



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

25th August, 2022.

To: The Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Municipal District of Newcastle West

**Proposed Disposal of Former Department of Defence Facility on Sheahan's Road,
Newcastle West, Limerick.**



1. Introduction.

It is intended that the following proposed disposal of property by way of a lease, map and photo attached in this report, will be included on the Agenda for the September Full Council Meeting:

Disposal of former Department of Defence Facility on Sheahan's Road, Newcastle West, Limerick to 11th Newcastle West Scout Group by way of a 35 year lease with an annual rent of €10.

2. History of the Property.

The subject property was occupied by the Defences Forces for a number of years but was returned to the Council in 2013. It has been occupied by the Newcastle West Scouts Group since 2015.

3. 11th Newcastle West Scout Group.

The group currently has 100 youth members aged between 6-18 inclusive with 19 leaders and has a waiting list for new members. If the disposal is approved, the Scouting Group intend to replace the existing building with a storey and a half log style cabin, keeping the same footprint as the existing building (subject to planning approval). The site itself would remain a green site with a stoned fire pit area. The Scouting Group has approached a number of organisations with regard to sourcing grants and funding for works required and to date has received a positive response.

4. Current and Future Plans for the Site

- Secure boundary/fencing surrounding the property.
- Develop area behind the Den to have an area for camping, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery & enclosed fire pit.
- Rent the Den out to other scout groups for weekend camping and activities.
- Rent the Den out to local community groups during work hours when it is not required by the scouts.

The Newcastle West Scout Group has also secured a caretaker for the current building and site through a West Limerick Resources/TUS scheme.

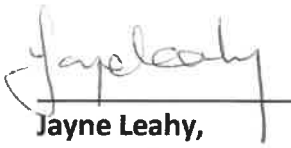
5. Suitability of Site as a Scout Den.

- The site is located centrally in Newcastle West Town.
- Green area to rear of the site is suitable for outdoor activities such as campfires, pioneering, games, teaching, outdoor cooking skills and camping.

- Site secured on three sides by clear boundaries and by road to the front of the site.
- Current building footprint would allow the scout group to expand and run concurrent meetings in the evening.

6. Executive Recommendation to Council.

The proposal before the Members is to note the proposed disposal of the property at Sheahan's Road, Newcastle West, County Limerick by way of a 35 year lease to 11th Newcastle West Scout Group. Rent payable to the Council is €10 per annum.



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Appendix 1

Site Location



Photo

