

# MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday, 17th May 2021

# **Question submitted by Councillor Sharon Benson**

funding for renovation from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government or have been submitted for funding with decision I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a list of vacant local authority homes, by address, that have received pending, for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date and if any of these properties are still vacant.

## REPLY:

Please note, Voids 2021 units are pending the approved funding from the Department.

Vacant B&R and SHIP properties, also vacant Voids 2021 and properties funded by TAP are vacant because works are not completed yet.



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Director of Services,

Housing Development Directorate



### MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor Conor Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of vacant Council owned houses brought back into use from 2014-2020.

### **REPLY:**

One thousand one hundred and seventy properties were allocated from 2014 to 2020. However, four hundred of these were succession and variation tenancies. Therefore, the number of vacant Council owned houses brought back into use from 2014-2020 is **770**.

New build allocations are not included in the figure below.

The number of re-lets listed below all have had a component of re-let repair/refurbishment works completed depending on the condition of the property when returned.

	Allocations per iHouse (Report 110)	Succession/Variation tenancies	Actual Re-lets
2014	184	38	146
2015	222	81	141
2016	145	45	100
2017	141	51	90
2018	146	78	68
2019	157	60	97
2020	175	47	128
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### MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many houses have been upgraded and purchased under the Buy and Renew Scheme and the location of these houses by Electoral Area.

### **REPLY:**

The table below details the overall delivery by Municipal District since the scheme was launched in 2017:

	Metro	Cappamore- Kilmallock	Adare- Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Total	Improvements carried out
2017	9	1	1	0	11	11
2018	23	2	2	3	30	29
2019	5	0	2	6	13	10
2020	5	2	0	2	9	0

The 2021 projection is currently estimated at 5no. units.

This consists of 3no. Metro units, 1no. Cappamore-Kilmallock units, and 1no. Newcastle West unit.

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### MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many landlords have engaged with the Council under the Repair and Lease Scheme to upgrade houses and the location of these houses per Electoral Area.

### **REPLY:**

I can confirm that 76 separate landlords have submitted properties to LCCC for review since the commencement of the scheme, with a breakdown of these submitted properties detailed below per electoral area;

Metro	NCW	Adare/Rathkeale	Cappamore/Kilmallock
94	5	10	30

I can confirm that 24 units have been delivered under the scheme to date, relating to 15 different landlords – breakdown per electoral area detailed below for delivered units;

Metro	NCW	Adare/Rathkeale	Cappamore/Kilmallock
13	1	2	8

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Director of Services,

### **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021

### 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 give an update on the Road Safety Scheme for Hyde Road and what stage is this Scheme at.

### Reply:

A topographical survey was commissioned by Limerick City and County Council of Hyde Road and is in progress. This information will be issued to the National Transport Authority (NTA) on completion. The NTA will complete an initial design study to determine the most appropriate option/s, including proposed bus lanes on this street or an alternative option with cycle lanes and bus priority provision at junctions. Limerick City and County Council will coordinate with the NTA and advance the scheme once the optimum approach is agreed.

Seamus Hanrahan

A/Director of Service

Capital Investment Directorate

13th May 2021



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### Question submitted by Councillor Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council advise was Boherkyle included in the noise pollution survey given to the TII and if not can a survey be done on this area.

### Reply:

In Limerick's Noise Action Plan 2018 to 2023, a total of 14 noise "hotspots" were identified. These are areas of relatively high population density where significant numbers of people may be exposed to excessive noise levels from traffic. Noise monitoring and modelling has been carried out in respect of two of these hotspots to date. These are Monaleen and Ballycummin. Cost benefit analyses in respect of potential mitigation measures for these areas were prepared and submitted to TII for review. Similar exercises will be carried out in relation to the other hotspots over the life of the Noise Action Plan.

Boherkyle was not identified as a noise hotspot in the Noise Action Plan and it is unlikely to be identified as one in the future due to the low population density in this area and the small number of properties affected.

Anne Goggin

Anne Goggin Senior Executive Engineer Physical Development Directorate 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021



**Limerick City and County Council Metropolitan District** 

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 17th May 2020

### 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 provide an update on what road safety measures are proposed for the Bloodmill Road and Old Singland Road. With the new development on the Bloodmill Road traffic will increase significantly in the area.

### **REPLY:**

There are currently no Road Safety measures proposed for the Bloodmill Road or Old Singland Road. Should an issue arise in the area it will be assessed under the Traffic Management Policy of Limerick City and County Council.

