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REPLY TO QUESTION

Limerick City and County Council May Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24th May 2021

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next meeting what happens, if a person living in rural Limerick does not qualify for rural housing and the sewerage system in the parish is at capacity or where houses are not available.

Response:

To help strengthen and consolidate the settlement structure and reverse the decline in Limerick's towns and villages, the proposed Draft Development Plan 2022 – 2028, supports the development of Serviced Sites within settlements, served by individual wastewater treatment systems. This type of development offers an alternative to the single one off rural house.

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20th May 2021



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**Meeting of Limerick City & County Council
to be held on Monday 24th May, 2021**

Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) for a full report from Irish Water on the capacity of all the sewerage treatment plants in Co. Limerick; and (b) for a detailed programme of work for all sewerage treatment plants in Co. Limerick.

Reply:

Please find attached the capacity status of Irish Water wastewater treatment plants in Limerick. Irish Water have advised that an updated wastewater treatment capacity register will be issued to Limerick City & County Council once finalised in the coming months.

Irish Water have provided the following table outlining active capital projects for County Limerick.

Project Name	Current completion date (where available)	Comment
Limerick WWTP Upgrade	2025+	An upgrade to the Bunlicky WWTP is on the Capital Investment Plan and the project is currently at detailed design stage. Subject to Planning.
Castletroy WWTP	2025+	An upgrade to the Castletroy WWTP is on the Capital Investment Plan and the project is currently at detailed design stage. Subject to Planning.
Foynes WWTP	Dec 2025	A new WWTP is planned for the Foynes Agglomeration to end the practice of discharge of untreated wastewater to the marine environment. The project is currently at design stage and is subject to land agreement and planning.

Project Name	Current completion date (where available)	Comment
Glin WWTP	Dec 2025	A new WWTP is planned for the Glin Agglomeration to end the practice of discharge of untreated wastewater to the marine environment. The project is currently at design stage and is subject to land agreement and planning.
Dromcollogher WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Dromcollogher WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage. The originally proposed solution will not meet water quality objectives and so an alternative design solution is being developed.
Mungret Limerick City LIHAF (Water and WW)	March 2026	Incorporating strategic water and wastewater network infrastructure into Limerick City and County Council's proposed road infrastructure at Mungret LIHAF site development.
Adare WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Adare WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage.
Newcastle West WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Newcastlewest WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage.
Croom WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Murroe WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Hospital WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (Limerick)	TBC	Currently the review stage of this programme is underway which will determine the WWTP project(s) to be progressed, taking into account the order of priority provided by the local authority, the allocation available and the potential solutions and cost estimates. LAs will be notified of successful projects throughout 2021 as project details are finalised.



Brian Kennedy

Director of Service

Physical Development Directorate

20th May 2021



Settlements with Waste Water Discharge Authorisations - Wastewater Treatment Capacity
Waste Water Discharge Licences (WWDL) and Certificates of Authorisation (CoA)

17th June 2020

Region	County	Settlement	Census pop. (2016)	Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	Reg #	Serves other areas?	WWTP Capacity (PE)		Load (PE) 2019	Headroom (PE)		Current project completion year
							Today	Upon works completion		WWDL ELV Capability	UWW Standards Capability (not WWDL ELVs)	
S	Limerick	Limerick City and suburbs	96,192	Limerick WWTP	D0013	Yes	186,233	260,000	106,410	79,823		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Limerick City and suburbs	incl.	Castletroy WWTP	D0019	No	45,000	77,500	39,938	5,062		2024
S	Limerick	Newcastle West	6,619	Newcastle West WWTP	D0106	No	9,000	Not yet defined	9,731			Post 2024
S	Limerick	Abbeylea	2,023	Abbeylea WWTP	D0115	No	2,860	3,500	2,465	395		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Kilmallock	1,668	Kilmallock WWTP	D0106	Yes	4,000	=	2,076	1,924		
S	Limerick	Caherconlish	1,476	Caherconlish WWTP	D0308	No	2,500	=	1,610	0	890	
S	Limerick	Rathkeale	1,441	Rathkeale WWTP	D0112	No	4,000	=	2,318	1,682		
S	Limerick	Murroe	1,377	Murroe WWTP	D0306	No	800	=	1,522			
S	Limerick	Croom	1,159	Croom WWTP	D0307	No	2,000	=	1,670	330		
S	Limerick	Askeaton	1,137	Askeaton WWTP	D0315	No	550	2,300	1,430	0	379	Post 2024
S	Limerick	Adare	803	Bruff WWTP	D0312	No	2,500	Not yet defined	2,121	0		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Kilfinane	789	Kilfinane WWTP	D0305	No	1,500	=	961	1,153	539	
S	Limerick	Hospital	653	Hospital WWTP	D0314	No	500	=	1,145	0		
S	Limerick	Pallaskerry	651	Pallaskerry WWTP	D0304	No	2,000	=	975	1,025		
S	Limerick	Cappanore	620	Cappanore WWTP	D0310	No	1,534	=	701	835		
S	Limerick	Bruree	560	Bruree WWTP	D0506	No	1,200	=	520	680		
S	Limerick	Glin	576	-	D0504	No	-	1,100	708			2024
S	Limerick	Pallagreen	568	Pallagreen WWTP	D0503	No	750	=	508	242		
S	Limerick	Ballingarry	521	Ballingarry (County Limerick) WWTP	D0507	No	1,350	=	653	697		
S	Limerick	Foynes	520	-	D0502	No	-	1,000	571			2024
S	Limerick	Dromcollagher	518	Dromcollagher WWTP	D0316	No	400	1,000	751			2024
S	Limerick	Doon	516	Doon WWTP	D0309	No	1,534	=	692	842		
S	Limerick	Athna	369	Athna WWTP	D0508	No	900	=	417	483		
S	Limerick	Oola	324	Oola WWTP	D0505	No	350	=	379			

