metropolitan District of Limerick City and County Council have made any progress in identifying a suitable site for a new burial ground in Castletroy.

REPLY:

The Draft Burial Ground Strategy is on the agenda for consideration at the April Meeting of the Community, Culture & Leisure SPC. If the draft strategy is recommended by the SPC, it is anticipated that it will be on the agenda for the full meeting of Limerick City & County Council in May. The Strategy will address the needs for a new burial ground in the Castletroy area.

**Gordon Daly,
Director of Services,
Community Development Directorate,
14th April, 2021.**

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday, 19th April 2021

Question submitted by Councillor Sharon Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the unit cost for reconnection of utilities due to long term vacancy and what was the total cost to Limerick City and County Council for 2020.

REPLY:

ESB Networks and Gas Networks Ireland are the providers of connections/reconnections of housing related utilities.

The costs of such works are set by both companies with information on the fees related available on their websites.

The costs are on a case by case depending on a number of factors (in the case of ESB Networks the length of time of vacancy and certification costs, whereas natural gas connection costs vary due to the availability of supply, length of connection, trenching etc.).

In 2020, costs for disconnections/reconnections for electricity and gas to vacant units across all four electoral areas amounted €13,976.64 in relation to 26 units (on average €537.63 per unit)



Aoife Duke,

Director of Services,

Housing Development Directorate

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 2021.**

Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

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

- (1) How many developers have current full planning permission in Patrickswell area for housing.
- (2) How many houses are presently granted full planning permission in Patrickswell.

REPLY:

The table below sets out the details of the number of developers who have been granted full planning permission in the Patrickswell area in the last five years (2015-2021 incl.), including the number of residential units in each permission:

Planning Reference	Developer Name	Location	Number of Residential Units
17/100	Singland Homes Ltd	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	6
17/1083	Diceros Ventures Ltd	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	49
17/8013	Limerick City and County Council (Part 8)	Lisheen Park, Patrickswell	16
18/10	Garranroe Farm Ltd	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	28 Serviced Sites
18/200	Datcha Construction Ltd	Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell	48
18/346	Diceros Ventures Ltd	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	49
18/1193	Datcha Construction Ltd	Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell	48
18/8012	Limerick City and County Council (Part 8)	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	24
19/444	Datcha Construction Ltd	Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell	16
19/689	Paul Mulcair	Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell	8
20/125	Eimear O'Connor and Noel Daly	Main Street, Patrickswell	5

20/281	Fitzgerald Prop Capital Ltd	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	36 Serviced Sites
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Signed:

Don Mc Guigan

**A/Senior Executive Officer
Planning and Environmental Services
14th April 2021**

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can Limerick City and County Council advise what are the plans for the railway line running behind Rathbane and Janesboro. This unused railway line is causing anti-social behaviour and rubbish dumping which is leading to rat infestation. Can the Council liaise with Irish Rail to get this problem sorted.

Reply:

The railway line running behind areas of Rathbane and Janesboro is in the ownership of Iarnród Éireann, rather than Limerick City and County Council, so Iarnród Éireann as the legal owners are responsible for the management of it. Limerick City and County Council will arrange to write to Iarnród Éireann to highlight the issues raised by the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District.

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

14th April, 2021.



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council advise what plans they have in regard to the land bank between the wet green in Monaleen Park and the Motorway. Can the existing fence be extended the full length of the border and a gate fitted to be opened during the day so people can go walking. Also, it would be a great idea to plant trees along the border.

Reply:

The land in question is located at the rear of Monaleen Park and is adjacent to the Limerick Southern Ring Road. These lands were acquired under the Adare to Annacotty Compulsory Purchase Order, with monies provided by the then, National Roads Authority, now Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). While these lands are registered in Limerick City and County Council's folio, plans for its future use are at the discretion of TII. The Council is not aware of any plans TII currently have for these lands.

Brian Kennedy

Director of Service

Physical Development Directorate

15th April, 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council advise if they have received an update from the TII on the mitigation remedies recommended by the Council in regards to noise from the M7.

