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

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Re: Development Fund Allocations 2023

I set out for your attention details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2023 for various capital projects across the city and county.

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 approx. €2.7m net (excluding water services infrastructure) has been budgeted for 2023. The expenditure proposals are set out accordingly.

The Council adopted a unified Development Contribution Scheme 2022 - 2026 for the administrative area of Limerick in January 2022. In adopting the new 2022 scheme members being cognizant of the cost of building inflation and housing affordability retained the development contribution rates at the 2017 level and therefore the amount of monies available annually is generally in line with previous years. The monies outlined below are a combination of estimated receipts from this Scheme and previous schemes operated by the Council. Monies owing to Irish water arise only from previous schemes and not the 2022 scheme.

The €2.7m figure is an estimate based on what the Council believes will be collected from development contributions during 2023 allowing for slightly increased activity in the sector. 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 approved Contribution Scheme dictates how the monies are to be allocated under various headings as set out in the table below. In determining the allocations for 2023 Monies received by way of development contributions collected under this Scheme are allocated in accordance with the overall criteria set out in the table below following consultation with the various departments of the Council having regard for their requirements in relation to the various stages the projects listed in the scheme are at and their requirements for funding in 2023.

Public Infrastructure and Facilities	% Apportionment
Recreation and Amenities	27%
Community Facilities	21%
Transport Surface Water and Public Realm	47%
Forward Planning	5%
TOTAL	100%

TABLE: Development Contribution Scheme 2022 - Appendix A - APPORTIONMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Following discussions in relation to the likely projects to proceed in 2023 and taking account of existing commitments the Council is in a position to allocate funding to 37 specific projects/initiatives for 2023. In addition, a general financial allocation to each of the Municipal Districts has been provided for local capital projects.

Assisting Communities

A sum of €200,000 is to be made available to assist with the taking in charge of a number of housing estates throughout the city and county where for various reasons the housing estates cannot be taken in charge without capital works taking place as they may become a liability to the Council. This money will be used in conjunction with monies received from the drawing down

of bonds and other funds in order to bring such estates up to the minimum standards acceptable to the council.

Account is taken of commitments given to local communities to provide funding in respect of Community Centres in Patrickswell, (€75,000), Kildimo, (€60,000), Kings Island (€5,000), and Ballinacurra Weston (€5,000), Bruree Park Improvement Works (€50,000), Murroe Woods Developments Works (€50,000). Funding is also being made available to assist the development of a new Enterprise Accelerator adjacent to Engine at Cecil Street (€50,000), 75% of the funding will be URDF and this Accelerator will act as an attractor to businesses to start-up and locate in Limerick and it will further add to the business development infrastructure of the region.

Further funds have been allocated to commence works on public parks and Childrens playgrounds in Corbally (€50,000) and Caherdavin (€50,000) and for an extension to Castleconnell playground (€50,000) and funding has been allocated towards Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) in Cappamore and Hospital (€100,000) and €50,000 towards capital Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

A sum of €200,000 has been made available for the completion of the Newcastle West Athletics Hub which is required match funding for department grants while a sum of €30,000 is allocated to capital improvement works at Lough Gur..

In line with changing practices in relation to funerals and an increase in cremations instead of burials funding of €100,000 is been allocated to the provision of a Columbarium Garden at Kilmurray, Castletroy, and €50,000 for one at Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery.

A sum of €50,000 has been made available for the Limerick Green/Blue initiative for the development of a master plan for the Groody Valley. This will inform and guide the planning and management of a network of multi-functional green and blue spaces and identify opportunities to employ nature-based solutions and help deliver a range of environmental, economic and social benefits and when completed will provide an invaluable leisure/recreational facility for the citizens of Limerick and may act as significant attractor for people coming to live in the Limerick region. €50,000 is also been allocated towards Capital Works at the City Museum and €40,000.

Rebuilding Limerick & Planning for the Future

A sum of €100,000 has been allocated towards the construction costs of LIHAF roadway infrastructure in Mungret to facilitate further development of serviced lands for housing and schools in Mungret.

