

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON Wednesday
the 4th May 2022.**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Municipal Meeting that where houses are habitable that this Council move to get tenants houses.

REPLY

Once the Allocations Team are aware a property is ready for allocation, the property is allocated as soon as possible in line with the Allocations Scheme as adopted by the Elected Members of Limerick City and Council.

Caroline Curley

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Director of Services,
Housing Development Directorate



LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the council along with Kerry Co Council repair the bridge at the creamery Mountcollins.

REPLY:

Repair works will be carried out shortly.

**J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
22nd April 2022**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council explore avenues to assist Voluntary Housing organisations in acquiring properties. At present there are too many regulatory steps for the VHB's to complete before they can bid on properties and the properties are then being sold on the private market.

REPLY

Under 'Housing for All', the Government's priority is to deliver 47,600 new build social homes over the next five years. Given the focus of support on the build programme and the need to avoid competition, Limerick City and County Council has been requested to limit acquisitions of privately owned properties to specific priority acquisitions (homeless and disability) , including in circumstances where a valid notice to quit has issued to sitting tenants. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have requested a focus on the following priority areas:

- One-bedroom units to deliver on Housing First and meet the short supply in this category;
- Other properties that allow persons/families to move from homelessness;
- Specific housing required for individuals with a disability or other particular priority needs.

Any acquisition proposed must represent value for money under the Department's acquisitions guidelines.

Limited acquisitions by Approved Housing Bodies through the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) will also continue where they are focussed on specific vulnerable cohorts, such as housing for older people, accommodation for individuals and families who are homeless and for people with disability. However, the priority remains to focus to the greatest extent possible on the Approved Housing Bodies sector increasing new-build construction delivery under the Capital Assistance Scheme.

Limerick City and County Council are required under Circular 11/2018 to undertake a number of due-diligence checks for proposed Local Authority direct and Approved Housing Bodies acquisitions.

These checks would include - but are not limited to - ensuring the all-in cost (acquisition plus refurbishment) is within the Department's costs guidelines, confirming there is a demand.

For a unit from our Allocation's team, ensuring no-overconcentration of social housing in the immediate neighbourhood in addition to ensuring that we are not competing with first-time buyers.

If any Approved Housing Body wishes to discuss any of the funding streams available and the sequence of steps involved as required by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, we are happy to arrange a meeting to discuss.

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that the Greenway Carpark at Gortboy, Newcastle West be tarmacked.

Reply:

The existing Limerick Greenway car park at Newcastle West is temporary in nature as the Council is advancing the development of a permanent car park at Station Road, granted Part 8 approval in 2021.

In light of this proposed development there are no plans to upgrade the temporary carpark.

*Gordon Daly,
Director of Services,
Community, Tourism & Culture Directorate,
25th April, 2022.*