



**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Council advise what plans they have for the Old Cinema Royal Building in Upper Cecil Street.

**REPLY:**

The former Royal is owned by Limerick and Clare ETB and while Innovate Limerick have expressed an interest to acquire that site, no agreement has been reached as yet.

Mike Cantwell  
Head of Enterprise and CEO of Innovate Limerick  
11/11/2021



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## **Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many smoky fuel fines (supply or burning) have been issued in Limerick in the last 5 years.

### **Reply:**

The Council has received and investigated 34 complaints relating to smoky fuels since 1 January, 2017. Of those investigations four resulted in the service of fixed payments notices. One prosecution was taken as a result of these notices.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
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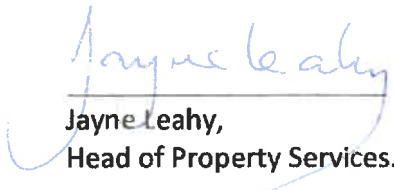
### **Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council provide a list and a map of all vacant land in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council, that are identified as suitable for either housing or recreation purposes.

### **REPLY:**

This request requires a large volume of data to be gathered and will require the input of multiple Directorates. We will review and revert at the next Metropolitan District Meeting.

2021 saw the appointment of an ICT Software Development company to deliver a new Property Interest Register to Limerick City and County Council. The project, when completed in 2022 will provide Limerick City & County Council with a first of its type bespoke Software database which will manage all LCCC property. This will allow for an efficient reporting functionality re: Property Ownership/Ownership Type/Current Use/Zoning once implemented.

  
Jayne Leahy,  
Head of Property Services.

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many fines for littering were issued in the last year and how many people were prosecuted and convicted for littering offences.

**Reply:**

The number of fines issued for littering offences in the past 12 month period - 1/11/20 to 5/11/21 is 116. The number and outcome of prosecutions for littering offences for the same period is set out below:

16 Prosecutions were successful;

11 cases have a court date set;

15 cases have a court date pending.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
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**11<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the construction of social housing units at Drominbeg, Rhebogue.

**REPLY:**

There is currently no scheme under construction or being considered in Drominbeg, Rhebogue for social housing units under the Social Housing Investment Programme.



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### **Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a pilot project has been conducted to assess how a scheme similar to the one operated by the Scottish Government in making available period products free of charge in their schools/educational institutions/public buildings, could work in Limerick City and County Council and if the Chief Executive is going to report on that back to the Council as moved in my notice of motion at the meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### **REPLY:**

The Council notes that Programme for Government contains a commitment to provide free period products in publicly funded educational settings. The current National Strategy for Women and Girls has provided a framework in which to address this issue, following successful motions introduced by the Women's Parliamentary Caucus in Dáil Éireann and in Seanad Éireann in 2019 calling on the Government to introduce measures to mitigate period poverty.

Further to the reply furnished on 15<sup>th</sup> February, it is noted that the issue of the provision of free sanitary products in public buildings is the subject of the Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2021 Bill. The Council will await the adoption of the law and the provisions and implications of same to be notified to Local Authorities in due course and will advise Elected Members accordingly. The Council will proceed with implementing the outcome of this process upon its completion at national level and as part of a coordinated and strategic response to this issue.

**Laura Flannery,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.**

**11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**



## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 15th November, 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

- a. If the Bloodmill Road has been considered under the Active Travel Schemes/Plans given that a Part VIII planning was passed many years ago for the realigned Bloodmill Road which included for cycleway provision, and
- b. When this Part VIII project will be delivered.

### Reply:

- a. Bloodmill Road is identified in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) for active and sustainable travel modes. A section of Bloodmill Road has been completed which includes active travel modes, and this section was constructed to accommodate the new secondary school development.
- b. Further development of the area is under consideration and once realised active travel modes will form part of the new road development. The remainder of the existing Bloodmill Road will become an Active Travel Project however is not on the current priority list at this time.

**Sean McGlynn**  
**A/ Senior Engineer**  
**Active Travel Dept.**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 15th November, 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, at what stage is the delivery strategy for the City Centre, given the O'Connell Street works and the Christmas season for retailers fast approaching.

### Reply:

Limerick City and County Council has commenced the initial development of a Delivery Strategy and is currently looking at best practice elsewhere, including in the UK and Europe. The most sustainable options for the city need to be explored, having regard to the needs of retailers and the requirement for low carbon solutions. The Council has also commenced engagement with delivery service providers to discuss sustainable options for Limerick.

It will be essential to have an agreed Transport Strategy (LSMATS) in place in order to fully develop a Delivery Strategy for the city. The National Transport Authority has informed us they intend to commence the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of public consultation for the Transport Strategy in January next.

The Council will engage in consultation with the stakeholders as options are developed and ensure that consideration is given to all current arrangements with businesses, etc. There are currently arrangements in place in the city as a result of the O'Connell Street works and the Council will have regard to this construction delivery plan when developing the proposed delivery strategy.

A seven-week marketing campaign for Christmas in Limerick is being launched on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The campaign is developed to encourage people to support local retailers and shop in Limerick this Christmas. A free festive parking / park and stride initiative will also be promoted.

**Brian Kennedy**

**Director of Service**

**Transportation & Mobility Directorate**

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021**





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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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### Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the traffic management plan for the Parkway Roundabout given the volume of traffic back on our roads and the previous commitment that the possibility of traffic lights being installed would be examined.

