

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

Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the numbers of accommodation units located in the student villages on the Old Cratloe Road used by Limerick City and County Council for housing allocations, including Thomond Student Village and Cratloe Wood Village, with a breakdown per development and type of allocation (i.e. emergency/temporary/permanent).

REPLY:

Currently, Limerick City and County Council has 13 long-term leased houses in the former Section 50 Student Village (Thomond). The type of accommodation tenure is transitional in nature with those tenants approved for a transfer in accordance with the Scheme of Allocations. Previously, short-term lettings had been engaged in Cratloe Student Village for emergency accommodation but this no longer happens as family numbers have fallen.

Rob Lowth,
A/Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 19TH JULY, 2021

Question submitted by Councillor A. Talukder

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many taxi licences have been issued, and how many taxi rank spaces are in place, in the Metropolitan District and if it is possible to direct existing CCTV cameras, or install new CCTV cameras, to monitor the taxi ranks in the city area.

REPLY:

- The number of current taxi rank spaces available under the provisions of Limerick City and County Council appointed stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye Laws 2006 and Limerick City and County Council appointed stands (Street Service Vehicles) (Taxis) Metropolitan District Draft Bye Laws 2018, is 87 spaces including 10 number proposed at Saint Nessans Road adjacent to Limerick City University Hospital at Dooradoyle.
- Currently 62 spaces operate 24/7 hrs: 14 spaces operate 17:30hrs: to 06:30 hrs: and 11 spaces operate 17:30 hrs: to 04:00hrs:
- The use of CCTV apparatus to monitor Taxi ranks for the purpose of issuing Fixed Charge Notices is prohibited under current G.D.P.R. regulations
- The estimated cost of providing CCTV apparatus at Taxi ranks where CCTV is not currently available is €100k.

Kieran Lehane,
Director of Service.

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many Approved Housing Bodies are actively involved in housing in the city area and of said amount how many do not allow succession of tenancy.

REPLY:

At any one time, Limerick City and County Council is actively engaged with approximately 20 Approved Housing Bodies (AHBS) delivering a variety of services mixed between homeless services with emergency accommodation and permanent social-rental housing. Approved Housing Bodies do not allow succession tenancies as operated by Local Authorities. However, occupants remaining in a property can apply to the AHB for Succession Consideration. No automatic succession allows AHBs deal with areas such as under occupancy, which allows for a more efficient housing management system of returning houses to allocation teams.

Rob Lowth,
A/Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services

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JULY, 2021**

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe:

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many vacant Council owned properties for sale have Limerick City and County Council advertised for an expression of interest in the Metropolitan area and what are the properties advertised.

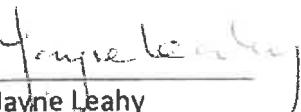
REPLY:

Dear Cllr. Costelloe,

We currently have 9 vacant Council owned properties for sale in the Metropolitan District. Three of these are For Sale by Expression of Interest and are listed below.

- Former Garda Station, Mary Street, Limerick
- 29 Nicholas Street, Limerick
- 35 Nicholas Street, Limerick

Regards,


Jayne Leahy
Head of Property & Community Facilities

13 July 2021

Metropolitan District Municipal Meeting – July 2021

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costello:

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will the CCTV camera on O'Dwyers Bridge, which will service Athlunkard Street, Sir Harry's Mall, and parts of Corbally, be complete and be fully operational given the amount of anti social behaviour in the area.

Answer:

There are 3 cameras to be completed at a single location adjacent to the bridge.

THE ESB have completed their works in bringing power to the location.

The final commissioning of the CCTV cameras can now be completed by the CCTV contractor.

These works are scheduled to be completed by the 16th July and the cameras will be activated shortly afterwards.



Conor Culloo

Signed:

Conor Culloo,
Senior Engineer,
Housing Maintenance

Date: 15th July, 2021

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to Project Ivy or any other circumstances where the Council are taking on long term leases from pension funds, what checks are the Council putting in place to ensure that these pension funds have not competed with first time buyers when acquiring properties.

REPLY:

The Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP) supports the delivery of social housing by providing financial support to local authorities for the leasing of houses and apartments. Dwellings under the scheme come from a number of different sources including private owners, commercial entities, Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) and Part V.

The leasing arrangements in place to date undertake a rigorous pre-assessment as follows:

- A check against housing need in area for bed type proposed
- An assessment of the level of social-rental in an area to avoid overconcentration of one type of tenure
- A check to ensure that there is vacant possession
- A check to ensure no first time buyer is bidding. The Housing Directorate seek confirmation that First Time Buyers are not engaging/bidding on the property. If it is confirmed that First Time Buyers are bidding, the Housing Directorate will not support the unit under Long Term Lease.

Sarah Newell,
Senior Executive Officer
Strategy and Non-LA Housing Construction

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, how many long term leases have the Council acquired through pension funds and how many properties have each pension fund supplied to the Council? (eg: Company A has supplied x houses, company b has supplied y houses. The Council have acquired y leases in total.)

REPLY:

Long-term lease arrangements, including the enhanced lease, of privately owned dwellings can be entered into by either local authorities or AHBs. Under these arrangements, the local authority or AHB acts as the landlord to the tenant. The terms of these agreements are set out in standard template agreements provided by my Department, which must be used, by all local authorities and AHBs. Agreements may be entered into for periods of between 10 to 25 years in duration; availability agreements under the CALF scheme can be up to 30 years in duration.

Since the leasing arrangements commenced with Limerick City and County Council in 2019, the following commercial entities have signed Long Term Lease Agreements with the Limerick City and County Council:

REDIRESI FIVE LIMITED	First Step Homes (Ireland) Ltd	Tom Walsh Pension Trust	Elm Long Income ICAV
12	12	1	4
Chartered Capital Investment Ltd	Liam O' Grady Auctioneers	IPSFA	
16	1	3	

In the context of the housing crisis in Limerick, the Long-term Leasing Scheme is now making a significant and very welcome contribution to social housing waiting lists.

Sarah Newell,
Senior Executive Officer,
Strategy and Non-LA Housing Construction

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what is the average monthly rent for a 1, 2 and 3 bed unit, for long term leases already agreed under Project Ivy.

REPLY:

The table below sets the unit type, number of units and average monthly rent for commercial entities availing of long-term leasing with Limerick City and County Council. The rent paid to Lessors under the scheme is 80% of market rent for houses in a non-managed development and 85% market rent where management fees apply for units in a managed development. Rent reviews under standard long-term leasing occur on the third anniversary of the commencement date and every third year thereafter. These reviews are based on changes in the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP). With Limerick City and County Council, leases with commercial entities commenced in 2019, in line with Government policy to enable this social-rental supply stream. Data therefore has been collated for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

YEAR	BEDTYPE	NO OF UNITS	TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY
2019, 2020 & 2021	1 bed	1	€765.00
	2 bed	18	€976.11
	3 bed	25	€1,185.40

Sarah Newell,
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Strategy and Non-LA Housing Construction



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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 a meeting of Metropolitan Councillors and the NTA regarding the public bike scheme, and if there is any update on when the King John's / Limerick Castle station will be reopened.

Reply:

The NTA have now indicated that they hope to meet with the Metropolitan Councillors in September following the summer break. The exact date to be arranged closer to the time.

Works on the King John's Castle station are scheduled to commence in August/September of this year.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
13th July, 2021