

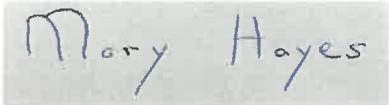
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 20th March 2023.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council change their policy when it comes to payment of grants such as Housing Adaptation grants for people with a disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aids Grants and instead of lodging the grant that has been approved to the applicants bank account the grant should be paid directly to the contractor bank account who has completed the job.

REPLY:

- The Housing Adaptation Grant for Persons with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and the Mobility Aid Grants are grants which are available to private householders. The housing aid grants are works carried out to private houses, where the householder & approved grant applicant engages directly with the contractor. The Council administers the scheme and approves an applicant for a grant but does not recommend or engage contractors to carry out works to the approved applicant's property as this is the responsibility of the householder.
- Once an applicant is approved for a grant, it is the decision of the householder to engage a contractor to carry out the works. Applicants are advised at the time of approval that payment of the grant will be made directly to them. If there are future issues with workmanship or payment queries this is between the contractor and the applicant and Limerick City and County Council has no liability.
- Under the Revenue Guidance Notes for Government Payments, Local Authorities are required to file an annual return of payments made in the previous year which includes the Tax Reference details of those receiving payment. The payments made to approved applicants for the housing aid grants noted above would also be included in this report. Any contractor employed directly by the Council to carry out what would be deemed construction works is subject to Relevant Contractor Retention Tax and details of the contract must be filed with ROS by the Council. Local Authorities are deemed principal contractors and if the practice of paying contractors instead of the approved housing grant applicants for works under the Housing grant scheme, it could be deemed that the RCT system would apply.
- In exceptional circumstances we do authorise payment to contractors where an applicant does not have a bank account. These are considered on a case by case basis.



Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
14th March 2023



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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on Monday, 20th March, 2023

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council appoint a full time traffic warden specifically for the housing estates adjacent to the University of Limerick to tackle the huge parking issues in those estates.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council will examine the possibility of providing additional resources for areas outside the city centre as needs arise.

**Liam Browne, S.E.E.
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
13th March, 2023**



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday 20th
March 2023**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the practice of planning temporary railings around derelict sites, as seen on Parnell Street and Hartstonge Street, be stopped as it causes accessibility issues on footpaths

REPLY:

Safety fencing has been erected by Limerick City and County Council around some dangerous structures sites in accordance with Section 3 of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964. Temporary safety fencing is sometimes required to minimise the health and safety risks posed by these dangerous structures to the passing public. Installed safety fencing can only be removed once the risks have been resolved but we aim to ensure that it's duration on site is minimised to ensure minimal disruption where possible.

Arlene Mellett
Senior executive Engineer

Date Reply 15.03.2023



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2023

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the upgrade works for the children's playground at The People's Park are commenced without delay.

REPLY:

The Council has appointed a contractor to deliver the new playground for People's Park. The contractor's programme has identified a potential start on site in June, which takes into consideration the lead in time for the delivery of equipment.

**Nuala O'Connell
A/Director of Service
15 March, 2023**