

## **MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

### **Question Councillor J. Leddin**

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council how many Council owned houses within Limerick City West Electoral Area are boarded up, the approximate length of time per house and how many are scheduled for redevelopment in the next twelve months.

### **REPLY**

As at Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 there are 42 (28 and 14) dwellings vacant in the Metro West Area.

Of these, 28 are being returned by the Housing Maintenance section and all are scheduled for completion by the end of the 2022 – each has a funding source and the return process is underway.

Of the 28 units 23 have voids funding, 7 are to be inspected, 4 are inspected, 6 are in procurement/design with 6 on site. The balance of 5 units are being internally funded with 2 to be inspected, 2 in procurement/design and 1 on site.

Data on the number of shuttered dwellings is not to hand at present.

The average time for return of these dwellings varies with the extent of work to be undertaken, in general 12 to 15 weeks is taken to complete a dwelling from commencement of the works.

There are 14 units being returned by Housing Construction. These refer to dwellings that require more extensive works and are being returned through tendered Lots, of these:

- 4 are in Lot 2 and will be completed in 2022.
- 3 are in Lot 3 and will be under construction in 2022 with a completion date for February 2023.
- 3 are in Lot 4 and will be under construction in 2022 with a completion date for March 2023.
- 1 unit is in Lot 6 and has recently been added to the work programme.
- 3 are being progressed a separate package (they are adjoining) they are in the design stage at present.

These dwellings form part of larger Lots and in general a Lot takes six months to complete once construction commences.



---

Conor Culloo  
Senior Engineer  
LA Housing Construction & Maintenance

## **Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 20th June 2022**

### **Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council how many dog fouling bins are located in Limerick City West, their location, frequency of collection and the cost and design options for new bins to be purchased.

### **Reply**

The Domestic Waste & Litter Team manage three dog bins located at Dooradoyle Road, Church Road, Raheen and Father Russell Road. Each bin is serviced weekly by an authorised waste collector.

Cost and design options for any new bins would form part of a procurement process.

**Dara McGuigan**

**Administrative Officer**

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae **Luimnigh**

**Limerick City**  
& County Council

Stiúrthóireacht Pobail, Turasóireachta & Cultúir  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh  
Ceannchearthú Chorpóraideach  
Cé na gCeannaithe  
Luimneach

Community, Tourism & Culture Directorate  
Limerick City and County Council  
Corporate Headquarters  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick

eircode: V94 EH90

t: +353 (0) 61 556 000

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE, 2022.**

**Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, how many applicants have been approved for the bin waiver scheme, what is the total 2022 budget for the scheme and what is the cost per waiver to the local authority for the service.

**REPLY:**

In relation to the 2022 Household Waste Subsidy Scheme LCCC has approved approximately 3200 applicants.

The budget allocated for the Household Waste Subsidy Scheme 2022 is €310,000. The waiver is based on weights collected per applicant.

***Gordon Daly,  
Director of Services,  
Community, Tourism and Culture Directorate,  
13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.***



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Stiúrthóireacht Iompar agus Soghluaiseachta,  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,  
Cé na gCeannaithe,  
Luimneach V94 EH90.

Transportation and Mobility Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick V94 EH90.

t: +353 (0) 61 556 000

e: [transportationandmobility@limerick.ie](mailto:transportationandmobility@limerick.ie)

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Council will consider closure of Back Lane at Mother Macs with a start time of 11am and not 6pm as this was very successful for this area last Summer.

### Reply:

The lane closure for Back Lane located to rear of the Mother Macs public house on High street was reviewed and inspected by the Limerick City and County Council Roads Department when this lane closure expired in April 2022. Upon inspection it appeared that the use of this lane, that was closed daily between the hours of 11am and midnight, was not been fully utilised for outdoor dining experience from 11am. Bearing this factor in mind along with the increased activity of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists that has returned in the city centre following the Covid 19 pandemic, this lane closure was extended with the closure time reduced to the hours of 6pm to midnight to encompass the traffic requirements of the vicinity and to accommodate the needs of the other surrounding businesses in the area.

This lane closure will be further reviewed at the end of its current expiry period in November 2022

**Hugh McGrath**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Roads, Traffic & Cleansing**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Stuárthoireacht Iompar agus Soghluaiseachta,  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,  
Cé na gCeannaithe,  
Luimneach V94 EH90

Transportation and Mobility Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick V94 EH90.

t: +353 (0) 61 556 000

e: [transportationandmobility@limerick.ie](mailto:transportationandmobility@limerick.ie)

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the festoon lighting on Davis Street which is no longer operational and when they might be operational again.

### Reply:

Limerick City and County Council is currently examining options for the ongoing maintenance and management of the decorative lighting currently erected throughout Limerick city.

**Hugh McGrath**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Roads, Traffic & Cleansing**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Stiúrthóireacht Iompair agus Soghluaiseachta,  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,  
Cé na gCeannaithe,  
Luimneach, V94 EH90

Transportation and Mobility Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick, V94 EH90.

