

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
OF ADARE RATHKEALE MEETING TO BE HELD ON Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2022**

**To: The Chairman and Each Member of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale Re: Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works - (SMDW)**

Dear Councillor,

I wish to refer to previous discussions regarding the requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes

The SMDW in respect of the Municipal District should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.

Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgements in particular instances, it is considered that the term "maintenance" can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years.

It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.

It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the Municipal District each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.

Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.

The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the "strategic" budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale is set out at appendix 1 attached.

The approval of the Members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

**Caroline Curley, Director  
of Services.**

## Appendix 1

<b>ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2021</b>	
<b>Work Category</b>	<b>€</b>
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	€2,110,478
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	€397,114
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing	€311,374
Drainage Grant	€200,000
General Maintenance (GM)	€865,715
Signposting	€150,125
Tar Patching (TP)	€370,130
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€171,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€ 270,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€208,950
N21 Pavement : Coolballyshane- Smithfield	€500,000
N69 Hegarty's Cross to Askeaton Bypass (Phase 1)	€1,620,000
N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming	€50,000
N69 Court Cross	€100,000
M20 Limerick to Cork	€6,000,000
Foynes to Limerick	€10,000,000
Sustainable Travel Measures Grant ( Active Travel)	€1,150,000
<b>Total Defined MD Spending</b>	<b>€ 24,474,878</b>

- Winter Maintenance (WM) **€558,954** Total City & County.
- Community Improvement Schemes (CIS) – Limerick City & County Council are currently identifying schemes that will be included in the 2022 programme. An allocation of **€713,900** has been made to Limerick City and County for 2022 & 2023

- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ring fenced funding for LIS in 2020. The 2022 allocation for Limerick City and County Council has not yet been received.
- Public Lighting € 2,900,000 Total City & County.
- Former National Road Grant – €500,000 – In accordance with Circular RW 1/2021, €500,000 has been made available for the upkeep of declassified national roads.
- TII Capital Maintenance Works 2022 for national roads across Limerick City and County – Awaiting TII funding allocation / instruction.
- NTA Pedestrian Improvements at junctions at various locations. Total of €750,000 for the City and County

<b>Regional Roads</b> <b>Road Reconstruction</b> <b>Allocation € 377,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R518	Danahers Cross to Garveys	450	€170,000
R518	Ballingarry- O'Grady's to Ring Road Junction	470	€207,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>920</b>	<b>€377,000</b>

<b>Local Roads</b> <b>Road Reconstruction</b> <b>Allocation € 1,733,478</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L6086	Moig Cross to Dooncaha ( 2 Sections)	1000	€90,000.00
L6013	Don Bosco Road ,Pallaskenry	550	€320,000.00

L8039	Ballydoole	1000	€90,000.00
L1222	Carrowclogh to Hogans	420	€50,400.00
L6003	Galway Road,Ballysteen	1700	€170,000.00
L6002	Beagh Castle Road	1000	€90,000.00
L8036	7 Sisters to Curraghchase	1285	€128,500.00
L1201	Ballynacourty at Ballysteen GAA Field	330	€36,778.00
L1423	Station Road Adare	220	€180,000.00
L1216	Bealduvroga,Ballingarry	1500	€150,000.00
L1412	Poulatoon, Fedamore	320	€35,200.00
L5081	Williamstown to Loughanstown Junctions,Fedamore	900	€99,000.00
L8606	Morenane to Liskennet Junction,Granagh	400	€32,000.00
L8027	Cloch Road,Croagh	1500	€135,000.00
L1213	Kilcolman Reservoir to Duckstown	970	€97,000.00
L1121	Danahers Cross Link Road	370	€29,600.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,465</b>	<b>€1,733,478.00</b>

<b>Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation € 179,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R521	N69 to Shanagolden	2400	€86,900
R519	Cahills Cross towards Nevilles	1600	€52,800
R514	Rockstown Cross to Green Cross	1100	€39,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>5100</b>	<b>€179,000</b>

<b>Local Roads</b> <b>Surface Dressing</b> <b>Allocation € 218,114</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L8033	Kilmoreen,Kildimo	1600	€45,900
L6022	Ballingarrane,Cappagh	900	€24,000
L1239	Ballyneety to Ballyegny,Kilcolman	1800	€51,000.
L1228	Cloonty to Shanid	1650	€50,000
L1203	Cowpark,Kilcornan	1600	€47,214
<b>Total</b>		<b>7550</b>	<b>€218,114</b>