The Abbeyfeale Traffic Management / Public Realm Improvement works has been allocated a further sum of €100,000 and it is hoped work will commence soon. €100,000 has been allocated

to the Askeaton Public Realm project for undergrounding cables, €50,000 towards the design work on the Rathkeale Inner Relief Road and €50,000 for Ballingarry Ring Road Design.

Public realm funding has also been made available for works in Limerick City centre around the Opera Site where €100,000 has been allocated. €75,000 is allocated as match funding across the Municipal districts towards Town and Village renewal projects.

A sum of €50,000 has been allocated towards the cost of an Area Based Traffic Assessment (ABTA) for Newcastlewest to support the Local Area Plan (LAP).

€100,000 has been allocated to match funding Failte Ireland grants for the Wayfinding and Orientation Project that will see new signage erected at key entry points to the County and City in line with the approved strategy.

€50,000 has been allocated for the Arthurs Quay/Honans Quay Area Framework Plan that will set out a framework for the re-development of a number of key city centre sites including the UL site that have the potential to create significant jobs and activity in the city centre.

A sum of €50,000 has been allocated towards the ongoing Street Decluttering Project across the City and key towns.

Seed funding has been provided to develop a number of Capital projects in Regeneration Areas including Moyross Avenue to TUS Link Road (€15,000), Moyross Avenue to Dalglish Link Road (€12,500) and Southside Connectivity Project (€8,500)

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 to the various district meetings.

In line with the approved Development Contribution Scheme 2022 a sum of €150,000 has been allocated toward the cost of running the Forward Planning section in 2023.

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A/Director of Services

Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate

Development Fund 2023 – Allocations to Projects

Business Area	List of Project(s)	Funding proposed 2023
TRANSPORT/SURFACE WATER/PUBLIC REALM	LIHAF Road Scheme Mungret	€100,000
	Abbeyfeale Public Realm and Traffic Management Plan	€100,000
	Rathkeale Inner Relief Road	€50,000
	Newcastlewest ABTA(Area Based Traffic Assessment) to support LAP	€50,000
	Taking in Charge (Housing Estates)	€200,000
	Traffic Management Plan -Ballingarry Ring Road Design	€50,000
	Town & Village Renewal	€75,000
	Askeaton Public Realm - Underground cables	€100,000
	Public Realm, Opera Square and surrounding streets	€100,000
	Moyross Avenue to TUS Link Road	€15,000
	Moylish Road to Dalgaish Link Road	€12,500
	Southside Connectivity Project	€8,500
	Municipal Allocations (small capital works)	€250,000
	Wayfinding & Orientation Project	€100,000
	Arthurs Quay Framework Plan	€50,000
Street Decluttering 2023	€50,000	
RECREATION & AMENITY	Murroe Woods Development	€50,000
	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Match funding – mainly community funded	€50,000
	Newcastlewest Athletics Hub	€200,000

	Capital Work, Museum Franciscan Church Building	€50,000
	Lough Gur improvement Works	€30,000
	City Art Gallery Capital Works	€40,000
	New Caherdavin Public Park & Playground	€50,000
	New Corbally Park & Playground	€50,000
	Extension to Castleconnell Playground	€50,000
	Historical Archaeological Assessments – Kilfinnane	€10,000
	Multi Use Games Areas for Cappamore and Hospital	€100,000
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Bruree Park	€50,000
	Patrickswell Community Centre	€75,000
	Capital Feasibility Community Centre Development	€35,000
	Kildimo Community Centre	€60,000
	The Engine Accelerator Building	€50,000
	Kings Island Community Centre	€5,000
	Ballinacurra Weston Community Centre	€5,000
	Mt. St. Oliver Boundary Wall	€100,000
	Mt. St. Lawrence Columbarian Garden	€50,000
	Kilmurray Columbarian Garden	€100,000
	Green/Blue Master Plan for Groody Valley	€50,000
FORWARD PLANNING	Forward Planning Costs	€150,000
TOTAL		€2,721,000

