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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 21st June 2021.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a total figure for vacant site levies charged in January 2019, January 2020 and January 2021 in respect of the corresponding 12 month charge period and what, if any, measures have been taken to collect these charges and if Limerick City and County Council have placed any charges on these lands in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

REPLY

In accordance with Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 the total amount of Vacant Levies charged by LCCC for 2019 was €506,450 and 2020 was €582,050. There are currently three appeals with the Property Valuation Tribunal and in accordance with Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 levy demands cannot be issued until the appeals are determined. The collection of the Vacant Site Levies is being transferred to the Debt Management Unit who will actively pursue the collection of the outstanding Vacant Site Levies. Under Section 19 of Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 as the levies remain due and owing there is a charge on the sites concerned.

Gordon Daly
Director of Services
Community Development Directorate
16th June, 2021



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, regarding entry registration number: VS-006-17 on the vacant site register;

- a. Why after being placed on the vacant site on 19/06/18 was this site removed from the register and when?
- b. Why was this site put back on the register on 14/09/20?
- c. Why were lands that were contained in the 2 folios for this site (LK4043F and LK4761F) when it was first put on the vacant site register in June 18, that were transferred in August and October 2018, prior to valuation in October 2019, not placed on the vacant site register given that the majority of this land still remains vacant?
- d. Did any elected representatives make representations on behalf of the owners of these sites?

REPLY

a. The site was placed on the Vacant Site Register in June 2018. However, an administrative error occurred in relation to our process of issuing notices in respect of this site. Therefore, the site was removed from Vacant Site Register in February 2020 and the process was recommenced

b. Limerick City and County Council recommenced the process of adding the site to the Vacant Site Register in February 2020. The site was entered on Limerick City and County Council's Vacant Site Register on 14th September, 2020.

c. Limerick City and County Council received updated information in respect of ownership details of the site. Limerick City and County Council will open a Vacant Site case and carry out an inspection in relation to the lands that remain vacant.

d. No

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full list of sites by location/folio number, that were considered for entry onto the vacant site register and the reason why they were not included i.e. VS- 001-17 to VS-041-17 inclusive and any others that were given a VS code.

REPLY

LCCC identified 19 potential vacant sites. The owners of each site were notified by way of letter that outlined the reasons the site was considered a vacant site under the legislation and the intention of LCCC to enter the site on the Vacant Site Register. In accordance with the Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015, property owners had the right to make a submission to the Council in writing within 28 days to appeal the decision to enter the site on the Vacant Site Register.

The following were the 19 sites identified as potential vacant sites of which 9 are currently on the Vacant Site Register:

REF. NUMBER:	SITE LOCATION:	FOLIO REF:	ON THE REGISTER:	REASON NOT ON THE REGISTER:
VS-001-17	Carrowkeel Castletroy (1 629 11.692, 157393.738)	LK2972F	NO	Decision to enter the site on VSR appealed An Bord Pleanála by the owner. An Bord Pleanála cancelled the entry.
VS-002-17	Clonmacken (155116.008, 156998.451)	LK57425F	NO	Site Removed from the Register as construction has commenced in accordance with Planning Permission 17/470.

VS-015-17	Bishops Quay (52.662238, -8.631366)	LK69027F	NO	Submission Received from owner and decision taken not to enter the site on the register due to the contents of the submission
VS-018-17	Clonmacken (155174.919,157324.776)	LK34762F	NO	Submission Received from owner - Land used for Agricultural Purposes so not entered on VSR in accordance with the Act
VS-024-17	Annacotty (162902.128,156777.048)	LK63749F	NO	Submission Received – Decision taken not to enter on VSR due to Zoning
VS-026-17	Castletroy (162002.065,157140.786)	LK66566F	NO	Submission Received – Land used for Agricultural purposes so not entered on the VSR in accordance with the Act
VS-027-17	Sarsfield Street	Folio NOT REGISTERED	NO	Site bought by University of Limerick and Vacant Site removed from the VSR
VS-031-17	Sailor's House O'Curry Street (157023.670,156507.302)	Folio NOT REGISTERED	NO	Submission Received – Site used for Cultural Events so not entered

				on VSR
VS-041-17	Clonmaken (155083.452,156714.340)	LK67743F LK67844F, LK19552F	NO	Submission Received – Site Removed as construction 43 Social Housing Scheme Commenced
VS-042-17	Speakers Corner, Carey's Road (157700.474,156349.875)	LK26096F	NO	Submission Received – A decision was made not to enter the site on the VSR based on the submission
VS-006-17	Newtown (163128.162,156875.600)	LK4043F LK4761F	YES	
VS-008-17	Clonmacken (154729.717,156861.661)	LK38178F LK52734F LK52731F LK52739F LK9831	YES	
VS-021-17	Annacotty (163692.862,157420.050)	LK2207	YES	
VS-022-17	Mungret Street (158078.288,157205.780)		YES	
VS-023-17	Annacotty (163932.397,157232.202)	LK59599F	YES	
VS-025-17	Newtown (162747.284,157036.640)	LK63939F	YES	
VS-028-17	Ellen Street (157915.911,157157.449)	Folio NOT REGISTERED	YES	
VS-032-17	Catherine Street (157479.282,156687.218)	LK55085F	YES	
VS-036-17	Gerald Griffin Street (158037.024,156957.358)	LK41562F	YES	

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Council provide an update after my motion to service Glasgow Park and Flanker Court with a bus service was unanimously supported at a Metropolitan meeting. Can you advise if the Council has contacted the NTA and Bus Eireann with a view to get the service up and running.