<b>Supplementary Restoration Maintenance</b> <b>Local Roads</b> <b>Surface Dressing</b> <b>Allocation € 311,374</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L8040	Bleach Lough Road	2000	€45,000
L1423	Adare towards Shauntrade	1600	€42,000
L6034	Lisamota ,Ballingarry	2100	€41,000
L8015	Clorane to Meanus	3000	€67,000
L8014	Clorane towards Mainister	500	€11,000
L8007	Mortgage,Meanus	1600	€27,000
L5086	Ballybricken Road West	500	€12,000

L1149	Ballybricken North to Inch St. Lawrence	2400	€66,374
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13,700</b>

<b>Drainage Works</b> <b>Allocation € 200,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L6013	Don Bosco Road – 225mm Storm Main in advance of Overlay Works	500m	50,000
L8036	Old Kildimo- new 300mm Storm connecting to existing	150m	20,000
L6070	Dunmoylan- McDonnells Farm 300mm Storm	100m	15,000
L6113	Knocknaboula Middle Road 300mm Storm to open ditch outfall	100m	15,000
R518	Rockfield Rathkeale, Storm drain to prevent protected structure gated entrance	20m	10,000
L8027	Closh Road- 225mm Storm Drain	100m	10,000
R518	Danahers Cross – 300mm Storm drain in advance of overlay works	300m	70,000
L1423	Currabeg Adare- Storm drain	50m	10,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€200,000.00</b>

<b>Bridges</b> <b>Allocation € 208,950.00</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L6035	Fortwilliam Ballingarry		€76,075.00
L60891	Mohernagh, Ballyhahill		€132,875.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€208,950.00</b>

<b>Low Cost Safety</b> <b>Improvement Schemes (LCSI)</b> <b>Allocation € 171,000.00</b>	

Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
L1416	Rosstemple Overbridge, Banogue		€70,000.00
R514/L5085	Green Cross Friarstown		€90,000.00
R516	Tullovin, Croom		€11,000.00
<b>Total</b>			€171,000.00

Active Travel Measures			
Allocation € 1,150,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
	Station Road & Riverbank Walk Adare		€ 450,000.00
	Rathkeale R518 Holycross to Kyletaun		€ 250,000.00
	Cappagh Pedestrian Improvement Works		€ 200,000.00
	Banogue Pedestrian Improvement Works		€ 125,000.00
	Crecora Pedestrian Improvement Works		€ 125,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>€1,150,000.00</b>

**Brief summary of the above Work Categories and Allocations for the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District:**

**Restoration Improvement (RI) € 2,110,478**

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Improvement Grant (RI). This grant is for the road strengthening programme and caters for surface restoration, pavement overlay works and complete road rehabilitation works where existing pavements are structurally defective.

<b>Restoration Maintenance (RM)</b>	<b>€ 397,114</b>
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This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (RM) for Surface Dressing Works only. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads.

<b>Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM)</b>	<b>€ 311,374</b>
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This is a specific allocation in 2022 under the Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant (SRM) for surface dressing works only. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment in roads.

<b>Drainage Grant</b>	<b>€ 200,000.00</b>
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This grant may be used for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial measures. Minor works are planned at a number of sites in the Adare/Rathkeale District in 2022.

<b>General Maintenance</b>	<b>€ 865,715.00</b>
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General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, street cleaning, opening inlets, signage, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads and footpaths.

<b>General Maintenance Safety</b>	<b>€tbc</b>
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A proportion of the general maintenance allocation is allocated to general maintenance safety. General maintenance safety funding will be used to cover a wide range of works such as road markings, road studs, road signs and general upkeep of roads in the city and county which will improve road safety.

<b>Tar Patching (TP)</b>	<b>€370,130.00</b>
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Regular tar patching is necessary to prevent the deterioration of the road surface and substructure and in the interest of road safety.

<b>Bridge Rehabilitation - Structures (STR)</b>	<b>€ 208,950.00</b>
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The 2021 allocation provides funding to enable improvement works on bridge structures on regional and local roads. A specific grant allocation is made to Limerick City and County Council to undertake works on a defined list of structures. There are three schemes under this heading in the district for 2021.

<b>Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)</b>	<b>€ 171,000.00</b>
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The 2022 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out. The criteria for approval and grant allocation are based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the Regional Road Safety Engineer. There is currently 1 scheme in the Adare/Rathkeale District.

<b>General Municipal Allocation (GMA)</b>	<b>€ 270,000.00</b>
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This allocation has been agreed at Municipal District level.