Aidan Finn

**Limerick Metropolitan District Engineer** 

14/5/21

### **Metropolitan District of Limerick**

### Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor E Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the Part 8 for the boundary wall for Mount St. Oliver Cemetery will be advertised and why there has been a delay in advertising it. Previously, the Council committed to carry out the works on the boundary wall at this location in Q1/Q2 of 2021. We are in Q2 now and the Part 8 is still to be advertised.

### Reply:

Design & Delivery Services have recently commenced work on this project. This project was discussed at a recent Area Briefing with agreement to consult locally on the detail of the design of the boundary wall, e.g. height, railing type, etc. prior to submitting the Part 8 application. It is envisaged that this consultation will take place in May with the Part 8 submitted in June.

Seamus Hanrahan A/Director of Service Capital Investment Directorate

13th May 2021

### **Metropolitan District of Limerick**

### Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask the Director of Services, Physical Development, for an update on actions taken to date in response to my Notice of Motion from the July 2020 meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC dealing with pilot sensors for the litter bin service as well as looking at the possible use of solar compacting bins.

### Reply:

The Council had intended to install sensors in a number of the street litter bins to monitor capacity but Covid 19 affected the supply of these sensors to the Council. Over the last number of months, the Council has witnessed a dramatic increase in waste in a number of areas, resulting in the provision of additional wheelie bins in the city in a number of locations and also providing an additional litter bin collection service. The Council also relocated four solar compacting bins into the city centre, adjacent to food outlet areas. These solar bins provide information on when the bins are reaching certain levels of capacity. The Council are now utilising these bins as a pilot to determine level of service required in these areas.

The Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment has recently announced €5million in funding for litter prevention and cleaning. The Council intends to apply for this funding to purchase solar bins for the city. The information provided by solar compacting bins will allow the Council to monitor the litter bin service and ensure an efficient service with bins concentrated in areas of greatest need. The Council has investigated a litter bin tagging system and currently do not have the funding available for the system. The Council are considering the litter bin tagging system as part of the funding application to the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment.

Carmel Lynch,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Operations and Maintenance.



**Limerick City and County Council Metropolitan District** 

### MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 17th May 2020

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for details of traffic calming measures and interventions in housing estates that have been designated a "30kph Slow Zone".

### **REPLY:**

30kph Slow Zones are identified with signage at the boundaries of the Zones. If further measures are requested, these are assessed on a case by case nature in accordance with the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Management Policy.

Aidan Finn

Limerick Metropolitan District Engineer

14/5/21

### **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor J. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what measures Limerick City and County Council are implementing to facilitate hospitality reopening and trading under COVID restrictions during the "Outdoor Summer"? What canopies, awnings or other coverings will be erected by Limerick City and County Council, at what locations will they be placed and when will they be complete?

What footpath buildouts will be completed, at what locations will they be placed and when will they be complete? What streets or laneways will be pedestrianised / partially pedestrianised or made available for outdoor hospitality and when will this happen?

### Reply:

Failte Ireland has invited local authorities to apply for funding for the installation of facilities that will enable weatherproofed outdoor dining to assist in the re-opening of the economy. The Council is currently completing an application to Failte Ireland to install covered pergolas in Bedford Row and Lower Thomas Street that will enable businesses in these streets to provide al fresco dining. The infrastructure, once provided, must last for 5 years to qualify for funding. Additionally the proposal must be for pedestrianised/partly pedestrianised streets. If approved by Failte Ireland, the proposal will require Part VIII approval by Elected Members and will be subject to detailed design. Delivery is dependent on the above steps being completed.

Members are aware that the Metropolitan area has been assigned approx. 10 build outs from funding available from the National Transport Authority for 2021. A number of applications/expressions of interest have already been received, of which some have been provisionally approved and some continue to be assessed at present. Applicants will be notified as soon as their applications have been approved in principle. The delivery of the build outs will commence as early as possible.

The Council has received applications from businesses with proposals to temporarily and partially close 8 streets/laneways in the core business district. All requests received have been examined and will be advertised in the local press as a first step. The proposal is to close the streets each day with effect from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June through to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November and for differing times, depending on the location. It is necessary under the Roads Act that these proposals be advertised for submissions to be made by persons that may be affected by same.

Kieran Lehane,
Director of Service.



## MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY $17^{\text{TH}}$ MAY 2021

### **Question submitted by Councillor James Collins**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, given the fantastic public response and success of recent street murals, what is the process of choosing who is depicted, how are locations chosen and if the process can be opened for the public to engage and make further submissions or suggestions for consideration.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick has a rich variety of Street Art, the majority of which has been produced independently, by a number of organisations. This is subject to approval by the relevant Limerick City and County Council Departments and Committees. Usually Limerick City and County Council have no input into themes and selection of location.