CoA Headroom (PE)											
5	Limerick	Ardagh	266	Ardagh WWTP	A0214	No	450	-	227	223	
5	Limerick	Askeaton Housing Estate	Unavailable	Askeaton Housing Estate (Usnakeera) WWTP	A0503	No	110	=	52	58	
5	Limerick	Ballygran	179	Ballygran WWTP	A0207	No	275	=	165	110	
5	Limerick	Ballynahill	146	Ballynahill WWTP	A0206	No	300	=	172	128	
5	Limerick	Ballylanders	308	Ballylanders WWTP	A0196	No	511	545	388	123	Post 2024
5	Limerick	Banogue	Unavailable	Banogue WWTP	A0215	No	56	=	88		
5	Limerick	Broadford	276	Broadford WWTP	A0222	No	466	=	261	205	
5	Limerick	Brookhaven	Unavailable	Brookhaven, Montpelier WWTP	A0499	No	50	85	33	52	2021
5	Limerick	Carriagary	184		A0213	No	266	=	111	155	
5	Limerick	Castlemahon	Unavailable	Castlemahon WWTP **	A0218	No	300	=	178	122	
5	Limerick	Cluinidara (Angleborough)	Unavailable	Cluinidara (Angleborough) WWTP	A0500	No	58	=	24	34	
5	Limerick	Croagh	216	Croagh WWTP	A0216	No	200	330	249		Post 2024
5	Limerick	Elton	Unavailable	Elton WWTP	A0211	No	75	=	79		
5	Limerick	Fedamore	329	Fedamore WWTP	A0204	No	500	=	354	146	
5	Limerick	Feenagh	Unavailable	Feenagh WWTP	A0220	No	300	=	109	191	
5	Limerick	Galbally	251	Galbally WWTP	A0208	No	436	=	320	116	
5	Limerick	Glenfield	Unavailable	Kilmallock WWTP	D0106	Yes	D0106	=	245	Incl.	
5	Limerick	Herbertstown	Unavailable	Herbertstown WWTP	A0224	No	245	=	45	200	
5	Limerick	Kilbenny	Unavailable	Kilbenny WWTP	A0502	No	65	=	9	56	
5	Limerick	Kilneedy	Unavailable	Kilneedy WWTP	A0212	No	468	=	105	363	
5	Limerick	Kilteely	171	Kilteely WWTP	A0209	No	480	=	178	302	
5	Limerick	Knocklong	Unavailable	Knocklong WWTP	A0210	No	468	=	283	185	
5	Limerick	Loghill	Unavailable	Loghill WWTP *	A0217	No	333	=	67	266	
5	Limerick	Mountcollins	201	Mountcollins WWTP	A0223	No	453	=	174	279	
5	Limerick	Shanagolden	303	Shanagolden WWTP *	A0219	No	196	=	311		
5	Limerick	Strand (Cois na hAbhainn)	Unavailable	Strand (Cois na hAbhainn) WWTP **	A0498	No	67	=	17	50	
5	Limerick	Templeglentan	Unavailable	Templeglentan WWTP	A0205	No	191	=	161	30	
5	Limerick	Tournafulla	Unavailable	Tournafulla WWTP *	A0221	No	233	=	99	134	