### Reply:

The Active Travel Team are currently working with the design team to review various options as part of the Dublin Road Bus Corridor.

Regular Councillor updates will be facilitated through Area Briefing & workshops.

**Sean McGlynn**  
**A/Senior Engineer**  
**Active Travel Dept.**  
**Transportation & Mobility Directorate**  
**10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick  
to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to confirm what water quality monitoring is currently active in the Metropolitan District and for an update on monitored water quality for the possibility of bathing at the Corbally baths.

**Reply:**

Water Quality Monitoring in the Metropolitan District is carried out as follows;

1. As part of the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, Limerick City and County Council provide;
  - a. an annual monitoring programme under the Drinking Water Regulations with results published on the Irish Water website at [www.water.ie/help/water-quality/results](http://www.water.ie/help/water-quality/results)
  - b. an annual monitoring programme under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations and the Wastewater Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations in accordance with Discharge License conditions for the Castletroy Waste Water Treatment Plant with results published on the Irish Water website in the form of an Annual Environmental Report.
2. Limerick City and County Council undertake sampling of surface waters under the EPA Monitoring Programme to satisfy the Water Framework Directive at Athlunkard Bridge, Parteen Bridge, Castleconnell and Annacotty.
3. Limerick City and County Council undertake sampling and analysis of private water supplies (Group Water Supplies and small private supplies) as part of an Annual Monitoring Programme under the Drinking Water Regulations.
4. Limerick City and County Council provide sampling and analysis of private wells on request as part of the assessment process for the Well Grant administered by the Council on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Housing (Private Water Supply Financial Assistance) Regulations 2020.

In relation to water quality monitoring at Corbally Baths, Limerick City and County Council undertakes sampling fortnightly during the bathing season (mid May to mid September) and has done so since May 2019. The Bathing Water Regulations require four years of microbiological testing in order to perform an indicative assessment of the water quality at this location for bathing. Currently the water quality is of "poor" quality and therefore not satisfying the limits set out in the Bathing Water Regulations.

A Surface & Stormwater Strategic Assessment is currently being undertaken by Consultants on behalf of Limerick City & County Council with Corbally Baths included as a Priority Area. This assessment provides for additional sampling, over a 3-month period, at locations upstream of the Baths to establish if the sources of contamination can be established.



**Sonja Reidy**  
**Senior Executive Officer**  
**Water Services**  
**10/11/2021**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the cost of the EuroVelo 1 bicycle signs placed in Limerick and where the funding for this signage came from. Will the signs have an accompanying publicity campaign to inform people what they mean.

**REPLY:**

The Eurovelo 1 signage was funded by Limerick City and County Council's own resources. The cost of the signage was €5,600.

Sport Ireland will be doing a launch in 2022 of the full Eurovelo 1 route which goes from Rosslare to Donegal.

**Ben Noonan**  
**Senior Executive Engineer**  
**Community, Tourism and Culture**

**12<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**



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### **Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, when are the lights going to be installed in Mungret Park.

### **Reply:**

For reasons of public safety, the current opening times in all of the Parks accord with seasonal day light hours, which extend up to 9pm during the summer months.

At present, the Council has no plans to install lights in Mungret Park. There is currently no funding source for the provision of lighting in Parks.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
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### **Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, when are lights going to be installed in Vartry Field.

### **Reply:**

The current opening times in all of the Parks accord with seasonal day light hours, which extend up to 9pm during the summer months.

While upgrading the Vartry Field earlier this year, ducting for lighting was installed around the perimeter of the field. The ducting was provided in order to future proof the project, should funding become available at some stage for the provision of lighting in our amenities. However, there is currently no funding source for this lighting.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**Planning, Environment & Place-Making**  
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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, have we a timeframe as to when the cameras in Altimara Court will be replaced following on from the damage caused to it recently.

**REPLY:**

This camera was recently damaged following vandalism.

This camera had been in place for an extended period and did not have its own permanent infrastructure.

This camera was of a temporary type that was not being monitored. It was installed prior to the introduction of GDPR.

It is not proposed to replace the camera at this time. If it were to be replaced it would require a process to demonstrate compliance with GDPR requirements. This would require a DPIA to be completed given the fact that it would by necessity be upgraded (replacement).

The CCTV Policy at present is that pending review no new cameras are being installed. This would be considered as a new camera as the requirement for DPIA would have to be completed.



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### Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, given the fact that funding has been set aside for the refurbishment of the Black Bridge in Plassey when will the necessary works commence and is there a timeframe involved to complete.

### Reply:

Waterways Ireland have informed us that they are working in partnership with Clare County Council & Limerick City and County Council as well as other agencies (ESB etc.) and are currently undertaking a feasibility and route selection process for a possible Limerick to Scarriff Greenway. The possible routes for the Greenway envisage the restoration and re-opening of the Black Bridge and its use as a crossing of the Shannon for the Greenway. The feasibility and route selection process is due to be finalised in April 2022.

While the restoration of the Black Bridge is included in the Limerick City & County Council 3-year Capital Programme, however progression of this restoration is dependent on securing a funding source.

**Brian Kennedy**  
Director of Service  
Transportation and Mobility Directorate  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2021