The majority of the street art in Limerick has been coordinated by **Draw Out: Urban Exhibitionist** - an Urban Regeneration Initiative that uses the most contemporary examples of Urban Art to reimagine space. Over the ten years they have been operating in Limerick, Draw Out have funded their work through competitive open calls and through securing private funding.

The honouring of Dodo Reddan through a street art installation was submitted to Protocol Committee. Given the exceptional nature of the COVID19 pandemic, Limerick City and County Council were delighted to partner with Draw Out to make this project possible.

While Limerick City and County Council have no regular programme for the production of murals, in 2021 a stream of funding became available, which due to the nature of the project was theme and location specific. This project is in progress and has been administered through open call; The Military, Maritime, Industrial Atlantic Heritage (MMIAH) project. The location and theme for this project is site specific.

Limerick City and County Council are preparing a Public Art Policy and Strategy, which will reference types of Public Art, and examine this issue further.

Dr. Pippa Little

Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Programme Co-ordinator

13 May 2021



Limerick City and County Council Metropolitan District

### MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 17th May 2020

### Question submitted by Councillor J. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the results of the recent traffic survey on Rosbrien Road to be made available

### REPLY:

A copy of the Traffic Survey conducted at the Rosbrien Road is attached to this answer.

Aidan Finn

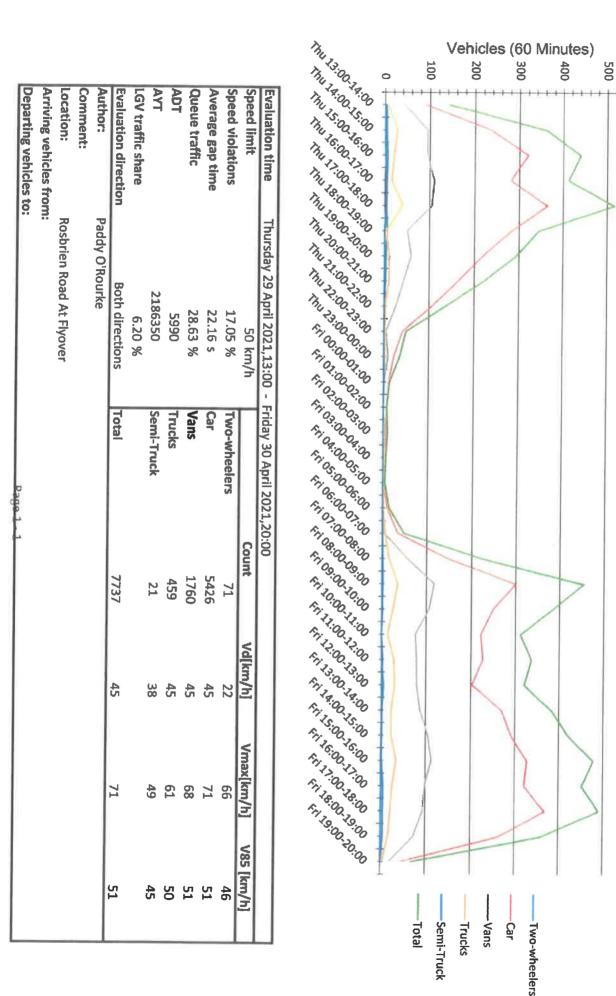
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### **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an updated list of the membership of the newly recommenced Limerick Forum.

### **REPLY:**

The Chief Executive decided to re-convene the Limerick Forum to assist in the review of the Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Strategy which is now seven years old and requires revision.

Similar to the previous Limerick Economic Forum established in 2013, the new forum will be chaired by Denis Brosnan with members acting in a voluntary capacity to advise the Chief Executive on the review.

The Forum this time will also advise on the social dimension of the strategy especially around poverty reduction and social investment. In addition, the Forum brings key Limerick organisations together to share discussions and plans.

