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## **MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a copy of the Event Management Plan for the Christmas Village experience at Arthur's Quay and why the branding of the entire area was poor and uninviting.

### **REPLY:**

The Event Management Plan for the Christmas Village will be provided to the members. The branding and assessment of the site can be included in the Christmas workshop, as requested.

**Senior Executive Officer**  
**Tourism**  
**Community Tourism & Culture Directorate.**

**Date: 13 January 2023**



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what discussions are taking place with entertainment companies such as circus and theme park providers on dates for Limerick performances.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council engage with entertainment companies to provide performances for events including St Patrick's Festival, Riverfest, Culture Night, Christmas in Limerick. These discussions take place directly or through our event management companies and for 2023, these are currently being undertaken but details are yet to be finalised.

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Community Tourism & Culture Directorate.**

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**Metropolitan District of Limerick**  
**Meeting held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

**I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Regeneration Directorate link in with the Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) in Roxboro to discuss the large vacant units with a view to leasing them for many groups in the area looking for a home. I am aware funding is needed to maintain the roof.**

The Regeneration Directorate will engage directly with Cllr. Slattery to ascertain the detail of the level of demand and also directly with the LEDP to ascertain their plans for any units in their control that might be vacant currently.

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**Brendan Troy,**  
**Senior Executive Officer**  
**Regeneration Directorate.**



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**Meeting held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

**I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Regeneration Directorate link in with the Parish Priest/Diocese of Our Lady Queen of Peace to discuss the option of leasing Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre for groups in the area and groups already there as tenants as this Community Centre needs to be revitalised and managed correctly. Obviously, community engagement is vital as this is a Community Centre.**

Engagement with relevant stakeholders is a key part of the Regeneration process. The Regeneration Directorate will link in with the Parish / Diocese in relation to their plans for the Our Lady Queen of Peace Hall.

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**Brendan Troy,**  
**Senior Executive Officer**  
**Regeneration Directorate.**



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Limerick City and County Council  
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## **MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

### **Question submitted by Councillor M Murphy**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick have Limerick City and County Council put any measures in place to deal with the effects of Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus (Ashdieback) on roadside trees and open public spaces.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council Roads department do not implement any control measure to deal with the effects of Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus (Ashdieback) on roadside trees. It is up to the landowner or property owner to maintain trees and hedges along their property road boundaries as per Section 70 of the Roads Act.

In the context of public trees, the Council is taking a more proactive approach to tree maintenance as cases arise through the SUGAR CRM platform. When a case is submitted for a particular tree in a housing estate, the Council inspects all trees in the housing estate. If there are ash trees present, they are checked for evidence of ash dieback. These trees will be monitored and the Council will address on a case by case basis and may carry out remedial works where necessary.

In the longer term, the tree policy, which is currently at draft stage, recognises the potential danger of ash dieback. The policy proposes to assess the threat posed to public trees from it and develop an action plan to manage the threat to public trees.

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**Nuala O'Connell**  
**Senior Planner**  
**13 January, 2023**



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**Reply to Question for a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, January Meeting  
to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the implementation of the recommendations for the Limerick - Shannon Metropolitan Area Retail Strategy 2022 – 2028.

**Response:**

The Limerick - Shannon Metropolitan Area Retail Strategy 2022 – 2028 is a planning policy document, which forms part of the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 and was developed in conjunction with Clare County Council for the Metropolitan Area. The recommendations set out in the document are primarily to inform decision making on planning applications in the area over the Plan period. Therefore, implementation of the strategy is ongoing.

**Maria Woods,**  
Senior Planner  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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## MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 16/01/2023

### Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on what engagement has taken place with Garryowen CDP and others in relation to the need for a community centre in Garryowen and if a rough estimated cost for such a development could be outlined.

### **REPLY:**

The Council has engaged with Garryowen Community Development Project regarding the need for a Community Centre. Initial engagement related to potential site options in the area and this has yet to be finalised. The Council does not have estimated costs as these will be dependent on the type of building agreed.