Column headings		Description
WWTP Capacity (PE) Today		Overall design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in population equivalents (PE) today (the date at the top of this table).
WWTP Capacity (PE) upon works completion		Overall design capacity of the WWTP in population equivalents (PE) upon completion of a relevant project delivering additional capacity. Note that 'WWDL' or 'UWW' following the capacity value indicates that the upgraded WWTP will have capability to achieve the full Waste Water Discharge Licence (WWDL) emission limit values (ELVs) in the former case, or at least the Urban Waste Water (UWW) Treatment Directive parametric values in the latter case.
	*	Multiple WWTPs serve this agglomeration - available headroom, where indicated, may not be available across the entire agglomeration.
	**	Capacity based on primary treatment only.
Load (PE) 2019		Wastewater load arising from the settlement(s) being served entering the WWTP in 2019.
Headroom (PE) WWDL Capability UWW Standards Capability (not WWDL ELVs)		Headroom available at the WWTP in 2019 in terms of population equivalents based on available capacity now or by completion of a project by 2022 (where relevant). Green = spare capacity available. Amber = potential spare capacity. WWTP currently not compliant with Waste Water Discharge Licence emission limit values but is capable of achieving at least UWW standards. Potential availability of capacity in this case would be dependent on any additional load not resulting in a significant breach of the combined approach as set out in Regulation 43 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007.
Current project completion year		This is the current forecasted completion year as of date of this table and is subject to change. 'Post 2024' indicates that the project is proposed to be completed within the next investment period (2025-2029), subject to the planning and approval of the next capital investment plan. Note, there is no guarantee that this capacity will be delivered if the current Investment Plan is amended due to emerging needs or changes due to exchequer funding.
General notes		(i) The headroom figure stated is based on available information on the date of issue of this table and is subject to change. (ii) The indication of spare treatment capacity has been determined based on a standardised national review of the available information. (iii) A Pre-Connection Enquiry should be submitted to Irish Water to determine the feasibility of connecting any particular site to the Irish Water network, feasibility should not be inferred from this register.

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2021

Question submitted by Councillor J Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting how much revenue was received in development levies for 2020 per District Council area and a breakdown per Electoral District Council on where monies have been spent or allocated.

REPLY:

A sum of €2,691,998 was collected from Development Levies during 2021.

There is no breakdown of receipts by MD as receipts are not identified with geographic areas.

The allocation of funds for 2020 per MD is as follows:

Metropolitan	Adare/Rathkeale	Cappamore/Kilamillock	NCW/Abbetyfeale
€925,000	€528,000	€421,000	€686,000

In addition, a sum of €132,000 was paid to Irish Water in respect of contributions collected for water infrastructure from earlier Planning Contribution Schemes.

The 2020 Development Fund allocations was brought before the May 2020 Meeting of the Council.

Signed: *Sean Coughlan*
Deputy Chief Executive

Vincent Murray
A/Director of Service
Economic Development

Date: 19th May 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council, when will legal advice, as promised be available to Councillors in relation to the new Development Plan 2022 – 2028 and who will give this advice.

Response:

Shall the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council require legal advice on a particular issue in relation to the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, the Council will seek such advice from the Council's legal advisors.

Maria Woods

Senior Planner

20th May 2021

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday 24th May

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Council to outline what engagements the Council have had with O'Cualann Cohousing Alliance in relation to affordable housing and whether the Council intends to dispose of land to O'Cualann Cohousing Alliance for affordable housing in the near future.

REPLY:

The Housing Development Directorate have consulted with O'Cualann Cohousing Alliance, an Approved Housing Body, to understand their model of delivering affordable housing with Dublin City Council.

Any proposal by Limerick City and County Council to activate Local Authority lands for affordable housing with Approved Housing Bodies needs to go through a transparent and open Expression of Interest process with qualifying criteria for assessment, as was recently undertaken by the Directorate for a number of land banks in the city.



Aoife Duke,
Director of Services,
Housing Development Directorate

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON Monday 24th May

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Council to outline what if any arrangements it has in place in relation to long term leasing from private developers in relation to social housing and the cost of any such arrangements

REPLY:

Leasing arrangements are delivered under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP). It provides for the leasing of suitable properties by Limerick City and County Council for periods of between 5 to 25 years under the following schemes:

- Long Term Leasing
- Repair and Lease

An independent valuation of the market rental is sought for each supported property and Limerick City and County Council agree this market rent with the property owner, which is then discounted, by 15/20%.

If a property owner is availing of the Repair and Lease Scheme any loan advanced will be offset against the discounted market rent agreed. Limerick City and County Council will agree with the property owner on a case-by-case basis what the appropriate offset period will be.

Monies paid to property owners under leasing arrangements are recoupable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme.

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