The current membership is as follows:

Councillor Michael Collins	Mayor of the City and County of Limerick
Denis Brosnan (Chair)*	Previous roles include:
	Chair of Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC
	Chair of Mid-West Taskforce
	Founder Chief Executive and Chairman of Kerry Group Plc
	Chair of Horse Racing Ireland
Fr Pat Hogan	Moyross Parish Priest
	Chaplin of the Limerick Traveller Community
	Member of Limerick Regeneration Advisory Monitoring Group
John Moran*	Previous Roles include:
	Interim Chair of the Land Development Agency
	Secretary General of the Department of Finance
Tim O'Connor*	Previous Roles include:
	Chair of the Shannon Consortium
	Secretary General to the President,
	Joint Secretary of the North/South Ministerial Council
	Consul General of Ireland, New York
Barry O'Sullivan*	Vice President of Manufacturing at Johnson & Johnson
	Board member of the IDA
	Former Chair of Mid-West action plan for Jobs
Mary Harney	UL Chancellor
	Former Tánaiste and Government Minister
Josephine Feehily*	Current Chair of the Pensions Commission
	Previous Roles include
	Head of the Revenue Commissioners
	Chair of the Policing Authority

Dee Ryan	Chief Executive Officer Limerick Chamber	
Conn Murray*	Chairman Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC	
	Former Chief Executive of Limerick City and County Council	
Collette Cowan	Group Chief Executive UL Hospitals Group	
Declan Jordan	Senior Lecturer in Economics at Cork University Business School	
	Director of the Spatial and Regional Economics Research Centre	

• Original member of the Limerick Economic Forum 2013-2016

Sean Coughlan,
Deputy Chief Executive.

### **Metropolitan District of Limerick**

### Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update of the tree felling on the site of Gough Place, Rossbrien Road.

### Reply:

As part of the design development for the 17 new housing units at Gough Place a tree survey and arborist report was prepared in October 2018, by Michael Garry of Arbor Care, a professional member of the Arboricultural Association. Eleven trees along the boundary line between Gough Place and Punch's Close were examined. Two of these trees were suitable for retention and 9 have been removed for the reasons detailed below.

- Of the 9 trees that were removed 6 were "large over-mature Monterey cypress trees", 2 were early-mature small leaf limes and 1 was an early-mature sycamore.
- The trees along this boundary were identified as having "outgrown their living space and are no longer appropriate for their location."
- The condition of the trees are described as follows: "Many of the cypress have suffered significant storm damage and stem loss, they have also been over pruned on the apartment side (Punch's Close), which has resulted in un-balancing the canopies. There are two trees worthy of retention in the row namely T10 and T11 these trees are in good condition and can be retained. It is recommended from an arboricultural view that the remaining trees are removed."
- The report adds: "These trees are currently a hazard for the apartment's and will be within falling distance of the new development, it is prudent arboricultural management to remove these trees and to plant site appropriate trees that would maintain screening and enhance the amenity and biodiversity of the site."
- The report recommended that the trees were removed prior to construction and occupation of the new housing.
- The tree report and survey was included in the Part 8 application to the local authority (Planning ref: 18/8014) and granted planning on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- The design team have engaged with the National Parks and Wildlife Services, who are satisfied with the approach.
- A comprehensive landscaping plan is proposed as part of the current works, which includes for replanting this boundary with semi-mature native species, with 2 new trees proposed for each tree removed (18 no. new trees in total along this boundary).

Seamus Hanrahan
A/Director of Service
Capital Investment Directorate

### **Metropolitan District of Limerick**

### Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th May 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Clonmacken Part 8 housing development and if the Council could issue an explanation for the delay.

### Reply:

The Clonmacken development, comprising the construction of 43 no. social housing units, is advancing. The project is currently behind programme. Limerick City and County Council are liaising with the contractor and Design Team on programme related issues which are being dealt with in accordance with the contract.

Seamus Hanrahan A/Director of Service Capital Investment Directorate

13th May 2021

# Metropolitan District of Limerick Meeting to be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to install additional temporary bins around the "Three Bridges Walk" in the Metropolitan area for the Summer period.

### Reply:

The Council has provided additional wheelie bins in the busiest areas of the City to cater for the increased level of waste. This includes the "Three Bridges Walk". The Council also services the litter bins twice daily. The Council are monitoring the litter bin service to determine the most effective times to service the bins as this may likely be the solution in the interim.

Kieran Lehane, Director of Service, Service Operations.

13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.



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### Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for Limerick Council to put in place temporary traffic counters on the Father Russell Road to count bikes, cars, trucks and pedestrians and furnish the Members with the data at the next meeting.

### Reply:

The Council are currently in the process of procuring traffic counters to monitor road movements (traffic, cycle and pedestrian) on the Strategic Transport Routes identified in LSMATS. Father Russell Road will be included in the roads to be surveyed. Once the procurement and installation of the counters is completed, counts will be available to view.

Robert Gallagher

Robert Gallagher Senior Engineer Travel and Transportation Strategy 12th May 2021