



## **Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 24th October, 2022**

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

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council what actions can be taken in cooperation with the Gardai and Park Ranger to increase patrols within the Peoples Park to ensure the safety of visitors and in particular young children.

### **Reply**

The Council is working with the Gardai, and has held a number of meetings in relation to the anti-social behaviour and drug dealing issues in People's Park. The Council has requested a visual presence of Gardai in the Park on a regular basis as the number of incidents have significantly increased in the Park, the main issue being drug dealing.

As soon as an incident occurs, the Park Ranger makes contact with the Gardai and requests their presence. All incidents are documented by the Park Ranger. The Council is arranging for these reports to be provided to the Gardai as documentary evidence of the issues in the Park.

A further meeting is being arranged for next week to review the ongoing issues.

**Nuala Gallagher**

**Director of Service**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



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### Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the dividers on the cycle lane from the Roxboro Roundabout to Kilmallock Roundabout be changed from permanent concrete dividers to a divider that will leave cars pull in to let an ambulance pass. I have been contacted by paramedics about this matter. Lives are being saved in the back of an ambulance and every second counts.

### Reply:

The segregated two-way cycle lane on Childers Road between Roxboro Roundabout and Kilmallock Road Roundabout is an interim measure. The cycle lane is continually being monitored by the Active Travel Team and ongoing consultation is continuing with the HSE Ambulance Service. The long-term solution will be part of the bus connects project and will be development in consultation with all stakeholders.

**Sean McGlynn**  
**A/Senior Engineer**  
**Active Travel Unit**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
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### **Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can an update be provided for the graveyard boundary wall at Mount St. Oliver as funding was provided three years ago and no works have commenced as yet.

### **Reply:**

Part 8 planning permission is approved for the construction of a graveyard boundary wall at Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery. Site Clearance works were carried out in Q1 2022 to the rear of the existing hedgerow following completion of a bat and tree survey. The next stages of the project including the preparation of tender documents, appointment of a contractor and commencement of construction. These stages will take place in Q1/Q2 2023.

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick why was the entrance from Colbert Avenue to Our Lady Queen of Peace School closed, was this decided by the School or Limerick Council. As I had a lot of people asking that it be reopened.

### Reply:

Access via the entrance gate to Our Lady Queen of Peace School from Colbert Avenue is a matter for the school as the gate access is owned by the school.

**Hugh McGrath, S.E.,  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,  
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### Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on a footpath being provided on Condell Road, to serve the residents of the new development at Moineir.

### Reply:

Limerick City and County Council are pleased to confirm that our NTA funding application has recently been granted for a new Active Travel footpath scheme on the Condell Road extending from the Condell Road roundabout to Ted Russell Park.

This new footpath will link the new housing development at Moineir to the pedestrian network in the Caherdavin area and Ted Russell Park. Tendering for project is currently ongoing with the intention to commence this scheme before the end of the year subject to the appointment of a suitable contractor.

**Hugh McGrath**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
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**Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, if one off payments announced in the recent budget for recipients of Carers Allowance, Blind Pension and Disability Allowance will be counted as reckonable income, when calculating a person's yearly income, for the purpose of applying for social housing.

**REPLY:**

- Carer's Allowance and Blind Welfare Allowance payments are not assessable for the purposes of assessing income and therefore any one off payment will not be included as reckonable income.
- Disability Allowance is assessable for the purposes of assessing income and therefore any one off payments will be included as reckonable income.



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Director of Service, Housing

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**Question submitted by Councillor T.Collopy**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if this Council will set out its policy and practice regarding human rights compliance in procurement (including divestment if required due to human rights violations).

**Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council are bound by and adhere to EU and national procurement law and practices which include Annex A of the European Single Procurement Document form which sets out a list of mandatory exclusions including issues that come within the area of Human Rights violations. Also, for sub threshold competitions the Local Government Management Agency template forms have included the requirement for Declaration of Bona Fides.

Esther Lane

Head of Procurement

19 October 2022

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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an outline of how many HAP inspections were carried out in 2022 and what the outcome of these inspections was.

**REPLY:**

440 HAP inspections were carried out to date in 2022. 97% of all properties inspected require a notice of works and a follow up inspection. Notices of Works are sent to landlords based on the below list of Minimum Standard regulations:

- Regulation 5 - Sanitary Facilities
- Regulation 6 - Heating Facilities
- Regulation 7 - Food Preparation, Storage and Laundry
- Regulation 8 - Ventilation
- Regulation 9 - Lighting
- Regulation 10 - Fire Safety
- Regulation 11 - Refuse Facilities
- Regulation 12 - Gas, Oil and Electricity
- Regulation 13 - Information



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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on when the planning application for housing at Donnellan's Field in Thomondgate will be submitted.

