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**To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council**

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**Re: Development Fund Allocations 2021**

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2021.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contributions total income of €2m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for 2021. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2017 - 2021 for the administrative area of Limerick in January 2017. The monies outlined below are a combination of receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the Council.

The €2m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2021. The proposals may be revised if additional funding becomes available, or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included, or if there is a shortfall in receipts. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

The Contribution Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings. In determining the allocations for 2021 a number of additional guiding principles were adopted namely; strategically focused projects, continuation of existing commitments, Forward Planning costs, and geographical considerations.

The Council is in a position to allocate funding to 18 specific projects / initiatives for 2021. In addition, a general financial allocation to each of the Municipal Districts has been provided for local capital projects.

### **Assisting Communities**

A sum of €100,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawing down of bonds in order to bring such estates up to the minimum standards.

Account is taken of commitments given to local communities to provide funding in respect of Patrickswell Community Centre, Adare Park Improvement Works, and the development of the Enterprise Park in Kilmallock. Further funds for the completion of works has been provided for the Castletroy Public Park / Playground.

A sum of €100,000 has been made available for further preparatory works for a public park in the north side of the city.

A sum of €80,000 have been provided to assist in the setting up of a number of E-Working Hubs in the county.

A sum of €400,000 has been made available for the Limerick Greenway initiative. This facility, when completed will provide an invaluable leisure/recreational facility for the citizens of Limerick and will act as significant tourism attractor for Limerick and the region.

### **Rebuilding Limerick**

A sum of €150,000 has been allocated for construction of roadway infrastructure in Bloodmill Road to facilitate further development of lands in Ballysimon. Junction improvements at Holy Cross and Murroe have also been funded.

The Abbeyfeale Traffic Management / Public Realm Improvement works has been allocated a sum of €100,000.

Public realm funding has also been made available for works in Limerick City Centre and Cappamore. A new Public Realm Strategy is to be prepared for the City Centre.

### **Planning for the Future**

Provision has been made for preparation and publication of a Blue & Green Infrastructure Strategy that will inform and guide the planning and management of a network of multi-functional green and blue spaces and identify opportunities to employ nature-based solutions within the City and Environs and help deliver a range of environmental, economic and social benefits.

Funding is also being made available to assist the establishment of a Sports Tech Accelerator in Limerick. This will act as an attractor to businesses in this sector to locate in Limerick and it will further add to the business infrastructure of the region.

### **Quality of Life Initiatives**

A contribution towards the costs of planting the Urban Greenway in Monaleen has been provided.

A sum of €250,000 p.a. is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan / Municipal level. Proposals consistent with the Development Contribution Scheme will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

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*Vincent Murray*

**Vincent Murray**

**A/Director of Services**

**Economic Development**

## Economic Development

### Development Fund 2021 – Proposed Allocations

Business Area	Project(s)	Funding Proposed 2021
<b>Transportation &amp; Surface Water</b>	Bloodmill Road, Ballysimon	€150,000
	Abbeyfeale Traffic Mgt. / Public Realm	€100,000
	Metropolitan Public Realm Study	€100,000
	Murroe Village Road Improvements	€100,000
	Holy Cross Junction Improvements	€50,000
<b>Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	Caherdavin Public Park	€100,000
	Limerick Greenway	€200,000
	Blue & Green Infrastructure Strategy	€100,000
	Adare Park	€25,000
	Castletroy Park / Playground	€70,000
	Castletroy / Monaleen Greenway	€20,000
<b>Community &amp; Tourism</b>	Taking in Charge of Estates	€50,000
	Taking in Charge The Meadows, Lr Park, Corbally	€50,000
	City Centre Public Realm Works	€80,000
	Cappamore Public Realm Improvements	€25,000
	Patrickswell Community Centre	€50,000
	Enterprise Business Park Kilmallock	€40,000
	Sports Tech Accelerator	€30,000
	Limerick Greenway	€200,000
	Regional E-Hubs	€80,000
<b>Ancilliary</b>	Municipal Allocations	€250,000
	Forward Planning Staffing Costs	€130,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>€2,000,000</b>