Reply:

Currently the 303-bus route services Roxboro Road, Carew Park and then on to the Kilmallock Road. At the moment this service turns left on the Kilmallock Road. This arrangement will remain in place until a turning facility is implemented further out the R512 Kilmallock Road.

The current service to the Georgian Village, which travels along the Childers Road and is only four services per day, will be reviewed by the NTA and Bus Eireann once the turning facility is implemented on the R512 Kilmallock Road.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate

17th June 2021



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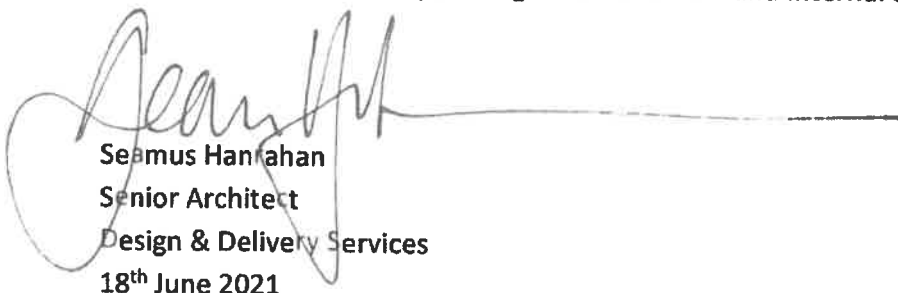
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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that an update is provided as to the reason for the delay in advertising the Part 8 in relation to the graveyard boundary wall for Mount St. Oliver Cemetery, and that the design of the boundary wall be circulated to the Elected Members as soon as possible and that the Part 8 be progressed as a matter of urgency.

Reply:

Design work and internal consultation is progressing on the project to construct a new boundary wall and associated landscaping at Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery. The extent of the wall has been confirmed at c. 268 metres with a height of c 3.1 metres which varies with the topography of the site. The design of the wall was circulated to Elected Members on the 18th June 2021 for information. The setting out of the wall is being finalised taking account of the Limerick City Bus Priority Measures proposed for the Kilmallock Road included in the Draft Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS). Preparation of an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report are underway and due to be completed on 25th June 2021. The Part 8 Submission will follow completion of the planning documentation and internal consultation.



Seamus Hanfahan
Senior Architect
Design & Delivery Services
18th June 2021



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has secured Government funding, or a commitment of Government funding, and if there are commitments existing for funding from the University of Limerick, Clare County Council or Waterways Ireland to contribute to the development of the Black Bridge in Plassey and if any discussions have been had within the Local Authority, and / or with any other bodies regarding the development.

Reply:

The Black Bridge forms a logical crossing of the Shannon connecting existing/proposed Greenways on the Limerick and Clare sides of the river. Waterways Ireland will be leading the progression of the Greenway in County Clare and are shortly to set up and head a steering group consisting of representatives from Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council, the Electricity Supply Board. Clearly the securing of funding for the appropriate Shannon crossing point will be an important goal of this body.

Limerick City and County Council has raised with the National Transport Authority the potential of the Black Bridge serving as a logical Shannon Crossing point for linking Active Travel Modes/Green Routes across the river and will strive to include this connection as an inclusion in the draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy. Inclusion in LSMATS is critical to securing funding to deliver an appropriate river crossing point and Limerick City and County Council will seek to secure the Black Bridge as the appropriate location.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
17th June, 2021



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COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON: Monday, 21st June, 2021

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many applicants approved for a 4 bed property, who have been on the housing waiting list for more than ten years, have never been offered a property to-date, and, if any, a breakdown per each Electoral Area.

REPLY:

Metropolitan District	20
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Newcastlewest	1
Total	22

Rob Lowth, Housing Support Services

16/06/2021



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 21st June 2021

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 "BELONGING TO LIMERICK, Limerick City and County Integration Plan 2018-22" implementation and if an evaluation of this plan will be taking place.

REPLY:

The Limerick Integration Working Group (IWG) is an Interagency Group that oversees the implementation of the strategy. The membership include key stakeholders from the public and other sectors. Following the adoption of the strategy by the Council the IWG established five thematic working groups to progress the implementation of the strategy. The thematic groups are; 1) Language, education and employment, 2) Information, advice and direct support services 3) Equality of access to public services 4) Cultural awareness and anti-racism and 5) Active Community Participation.

The implementation approach is to focus on specific actions under the above themes but during the COVID 19 pandemic and the emerging needs that arose, particular attention was given to those considered high risk such as persons in direct provision, undocumented persons and those considered highly vulnerable.

The IWG meets on a quarterly basis and monitors the progress of the working groups and it is planned to complete an evaluation of the strategy in Q3/Q4 in 2022, which will also inform the development of the next strategy.

Seamus O'Connor
LCDC Chief Officer
Community Development Directorate
18th June 2021

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21th JUNE, 2021.

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update regarding planning compliance by the operator of Ballyneety Quarry.

REPLY:

Following inspection by Planning Enforcement, Warning Letters were issued to the owners of the site. A response has been received from the owners dated 31st May 2021. Planning Enforcement is currently assessing this response with a view to determining how to progress this case.

Signed: Dara McGuigan
 A/Senior Executive Officer
 Planning and Environmental Services

16th June 2021