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Metropolitan District of Limerick
Meeting held on Monday, March 21st, 2022

Questions submitted by Councillor John Costello

Question 1 - I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many houses in St. Mary's Park have achieved the bear rating certificate?

157 no. houses in St Mary's Park have been thermally upgraded to date under the Regeneration Thermal Upgrade programme. Of these properties, BER certificates have been attained for and issued to 120 no. properties. Access has yet to be arranged to the 37 residual properties. Of the 120 no. properties that have received a BER certificate, all bar 9 properties have achieved a C grade BER or better rating. C grade BER ratings were not achieved in properties that refused a gas central heating system.

Question 02 - I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many houses in St. Mary's Park are left to complete in the thermal upgrade works and what timescale is envisaged to complete the works.

There are approximately 90 no. houses in St Mary's Park yet to have thermal upgrades completed. Of those 90 no. properties, construction works are currently ongoing on 39 no. properties under thermal upgrade contract no.'s 122 and 124. Works on one of those contracts is currently nearing substantial completion while works on the second contract is expected to complete in August / September 2022. The remaining 51 no. properties are scheduled to be thermally upgraded as part of 3 subsequent Thermal Upgrade contracts. The works have been scoped on the first of those 3 remaining contracts and Stage 3 approval (approval to proceed to tender) is awaited from the Department. Scoping is currently completing on the properties in the final two contracts. Subject to timely Department approvals, works on all three remaining contracts could commence before the end of 2022.



Brendan Troy,
Senior Executive Officer
Regeneration Directorate.

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday 21st March 2022

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many people are on the Limerick City and County housing list in March 2022, how many people were on the housing list in September 2021 and how many people were on the housing list in January 2021.

REPLY:

March 2022	2145
September 2021	2326
January 2021	2333

Please note that this information is provided on a monthly basis in the Chief Executive's Report.



Caroline Curley
Director of Services
Housing



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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 details on the consultation that has taken place to date with residents regarding Safe Routes to Schools at the Model School, Limerick School Project and St. Pauls National School.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council, in conjunction with the Green-Schools Safe Routes to School team, are currently preparing draft proposals for the Round 1 Safe Routes to School. These proposals are being prepared in consultation with each of the schools. When these draft designs are finalised it is proposed to consult with local stakeholders, including representatives from residents associations and parents council, and other groups where applicable.

A key element of the Safe Routes to School programme is developing community support for Safe Routes to School measures, and each of the schools involved will act as a local champion for the proposed measures to ensure community buy-in for the proposals. The local authority and Green-Schools Safe Routes to School team will lead in the community engagement.

Following public consultation the proposals for each school will be finalised and it is envisioned that these projects would go to construction during the summer holiday months.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
14th March, 2022



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**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2022**

Question submitted by Councillor Elisa O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Council will consider increasing the maintenance of open spaces in housing development grants in line with the increasing cost of private contractors for landscaping services.

REPLY:

In general, it is acknowledged that the cost of maintaining open spaces has increased considerably over the years since this scheme was put in place. The idea behind this scheme is to assist residents in the maintenance of open spaces in their estates by providing funding towards grass cutting.

While there is merit in this proposal the likely cost is beyond the available budget and a source of funding would need to be identified. The Council will consider increasing the amount of grant each applicant receives in 2022 subject to resources available to meet the demand.

Padraig Malone
Administrative Officer
Urban and Rural Community Development
Date: 15th March, 2022

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday 21st March 2022

Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what is the average waiting time, from time of application to approval, for disabled persons grant, mobility aid grant, housing aid for older people grant and housing adaptation grant for people with disabilities and what is the average waiting time for OT inspections, arranged through the Council for the purpose of these grants, where requested by applicants.

REPLY:

The current turnaround time for the following grants Mobility Aid Grant, Housing Aid for Older People and Housing Adaptation grant is 8-10 weeks from application to inspection and approval.

We are seeing delays in relation to final payment as contractors are delayed with supplies and completing the work which in turn delays the Council releasing the final payment.

OT inspections are currently arranged as required and are undertaken within two weeks.

Disabled persons grants cover works in relation to Local Authority Housing and would be subject to similar timelines as above. Disabled Persons Extensions may have a longer timeline as the Council need to investigate that there is no alternative option available other than an extension.



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I am aware that an active travel needs assessment of the Condell Road is currently being tendered. I will ask at the next meeting for a timeline for this process and expected completion date for assessment and subsequent works, which will include a footpath from the new housing development at Moineir to the Clonmacken roundabout and more specifically, how long will it be before this footpath is installed.

Reply:

The Needs Assessment and Options Report that will be provided by the successful tenderer will require approval by the NTA before funding is allocated to it. Should approval be received, it is likely that a Statutory Procedure (Part VIII/Section 38) will be required prior to construction.

It is not possible to give a date for construction at this stage.

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Director of Service
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
14th March, 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, as part of the implementation of the draft LSMATS, if the Council will commit to liaise with the NTA, to prioritise bus service enhancement on the Condell Road, to serve the new and proposed housing developments, as well as Coonagh and the expansion of the TUS Campus at Coonagh Cross.

Reply:

The current Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) draft document does not deal with detailed operational issues such as specific bus service scheduling or timetabling.

The Council has been liaising with Bus Éireann locally and the NTA, as service contract provider, who are carrying out a review of Limerick City operations, which may include this route. The Council will make direct representation to the NTA regarding the matter raised.

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costello

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on plans for delivery of the St. Mary's Park Community Centre.

Reply:

At the November 2021 St. Mary's Park Regeneration Committee meeting the Regeneration Department, LCCC, provided a synopsis of a 2015 St. Mary's Park Community Centre funding proposal submitted to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government based on a €2.5M project line item within the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan. It was agreed a Working Group would be formed in order to establish a Definitive Project Brief and progress a funding submission for a 2022 St. Marys Park Community Centre bearing in mind the Departments concerns of a need to address catchment area, possible risk of underutilisation, cost and if the condition of the existing building allows for incorporation into any future proposal. The Working Group consists of:

- 3 no. persons from Limerick Island Community Partners
- 3 no. persons from St. Marys Park Regeneration Committee
- 2 no. persons from the Regeneration Department, LCCC

The Working Groups 1st meeting was held in January 2022. It is to meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month and it is currently in the process of establishing provision requirements of a St. Marys Park Community Centre. The Regeneration Department, LCCC are in the process of procuring a condition survey for the existing Community Centre.

Brendan Troy,
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Question submitted by Councillor S.Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full report on how the Limerick Regeneration Programme funds of EUR337 million committed were spent as announced by the then Taoiseach Mr. Brian Cowan, June 19th 2010.

The Limerick Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP), was launched in September 2013 and adopted by the Council in February 2014.

As adopted by the members of the Council, and sanctioned by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the high-level cost originally attached to the implementation of Limerick Regeneration Framework in 2013 was €293m with €253m being earmarked for physical projects and €40m being set aside for social and economic supports. As of end of December 2021, approximately €181,217,209 had been expended on physical projects with €30,614,647 on social and economic supports.

Brendan Troy,
Senior Executive Officer
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