☎: +353 (0) 61 556 000  
✉: [transportationandmobility@limerick.ie](mailto:transportationandmobility@limerick.ie)

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the final destination i.e. landfill, export, etc. for street refuse for ordinary and recycling bins within the city centre.

### Reply:

Limerick City & County Council Cleansing Department collects waste from the mixed and recycling street bins throughout the Limerick City Centre which is accumulated in waste skips at the Park Road cleansing depot. These skips are managed by our designated waste collector Panda Greenstar, who daily collect, record, transport and sort at their depot on Dock Road for landfill or incineration.

**Hugh McGrath**  
Senior Engineer  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing  
Transportation and Mobility Directorate  
15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Pleanáil, Comhshaoil agus Cruithní Aite  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh  
Luimneach

Planning, Environment and Place-Making  
Limerick City and County Council  
Limerick

## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022.**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if consultants have been appointed yet to prepare the design for the extension to the Castleconnell playground.

### **Response:**

The Consultants for Castleconnell playground have not been appointed yet as no funding is available at present for the appointment. However, the Council is looking at options for funding and hope to report back on this in July.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022.**

**Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if any consideration has been given yet to develop a dog park in Castletroy, similar to the Mungret Dog Park.

**Response:**

The Council are considering the possibility of Castletroy Park for the location of a dog park for Castletroy. However, there is no funding identified to deliver the fencing that would be required for the dog park. The funding required is expected to be in the order of €15,000-€20,000.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**





Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Pleanail, Comhshaoil agus Cruthú Áite  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh  
Lúimneach

Planning, Environment and Place-Making  
Limerick City and County Council  
Limerick

## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022.**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a site for a new cemetery in Castletroy has been identified yet.

### **Response:**

A new site has yet to be identified for a new cemetery to serve the Castletroy area. The Council are looking at possible options for a site but no site has been finalised. In the interim, the Council are progressing Columbarian Walls for Kilmurray cemetery and it is expected that this will proceed to tender in August of this year.

We will continue to explore all avenues to identify a suitable site for a burial ground in the Castletroy area.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City  
& County Council

Stáirthóireacht Iompair agus Soghluaiseachta,  
Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,  
Cé na gCeannaithe,  
Luimneach: V94 EH90.

Transportation and Mobility Directorate,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick V94 EH90.

t: +353 (0) 61 556 000  
e: [transportationandmobility@limerick.ie](mailto:transportationandmobility@limerick.ie)

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, for an update on the signage for River Place and River Lane in the Abbey.

### Reply:

Following unforeseen delays by the specialist supplier, the bespoke signage ordered by the Limerick City and County Council traffic department for River Lane, Flag Lane and Glueyard Lane in the Abbey Area have recently been delivered.

Consultation with the homeowners in the locality is due to begin shortly and signage will be installed once locations are agreed and finalised.

**Hugh McGrath**  
Senior Engineer  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing  
Transportation and Mobility Directorate  
15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022.**

### **Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the capacity audit for Loughmore Canal.

### **Response:**

RPS consultants have been carrying out surveys as part of development of a flood relief scheme for Limerick City & Environs of which the Barnakyle River is a part of the study area. Once data is collated and analysed, RPS will provide a recommendation as to whether the Loughmore Canal and surrounding area will be included as part of the scheme for further consideration. This may include a hydraulic assessment and other studies as required of the capacity of the Loughmore Canal and other areas potentially at risk of flooding within the scheme area.

JBA Consultants are currently developing a Stormwater Management Plan for Limerick which will include an analysis of the capacity of the Loughmore Canal. This remains a work in progress.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.**

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Question Councillor T. Collopy**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what plans do the Council have for St. Anne's Court and if they could provide an update on any developments.

**REPLY**

The Council is investigating the possibility for developing the site for affordable and social homes. The Limerick City and County Council team have designed a feasibility study for social and affordable homes on the site, making allowance for the initial exciting archaeological finds. There is a focus on the integration of the City wall in the design of the public space, and also a vision of bringing the City moat, the "Fosse" into the scheme as a sustainable blue/green park element.

The most recent test trenching took place when the 20th century houses in St Ann's Court were demolished and the site was secured. The city wall extends across the site just below ground level. It is up to 2m wide and there is a height of at least 2m surviving below ground level. No testing was carried out in the street at that time but this will be necessary in the preparation of any part 8 planning for the site to determine the exact extent of the walls and possible location of the Little Island Gate and to fully integrate them into any scheme design.

The National Development Finance agency have assisted in preparing a viability report which is being reviewed in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Affordable housing team to ascertain if the scheme would benefit from transferring to the higher level of subsidy under the Affordable Housing Fund stream, and which model of finance/ and development strategy is most suitable. Once outline viability has been confirmed, the sketch scheme will be presented to councillors for input and review, and subsequently developed to a part 8 planning application.



-----  
Conor Culloo

Senior Engineer

LA Housing Construction & Maintenance