Reply:

A cost benefit assessment was undertaken for the Monaleen hotspot (M7) comparing the monetised cost in terms of benefit to health by the implementation of mitigation measures against the cost of implementing them.

A report for that hotspot was submitted to TII and the Council met with their representatives in October last year. Comments on the report were received at the end of December 2020, which are currently being examined.

TII also committed to establishing the cost of implementing the mitigation measures, using an external consultant. The Council has been informed that their cost review is due shortly, in the coming weeks.

The Council is awaiting TII's costings in order to finalise the report.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
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15th April, 2021

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if temporary public toilets could be installed over the Summer months to support people accessing the city.

Reply:

There are no plans to provide temporary public toilets in the city centre during the Summer months, as there is no budget provided to facilitate this proposal. There would also be possible issues in relation to the ongoing supervision, maintenance and cleaning of temporary toilets, especially having regard to current Covid concerns.

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

14th April, 2021.

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the "Guiding Limerick through Covid-19" plans and if the mobility plans will be reinstated for Summer 2021.

Reply:

The Council gained valuable experience from the implementation of the various plans in the Metropolitan area in the Summer of 2020. It should be noted that these plans provided for a mix of responses to circumstances pertaining due to the Covid 19 pandemic at that time. Some of these initiatives provided for the temporary/part-time closure of certain streets. Business interests represented to the Council of the adverse consequences of some of these closures.

Under proposals now being rolled out by the Government, the principal emphasis in 2021 will be providing support and stimulus to business to assist in economic recovery and the re-opening of businesses that have been closed for many months. This is possible due to the mass vaccination programme now underway that will ramp-up significantly in the coming months.

The Council recognises the very significant challenges that businesses face and endorses the Government's approach.

In this matter, the Council will be guided by a number of initiatives that are being led and funded by Government Departments and agencies and will seek to maximise funding to the benefit of businesses. This will be the first priority for the Council.

Any proposals for street closures submitted to the Council will be assessed in the context of the urgent need to allow the economy re-open and support businesses to re-open successfully and quickly.

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

14th April, 2021.



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, regarding the Fáilte outdoor dining capital expenditure funding:

How will locations be decided for outdoor dining investment.

What criteria will be used to assess proposed locations.

Will there be a formal application process to propose locations.

REPLY:

The aim of the Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme to support Local Authorities, to upgrade and enhance streets and public spaces and implement weather-proofing solutions which will facilitate year-round outdoor dining in key tourism centres whilst meeting the needs of all citizens. It will be focusing on the city and town centres that have the biggest tourism impact and subsequently the street or area within these city and town centres that will facilitate the optimum number of year-round outdoor dining spaces.

Limerick City and County Council will make an application to Fáilte Ireland to avail of funding for Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme. The closing date for applications is 31st May 2021. The area considered is Bedford Row and Lower Thomas Street. This area is best suited to the guidelines laid down by Fáilte Ireland which are as follows:

- be in a permanently pedestrianised or partially pedestrianised street
- contain a variety of businesses e.g. restaurants, pubs and cafes offering outdoor dining with a broad appeal to locals and tourists.
- offer dining opportunities for both lunchtime and evenings.
- be in close proximity to visitor attractions, museums, galleries, hotels
- minimum of four separate individual hospitality businesses should be covered by the proposed solution

Signed: **Vincent Murray**
A/Director of service
Economic Development

Date: 15th April 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed new cycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects on St. Nessel's Road and Dooradoyle Road. Have plans and a programme schedule been completed. Can they be circulated to Members.

Reply:

The proposed new active travel projects on St. Nessel's Road and Dooradoyle Road will be delivered in a number of phases over the coming months as follows.

