

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for the railing to be replaced, road to be repaired and the bushes to be cut back at Kilconlea on the old N21 road, which is now a cul de sac road

**REPLY:**

The section of the railing which is broken at the above location will be repaired within the next 3 weeks.

The roadway has been repaired and the bushes have been cut back.

**J. Sheehan,  
Senior Executive Engineer,  
Municipal District of Newcastle West.  
26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

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**REPLY( PART A):**

Gaelside housing estate, Athea has 3 no public lights located within it. These lights have been included in the scope of work for the South West Region Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project where existing public lighting is to be retrofitted to LED energy efficient lanterns. It is expected that the appointed contractor will be carrying out retrofits in the LCCC administrative area in 2023. It should be noted that the Public Lighting teams budget is for the purpose of maintenance and does not provide for the upgrading of existing lights. With this in mind the if there are failures noted prior to the commencement of the above contract the maintenance team will examine the feasibility upgrading these lights.

Seamas O'Reilly  
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23.11.2021

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**REPLY: PART (B)**

At the present time there are renovations taking place at a private house above the funeral home in Athea. Once these renovations are complete, footpath repairs will be carried out subject to the availability of funding.

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**REPLY: PART (C)**

The Athea public realm project is in the process of being completed. The installation of a new footpath and public lighting from the graveyard to Athea GAA field is in progress with an expected completion date of a further 2 – 3 weeks. Funding for this project was sought and approved by the National Transport Authority.

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**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LIAM GALVIN**

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) a copy of the byelaws around the erection of head stones in our graveyards for this local authority (b) how many illegal developments are now in our graveyards (c) how many enforcements have the council taken against illegal developments over the past 5 years.

**REPLY:**

- (a) Limerick City and County Council Cemetery Bye-Laws 2015 are available on Council website for public viewing at [https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/cemetries\\_bye\\_laws\\_2015.pdf](https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/cemetries_bye_laws_2015.pdf).
- (b) Limerick City and County Council is aware of 40 illegal developments erected in last 5 years.
- (c) In last 5 years, 24 enforcements letters have been issued resulting in 1 court prosecution and the removal of 7 Monumental Sculptors from Limerick City and County Council Register of Approved Monumental Sculptors.

Nuala O'Connell,  
Senior Planner

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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**Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting can the road 6076 Kerrikyle Ardagh be considered for inclusion in the Roadworks Programme 2022 as the road is in poor condition.

**REPLY:**

This request will be considered under the Roads Programme of Works for 2022.

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I will ask at the next Meeting can footpaths be renewed at Boherbui Newcastle West as they are in bad condition and that they be considered for inclusion in the Roadworks Programme 2022.

**REPLY:**

This request will be considered under the Roads Programme of Works for 2022.

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Senior Executive Engineer,  
Municipal District of Newcastle West.  
26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON Wednesday  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2021**

**Question Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown of the current numbers on the housing waiting list for the Newcastle West Municipal District and that the numbers for 2020 also be given as a comparison.

**REPLY:**

Total Demand for each area in the Newcastle West Municipal District as of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as follows:

<b><i>Newcastle West Muncipal District</i></b>	
Abbeyfeale	139
Ardagh	59
Ashford/Ballaugh	11
Athea	35
Ballyagran	14
Ballaugh	2
Broadford	28
Carrigkerry	12
Castlemahon/Feohanagh	40
Castletown	5
Dromcollogher	35
Dromtrasna	0
Feenagh	24
Glin	28



Kilmeedy	19
Knockaderry	1
Mountcollins	12
Newcastle West	343
Strand	25
Templeglantine	54
Tournafulla	22

In relation to the second part of the query, the system the Council uses (Ihouse) to capture this data is a Live System and any changes are updated immediately so therefore there is no historical/obsolete information stored on the system so unfortunately it is not possible to do a comparison of this data with 2020.



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Caroline Curley  
Director of Services  
Housing

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan**

I will ask at the next Meeting for the full list of the current rates across the three Housing Grant Schemes, which include Housing Aid for Older People, Mobility Aid Grant and the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.

**REPLY:**

The maximum grant levels are notified to Local Authorities by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**1. Housing Aid for Older People**

The Housing Aid for Older People grant covers some of the cost of work needed, but not all of it. The amount of money an applicant gets depends on their household income for the previous tax year. There are some disregards and deductions that can reduce the amount of household income that the local authority takes into account.

The most an applicant can get is €8,000 or 95% of the total cost of the work approved by the local authority (whichever is less). This grant can go towards the total cost of the work including the VAT.

Yearly household income	Percentage of costs	Maximum grant
Up to €30,000	95%	€8,000
€30,001 - €35,000	85%	€6,800
€35,001 - €40,000	75%	€6,000
€40,001 - €50,000	50%	€4,000
€50,001 - €60,000	30%	€2,400
Over €60,000	No grant payable	No grant payable

## **2. Mobility Aid Grant**

The most an applicant can get is €6,000 or the total cost of the work approved by the local authority (whichever is less). This grant can cover 100% of the cost of the work, up to a maximum of €6,000. There are some disregards and deductions that can reduce the amount of household income that the local authority takes into account.

A grant is not available if the household income for the previous tax year is more than €30,000 after the disregards and deductions are applied.

## **3. Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability**

The Housing Adaptation Grant covers some of the cost of the work needed, but not all of it. The amount of money an applicant gets depends on the household income for the previous tax year. There are some disregards and deductions that can reduce the amount of household income that the local authority takes into account.

The most an applicant can get is €30,000 or 95% of the total cost of the work approved by the local authority (whichever is less). A grant is not available if the household income is more than €60,000, after the disregards and deductions are applied

<b>Yearly household income</b>	<b>Percentage of costs</b>	<b>Maximum grant for homes built more than 12 months ago</b>	<b>Maximum grant for homes built within the last 12 months</b>
Up to €30,000	95%	€30,000	€14,500
€30,001 – €35,000	85%	€25,500	€12,325
€35,001 – €40,000	75%	€22,500	€10,875
€40,001 – €50,000	50%	€15,000	€7,250
€50,001 – €60,000	30%	€9,000	€4,350
Over €60,000	No grant payable	No grant payable	No grant payable

**H. Creed,  
Senior Staff Officer,  
Housing Support Services.  
26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

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**Question submitted by Councillor J Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting when will the replication of property numbering at Daar River Walk & Daar River View, Newcastle West will be resolved

**REPLY:**

Daar River View is currently on the Council list for the taking in charge. Once the estate has been taken in charge, appropriate signage can be put in place. It is expected that the estate will be taken in charge within 4 to 6 months.

Appropriate directional signage is in place for Daar River Walk.

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Senior Executive Engineer,  
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26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**