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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council

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Re: Development Fund Allocations 2022

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2022.

In line with Circular letter Fin 03/2009 dated 13th February 2009, from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, which related to the 'Control and Monitoring of Local Authorities Contribution to the General Government Balance' (GGB) it is a requirement that the proposed expenditure be in line with estimated collection for the year. Development Contributions total income of €2.4m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for 2022. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2022 for the administrative area of Limerick on 24th January, 2022. The monies outlined below are a combination of receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the Council. The new Scheme adopted in 2022 did not make provision for an increase in development contributions.

The €2.4m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2022. The proposals may be revised if additional funding becomes available, or if there are delays encountered in relation to any of the projects as included, or if there is a shortfall in receipts. The allocations take account of contractual requirements in relation to specific projects or where commitments have been given in respect of projects.

The Contribution Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings. In determining the allocations for 2022 a number of additional guiding principles were adopted namely; strategically focused projects, continuation of existing commitments, Forward Planning costs, and geographical considerations.

The Council is in a position to allocate almost 30 specific projects / initiatives for 2022. In addition, a general financial allocation to each of the Municipal Districts has been provided for local capital projects.

Assisting Communities

A sum of €60,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawing down of bonds in order to bring such estates up to the minimum standards.

Account is taken of commitments given to local communities to provide funding in respect of Patrickswell and Kildimo Community Centres, Adare Park Improvement Works, and the development of the Enterprise Park in Kilmallock. Further funds for the completion of works has been provided for the Castletroy Public Park / Playground.

A sum of €60,000 has been made available for further preparatory works for a public park in the north side of the city.

A sum of €100,000 has been provided to assist in the setting up of a number of E-Working Hubs in the county.

Monies are provided for other important community projects at Croom Civic Centre, Newcastle West Business Park and a number of tourism projects.

€50,000 is also being made available for the new Local Economic and Community Plan(LECP), which is a statutory plan that will inform how our local communities will develop over the coming years.

Rebuilding Limerick

A sum of €150,000 has been allocated for the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management and Public Realm Scheme to facilitate upgrading of the town centre public realm.

Public realm funding has also been made available for works in Limerick City Centre and Adare.

Planning for the Future

Provision has been made for preparation and publication of Shopfront Design Guidelines, that will inform and guide the planning and management of our town centres.

Funding is also being made available to assist the establishment of a Sports Tech Accelerator in Limerick. This will act as an attractor to businesses in this sector to locate in Limerick and it will further add to the business infrastructure of the region.

Quality of Life Initiatives

A contribution towards the costs of Cappamore Looped Walks has been provided.

A sum of €250,000 p.a. is to be made available for small infrastructural works at Metropolitan / Municipal level. Proposals consistent with the Development Contribution Scheme will be brought for consideration by the Councillors to the various meetings in due course.

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A/Director of Services

Economic Development

Development Contribution Scheme, 2022

Development Fund Allocations 2022

Total for Distribution: €2,400,000

Business Area	Project	Funding Proposed
Transportation and Surface Water	Adare Public Realm Study	€20,000
	Croom Distributor Road	€180,000
	Steamboat Quay Upgrade	€100,000
	Taking In Charge of Estates	€60,000
	Abbeyfeale Traffic Mgt & Public Realm	€150,000
	Bruff Public Realm – Car Park	€50,000
	Municipal Allocations (Small Capital Works)	€250,000
	Street Tree Planting	€40,000
	Recreation & Amenity	Castletroy Playground
Strategic Plans (SDZ / Limerick 2030 Plan, etc)		€100,000
Public Realm Works (Verdant Place, UL/AQ, AQ Car Park)		€100,000
Tourism Projects - Museum Strategy - Foynes Train Station Lough Gur Improvements		€90,000
Cappamore Looped Walk		€40,000
Limerick City Centre Public Realm Upgrade and Decluttering		€100,000
Murroe Wood Park		€50,000
Community & Tourism		Croom Civic Centre
	Patrickswell Community Centre	€100,000
	Ec Dev Capital Infrastructure (incl eHubs, etc)	€100,000
	Sports Tech Accelerator	€50,000
	Caherdavin Public Park	€60,000
	Adare Sensory Garden	€20,000
	Castleconnell Playground	€20,000
	NCW Business Park – Identification Study	€50,000

	Advance Unit Kilmallock Business Park	€50,000
	LECP Study	€50,000
	River Swimming Feasibility Study	€25,000
	Public Art Strategy	€30,000
	NCW Arts Centre Feasibility	€30,000
	Kildimo Community Centre	€60,000
Ancillary	Forward Planning Costs	€150,000
	Shop Front Design Guidelines	€25,000
	TOTAL	€2,400,000