- **Phase 1:** Dooradoyle Road: Construction of kerb to segregate existing on road cycle lanes by end of Q2:
 - Dooradoyle Road between Ballykeeffe Roundabout and Library entrance on the opposite side from the shopping centre;
 - Dooradoyle Road between Library entrance and playground entrance to both sides.
- **Phase 2:** Ballykeeffe Roundabout/Fr Russell Rd: Part 8 to be submitted by Q3 – a number of Landowners are affected. The Part 8 will include:
 - Ballykeeffe Roundabout to Library entrance along shopping centre boundary;
 - St. Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout;
 - Final section of Fr. Russell Rd where land take is required;
- **Phase 3a:** Dooradoyle Road Playground entrance to Huntsfield Roundabout: Part 8 to be submitted by end of Q2.
- **Phase 3b:** Huntsfield Roundabout to Dooradoyle Medical Centre: Section 38 by end of Q2.

The drawings are currently being finalised and will be circulated to all members once available.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
15th April 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on proposed locations for dog parks.

Reply:

A pilot dog park will be developed in Mungret Park this year to trial this type of initiative and to identify any potential issues. A review of the pilot will be carried out after 6months to assess its success.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
15th April, 2021

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 2021.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many planning enforcement notices have the Council issued since March 2020 up until March 2021 on the Northside of the city.

REPLY:

8 Enforcement Notices were issued in Limerick City North in the period March 2020 up until March 2021.

Signed: 

**A/Senior Executive Officer
Planning and Environmental Services
14th April 2021**

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday 19th April

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what are the results of the extensive structural examination of the concrete structures on the Weir Bridge which is situated in O'Dwyers Villas.

REPLY:

BHP have completed vertical and horizontal testing of the concrete piers and core results have been provided to Garland Consulting Engineers. Initial assessment would suggest that the piers have capacity for select vehicular movements. However, a final conclusion cannot be made until such time as the foundation of the individual piers are assessed by Dive and Marine Contractors. Such an assessment has not been undertaken to date due to the high flow rates and water levels in the Shannon. It is envisaged that such an inspection will be undertaken in June/July of this year when river conditions are more favourable for these specialist works.

On receipt of such findings, Garland Consulting Engineers will then finalise their structural assessment.



Aoife Duke,
Director of Services,
Housing Development Directorate



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what are the results following an engineer's examination of the existing wall in Browns Quay, which runs parallel with the River Shannon, and the likelihood of more flooding occurring thus leaving residents vulnerable.

Reply:

The Consulting Engineers who are due to be appointed on Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme will be completing Asset Condition Surveys of any existing formal or informal defences in the City, as an early Programme Item. The existing walls in Brown's Quay will be assessed as part of this Survey.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate

15th April, 2021

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON 19th April 2021

Question submitted by Councillor Conor Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the assessment criteria for the disposal of lands in relation to the Whitebox/Cluid Coonagh site proposal that includes the private University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) hospital and if the proposal was considered in the context of proximity to regeneration areas.

REPLY:

The assessment criteria for the disposal of lands is publically available under e-tenders notice: **RFT 179556 - LCCC Housing Lands - Request for Expressions of Interest.**

It included the following criteria:

1. Project Proposal	600 marks
2. Scheme Feasibility Design	450 marks
3. Delivery and Capacity	450 marks
4. Delivery Methodology	450 marks
5. Financial and Regulatory Standing	150 marks

Furthermore, the expression of interest required applicants to have regard to the following objective for the site at the western boundary of Moyross as outlined in the briefing document which formed part of the expression of interest:

“Requirement to assess this site with the current masterplan for Moyross as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan”

In accordance with the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan, the objectives under the Physical and Economic Framework Plans are to improve the tenure mix of Moyross (affordable and private housing) and to improve strategic employment opportunities and inward investment into the area. In January 2014, funding was granted by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to purchase the Moyross site on the condition of using the lands for some commercial activities to generate

employment and improving the tenure mix through the provision of private housing including private affordable housing.

The proposal was considered in the context of the objectives for Moyross under the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan.



Aoife Duke,
Director of Services,
Housing Development Directorate