**Seamus O'Connor**  
LCDC Chief Officer.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

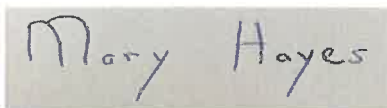
**Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the following information in relation to Housing Adaptation Grants, Mobility Aids Grants and Housing Aid for Older People for the Metropolitan District:

- i. How much grant funding was allocated to the Metropolitan District for 2022
- ii. How many grant applications were approved for the above grant schemes in 2022 and the value of same.
- iii. How many grant applications have been approved from the 2023 budget and the value of same.
- iv. How many grant applications are currently on hand that have not been approved and the value of same.
- v. Taking into consideration that the Metropolitan District would receive the same grant funding for 2023, what percentage of this funding has already been committed.

**REPLY:**

- I. €1,419,575.50 was originally allocated for the Metropolitan District in early 2022. We sought a further allocation of funding throughout the year from both the Department and our own resources bringing the total spend in 2022 to €2,311,315.31 (this included grant payments for grants approved in 2020, 2021 & 2022)
- II. 466 grants were approved in 2022 to the value of €1,823,333.61
- III. Applications where the work is not finished in 2022 are carried forward to 2023- there are a total of 224 applications currently approved from the 2023 budget totalling €1,476,771.63 this includes approvals from 2022 and new applications approved in 2023.
- IV. There are no applications on hand awaiting approval.
- V. We have not received our 2023 allocation of funding yet. Limerick City & County Councils 2023 budget allowed for a further €200,000 in funding for the year ahead and we have requested the Department to provide 80% match funding. Going on last year's budget we have 63% of our budget currently committed. The Department allowed all local authorities to approve up to 65% of last year's budget.



Mary Hayes  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Support Services

11<sup>th</sup> January 2023



**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

**Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of the anticipated costs that will be incurred by Limerick City and County Council for Limerick 2030 projects during 2023.

**REPLY:**

Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC (LTT) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Limerick City and County Council. Limerick 2030 as an independent company with its own Board of Directors and carries out a wide range of work and these can be split into two categories as follows;

1. Work carried out by Limerick Twenty Thirty to develop its own assets and these are funded by Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC's own resources that they make from rental income on its property portfolio, grants i.e. URDF and income from commercial partnerships and loans agreements.
2. Work carried out by Limerick Twenty Thirty on assets owned by Limerick City & County Council for which a Service Level Agreement (SLA) is put in place each year and a fee is agreed for the works.

At this stage of the year it is not possible to advise on what the breakdown of the anticipated costs that will be incurred in 2023 will be for Limerick City and County Council as the overall work program of Limerick Twenty Thirty for 2023 has to be agreed and approved by its Board. I anticipate that we will have a clearer picture of these costs later in Quarter One.

**Vincent Murray,  
A/Director of Services,  
Economic Development and Enterprise.**

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

### Question submitted by Cllr. D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of general operatives (Roads, Traffic & Cleansing) working out of each depot in the Limerick Metropolitan District to be presented in tabulated format for the years 2015-2022.

### Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Roads Traffic and Cleansing Department currently employs 72 outdoor staff operatives including Supervisors with 3 current open vacancies in the Limerick Metropolitan district. The number of outdoor staff in this area has remained relatively consistent from 2015 to 2022. The current breakdown of numbers in tabulated form is as follows:

Roads Traffic & Cleansing Area	Current Number (end of 2022)	Numbers from 2015
Road operations – based from depots in Park Road, Clarina and Annacotty	26	23
Cleansing operations – based from depots in Park Road and Carr Street	36 + 2 vacancies	40
Traffic operations – based from depots in Merchants Quay and Rathbane	10 + 1 vacancy	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>

It is also important to consider Limerick City and County Council also employ specialised contractors procured through the Limerick City and County Council's contractor framework policy to complete any specialised roads maintenance repairs, cleaning operations and road upgrades where required.

**Hugh McGrath, S.E.,**  
**Roads, Traffic & Cleansing**  
**Transportation and Mobility Directorate**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**