### **Items for which expenditure is provided on a City and County at large basis**

<b>Public Lighting (PL)</b>	<b>€ 2,900,000</b>
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This covers the operation, repair and maintenance of Public Lighting. The supply of energy is purchased through the National Procurement Service (NPS). The repair, replacement and maintenance of public lights are tendered separately. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

<b>Road Safety: Engineering, Promotion, Education (RS)</b>	<b>€ 622,594</b>
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This includes for school wardens, road safety plan, road safety education and training. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

<b>General Maintenance of National Roads</b>	<b>€ 268,920</b>
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General maintenance of National Roads covers a wide range of works for which this allocation will be used. € 268,920 is the allocation for Limerick City & County for 2021.

<b>Capital Maintenance TII Roads</b>	<b>€ TBC</b>
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Capital maintenance of National Roads is used for pavement schemes with values between €50,000 and €200,000. Applications are made through the pavement defects survey app. Awaiting TII funding allocation / instruction.

**Winter Maintenance (WM) € 558,954**

This provision is for the treatment of roads in severe weather in accordance with the Winter Services Plan and pertains to the whole City and County area.

**Community Improvement schemes €356,950**

A Grant of €356,950 has been allocated to Limerick City and County Council. Limerick City and County Council is currently identifying schemes to be undertaken in 2022.

**Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) € TBC**

The Department for Rural and Community Development (DRCD) introduced ringfenced funding for LIS in 2020 and proposes to continue to operate this scheme in 2022. The 2022 allocation for Limerick City & County Council has not yet been received.

**Overheads (OH) € 1,874,552**

This includes for insurances (EL/PL), Health and Safety training and equipment, sick pay, holiday pay, legal costs, office expenses, etc. The above figure pertains to the whole City and County area.

**Former National Road Grant (FNR) € 500,000**

Arising from the 2018 regional road pavement condition survey findings, the Department introduced a grant in 2019 to assist local authorities with the rehabilitation of sections of former national roads with a poor condition rating.

**NTA Pedestrian Improvements at junctions €750,000**

This is funding from the NTA for pedestrian improvements at junctions. The allocation is for the overall city and county area.

## **Housing Maintenance**

Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) manages an expanding social housing portfolio, which currently amounts to 5,579 properties (Jan 2022). The range of properties is extensive, which is emphasised by the fact that over half the Council's housing stock was built before 1985.

64% of the entire housing stock is located within the Metropolitan District. The remaining 34% of housing stock is located between the Newcastle West (12%), Adare-Rathkeale (10%) and Cappamore-Kilmallock (14%) Districts.

In each municipal district area, direct labour crews respond to the needs of tenants. All requests are added to the Customer Relationship Management System (Sugar) and assigned to the area maintenance team for action.

Total requests for Housing Maintenance during 2021 was 12,921, with 6% of all cases received in the Adare-Rathkeale area.

Housing repairs are carried out based on need and budgetary constraints. Repairs are categorised into emergency, urgent and routine. Examples of each are listed below and please refer to the Tenant's Handbook for additional details

### **Emergency Repairs (within 24 Hours)**

Fire	Water Leaks	No Electricity	No Mains Water
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### **Urgent Repairs (within 1-5 Days)**

Blocked Flue in Open Fire	Blocked Foul Drains	No Hot Water	No Heating
Faulty Sockets	Faulty Switches	Faulty Storage Heater	Faulty Door Entry System
Banister or Hand Rail Loose or Detached	Storm Damage	Partial Loss of Water Supply	Unsafe Boards or Stair Treads

### **Routine Repairs (within 1-6 Weeks)**

Other Electrical Works	Other Joinery Works	Plaster Works	Other Plumbing Works
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## **BUDGET Allocation 2022**

**Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District** 535 Properties (10% of housing stock)

<b>Works Budget (non-pay)</b>	<b>2022</b>
Maintenance	€185,396
Re-lettings	€ 102,095
	<b>€278,491</b>

### **Housing Maintenance - Planned Works**

#### Planned Maintenance / Heating Systems Replacement – city and countywide

Many of our tenants have heating systems that are outdated and highly inefficient by current standards. A budget of €373,000 has been allocated for the replacement of heating systems and other works of a planned nature on a countywide basis. The scheme operates on a priority needs basis.

#### Voids/Re-lettings – city and countywide

Voids and Re-lettings continue to be undertaken in each municipal district area as vacancies arise. Each Housing Area Engineer and Area Foreman manages these refurbishment works. The units are delivered via a mix of direct labour crews and contractors, to ensure units are returned to Allocations section in an efficient manner.

A total of 73 void units were completed in 2021, which resulted in funding allocations of €1.118m from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DoHLGH).

No department circular or allocation for Voids 2022 has been received to-date.