**REPLY:**

There is no planning application for housing for area known as Donnellan's Field, Thomondgate.

A consortium consisting of Whitebox Ltd. and Clúid Housing (an Approved Housing Body) were selected as joint partners for the development of a residentially zoned site at New Road, Thomondgate. This project will not just deliver much-needed mixed-tenure (affordable cost-rental and rightsizing homes), but also a public riverside amenity park for the benefit of the City. A planning application is currently being finalised with an expected lodgement date before the year-end.



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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 an update on when footpaths will be installed on the Rosbrien Road considering funding was allocated to this project in June 2022.

### Reply:

As there is land acquisition required for this proposed Active Travel footpath scheme on the Rosbrien Road, a Part 8 application will be required for which Limerick City and County Council Active Travel team are currently preparing documents.

It is envisaged that this application will be submitted in the coming weeks with a plan to hopefully commence this scheme by Q2 in 2023.

**Hugh McGrath, S.E.,  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,  
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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022.**

### **Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when upgrade works will commence on the People's Park playground.

### **Response:**

It is expected that a contractor will be appointed by the middle of November with works expected to commence before the end of the year.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
**Director of Service**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.**



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### Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Council will place yellow lines and parking restrictions sign in Avonmore Road and Dromore Rise, similar to the signage installed in Meadowvale, due to the continuing dangerous parking on footpaths and on bends in these estates in Raheen.

### Reply:

Double yellow lines have already been provided at junctions and bends on Avonmore Road and Dromore Rise. Free roadside parking is permitted at other locations in these estates. There is no regulatory sign to inform motorists where they cannot park on public footpaths as it is illegal to park on any public footpaths. The cost of a fixed penalty for parking on a footpath was increased from €40 to €80 in February 2022. Such penalties for parking on a footpath or on a double yellow line can be issued by Limerick City & County Council Traffic Wardens and An Garda Síochána.

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**Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick; only 31 people have been identified as potential housing first candidates in the Limerick area, under the housing for all plan. This sets the target number of housing first tenancies, over the next 4 years, at 31. What are the criteria for identifying housing first candidates and where did the figure of 31 come from.

**REPLY:**

Under the Housing For All Plan 2022-2026, each Local Authority was allocated a Housing First target. Following a review of future requirements by The Housing Agency, Limerick City and County Councils target of 31 was directed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Clients are assessed by the Homeless Action Team, comprising of Local Authority and HSE staff to determine a person's suitability to the project.

Housing First provides an effective solution for individuals who have repeatedly tried and failed to exit homelessness, who have given up on the treatment-then- housing 'staircase' approach, or who have been given up on by systems that regard them as 'treatment resistant', 'hard to reach', 'not housing ready', or 'homeless / rough sleeping by choice'. Housing First successfully engages these individuals by offering and providing access to an apartment of their own, as well as access to person-centred, community-based, recovery-oriented visiting supports.

Limerick City and County Council, during the pilot phase 2019-2021, exceeded its original target of 30 tenancies resulting in 37 tenancies being set-up, with Focus Ireland as the service provider managing the tenancies.

For the 2022-2026 Housing For All Plan, the target of 31 is the minimum amount of units to be delivered, local authorities can exceed this target as the Minister for Housing has previously outlined. Limerick City and County Council have achieved the 2022 target as set out in the plan.



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**Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans have been made to ensure Council tenants whose houses fall below standard are made a priority for window upgrade.

**REPLY:**

All requests for housing related maintenance calls are logged on Sugar/CRM and are then assigned to the relevant team for assessment and action. In terms of a request for repair or replacement of any windows and doors, each request is investigated and if a repair or servicing is required then it is completed using the nominated contractor. In the case of replacement requests, these are assessed and if urgent replacement is required then it is done in sequence and immediate repairs may be completed depending upon the circumstances. Not all requests result in the need for immediate replacement at that point in time and the request is noted in the area.



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**Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many Council houses in the Metropolitan District do not have a central heating system and what plans will now be put in place to rectify this situation.

**REPLY:**

All dwellings within the housing stock have a heating source consistent with Rental Standards. The specifics of the heating systems vary given the number of dwellings within the stock (currently 3,790 in the Metro area) and its age profile. There is no detailed data available with regard to the numbers of each specific type of heating system such as open fire, oil or gas fired boilers, back boilers, heat pumps etc. As part of pre-lets/voids where vacant dwellings are renovated prior to re-tenanting the opportunity is taken to upgrade the dwellings including heating systems depending upon the circumstances of the individual dwelling. This is augmented by the works undertaken under the Energy Efficiency Upgrade programme.



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