#### Thermal Upgrade Project – city and countywide

No Department circular has been received for a 2022 thermal upgrade as yet, it is intended to progress 20 units within the Municipal District. Significant internal knowledge and experience has been accrued from the previous schemes, and this will be leveraged to deliver this new scheme in a more efficient manner.

### **Private Housing Grants**

The following private housing grants are available again in 2022

#### Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme – HAGS Mobility Aids Grants Scheme – MAGS Housing Aid Older People – HOPS

These grant circular has not yet been received for 2022, however, it is expected that the amounts will be similar to those in 2021. The Council is required to provide 20% towards the cost of such grants with the DoHPLG meeting 80%.

## **Parks & Landscaping**

### General

The Council manages nineteen parks and amenities throughout the City and County. The Parks & Landscaping Team carries out a wide range of functions in relation to parks and open spaces. These works include tree pruning, grass cutting, hedge trimming and small maintenance and landscaping works. Grass cutting takes place between March and October with cuts on a two weekly cycle. During the Autumn and Winter period, works are concentrated on tree pruning and planned and responsive works.

The 2022 allocation for Parks and Landscaping for the Adare Rathkeale District is €18,265. A separate budget of €36,509 is provided for the grass cutting contract, providing up to 15 cuts on 30 hectares. The Council are identifying some grass cutting areas for biodiversity and subject to agreement with communities will place signage on same.

### Parks

There are three Parks in the Adare Rathkeale District, Adare Park which is managed by the Council, Rathkeale and Croom Parks are managed by the community.

#### Proposed works to Adare Park

- The maintenance of Adare Park is now being carried out by Council staff.
- It is proposed to increase the biodiversity and play value of the Park in 2022.
- The bins will be replaced and seating will be painted.
- New seating to be provided near the gazebo
- Repairs to roof of gazebo
- Pruning of trees at entrance

#### Proposed works to Rathkeale Park

- Upgrade existing paths and provide new paths subject to funding approval.
- Refurbishment of tennis court and provide accessible ramp subject to receipt of funding.

### Playgrounds

There are eight playgrounds in the district, the majority of which are community playgrounds. Inspections are carried out quarterly and repairs carried out as required.

### **Cemeteries**

There are 267 cemeteries in Limerick, approximately one third of these are used for the purchase of new burial plots. There are 78 cemeteries in the Adare Rathkeale District including closed burial grounds.

Municipal District	No. of Burial Grounds
Metro	40
Adare/Rathkeale	78
Newcastle West	47
Cappamore/Kilmallock	102

The 2022 revenue budget allocation for the Adare Rathkeale district is €49,000. This funding will be utilised to provide the following works.

St Nicholas Adare	Tree surgery works
Shanagolden	Repair Church Steeple
Clonshire, Adare (Old)	Repair boundary wall
Tuogh,	Repair boundary wall
Glenogra	Repair walls and entrance
Clonshire BG	Reinstate sections of walls
Ballingarry Church of Ireland	Make safe dangerous headstones

Askeaton Burial Ground - An extension to Askeaton cemetery will be constructed this year.

There is an annual budget of €45,000, provided as grant aiding to community groups across Limerick who wish to develop a new burial ground in accordance with the adopted burial ground strategy. Technical assistance is provided to any community that expresses an interest. The decision on grant aiding is made in accordance with the findings in the Burial Ground Strategy.

#### **Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2022.**

Limerick City and County Council will again invite applications for the Grant Scheme for Maintenance of Open Spaces in Housing Developments for 2022. This Scheme is designed to assist residents in the maintenance of open spaces in their estates by providing funding towards grass cutting.

#### **Recycling Facilities**

##### **Bring Banks**

There are 65 no bring banks in the City and County. The 2022 budget for the operation of the bring bank contract is €136,277. The budget provides for collection and cleaning

around all sites. Covid 19 has seen increased usage at a number of the sites, resulting in increased frequency of collection and also illegal dumping.

### Civic Amenity Sites

There are three Civic Amenity Sites in Limerick, Mungret, Newcastle West and Kilmallock. The three sites are operated by a Contractor. The 2022 budget for the operation of the three Civic Amenity Sites is €336,000. Covid 19 has also seen increased usage at the Civic Amenity Sites.

### Other Environmental Schemes

#### **Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2022**

Limerick City & County Council again invites applications for the Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant & Competition 2022

This grant scheme aims to assist with Environmental Improvement works undertaken by nonprofit making organisations working within Limerick City and County areas.

The Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant is 50% funded by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation. The Limerick Going for Gold Competition prize fund is 100% funded by JP McManus Charitable Foundation.

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