



COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER, 2023

Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting what budget has been specifically allocated to implement Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas in 2023.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy has a number of aims which include to;

1. Incorporate traffic calming measures at planning and design of schemes. Limerick City and County Council will adopt a pro-active approach by specifically addressing speed control issues at pre-planning discussions with Developers. It will assess all planning applications for new residential / commercial developments from a speed control perspective.
2. Respond to complaints regarding speeding issues in estates or where accidents have occurred and assess the extent of the issue and priority between estates.
3. Subject to funding restrictions, implement traffic calming on existing roads, on a phased basis, where need has been established.

While Limerick City and County Council does not have a budget specifically allocated to implement traffic calming policy, the policy provides for assessment of schemes that have a traffic calming aspect to be carried out in a consistent manner and to be justified \approved for construction in accordance with the policy. The policy was introduced to address the significant number of requests for speed control measures in residential areas and it deals with local collector roads and access roads.

Traffic Calming schemes are typically funded with other measures such as Active Travel improvements but funding has been provided for limited speed control measures from the own resources funding available.

A budget of €21m from the National Transport Authority (NTA) was allocated to Limerick City and County for 2023. This allocation will see the delivery of a number of schemes in urban areas which will introduce traffic calming measures, examples are;

- Raheen to Quinn's Cross R510 (including Ballycummin to R510 project)
- Milford Plassey Junction Improvements
- TUS to City Centre Cycle Route
- Dooradoyle Road Bus and Cycle Lane Improvement Works
- Clare Street to Condell Road Cycleway (Phase 1)
- Childer's Road Multi-Modal Orbital Corridor



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- Mill Road Corbally Pedestrian and Cyclist Measures
- Ballycummin Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
- Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme Pedestrian and Cyclist Measures
- Low cost Junction Tightening / Pedestrian Crossing schemes
- A number of Safe Routes to Schools schemes

In addition to the NTA allocation, Limerick City and County Council's own resources budget is used to fund traffic calming measures when deemed appropriate by the municipal district and when in compliance with the traffic calming policy. Such works funded from own resources include the following;

- Driver Feedback signs
- Speed ramps
- Junction improvement works

Traffic calming schemes will consist of a combination of measures and the techniques chosen should be based on the most appropriate and effective measures for each individual situation.

Máiréad Corrigan
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21st September, 2023



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MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER – 25/09/23

Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney:

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update in relation to the "Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads Agreement" following our request at July's Full Council meeting for our Director of Transportation and Mobility to engage directly with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

REPLY:

Mid West National Road Design Office -

Following the July 2023 Council Meeting, Limerick City and County Council wrote to Mr. Peter Walsh, C.E.O., Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to the resolution passed namely,

'That, Limerick City and County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmer's Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the Irish Farmers' Association representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/ dual carriageway. The agreement has expired, and the lack of ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure'.

An email reply was received from Mr. Andrew Moore, Senior Regulatory & Administrative Executive on 5th September 2023, stating the following,


'There is ongoing engagement between TII and the Irish Farmers Association (IFA), at national level, in relation to progressing negotiations on a possible renewal/ extension of this agreement for a further period.

The N69 Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass) is the first major national road project to progress to land acquisition phase since the previous extension of the Agreement lapsed. It is anticipated that progress can be made to bring a successful conclusion to these negotiations in a timely manner.'

We therefore understand that the Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Department of Transport, and the Irish Farmers Association are engaging proactively on this matter.

I have had a number of discussions with TII in relation to the above matter since the July meeting of the Council and I will continue to engage with them in this regard.

Signed:



Brian Kennedy
Director of Services
Transportation and Mobility Directorate

Date: 21st September 2023



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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 25TH September, 2023.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting what the weight allowance for the bin waiver scheme was in 2022 and in 2023 and, if there was a reduction in weight allowance, could the Council provide a reason for this.

REPLY:

The weight allowance for 2022 was 180kg per bin, i.e. 180kg General Waste, 180kg Mixed Dry Recyclables, 180kg Food Waste Recycling, a total of 540kg. The weight allowance for 2023 was 120kg per bin, i.e. 120kg General Waste, 120kg Mixed Dry Recyclables, 120kg Food Waste Recycling, a total of 360kg.

During 2022, Limerick City and County Council tendered for the establishment of four (4) Single Party Framework Agreements for the provision of Household Waste Collection Services for a subsidised scheme in four (4) lots as follows;

- Lot 1 Limerick Metropolitan District
- Lot 2 Newcastle West Municipal District
- Lot 3 Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District
- Lot 4 Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District

As the Council was aware that there were increases in the provisions of these services the tenderers were asked to submit costings for three (3) options as follows;

- Option 1: 180kg, Option 2: 160Kg, and Option 3: 120kg.

A full evaluation of all the tenders received was completed and based on the quality of the tenders and the available budget, Limerick City and County Council proceeded with option 3 i.e. 120kg per bin.

Seamus O'Connor,
Rural, Community and Culture Development Directorate

18th September, 2023



MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER – 25/09/23

Question submitted by Councillor S.Benson:

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council has had any discussions with Clare County Council or if there are any plans to connect Coonagh to the Shannon Greenway towards Bunratty.

REPLY:

Mid West National Road Design Office -

Euro Velo 1 route is the primary cycling route serving Limerick, Clare and the West of Ireland. This route connects Limerick to Sixmilebridge, via Meelick and the Condell Road.

In addition, the National Cycling Network identifies a supplementary cycling route connecting Limerick to Ennis. We are not aware of any communication to date from Clare Co Council in relation to this project.

We will however bring this to the attention of the Project Management Office in Clare County Council.

Signed:

David E. Leahy, S.E.E.,
Mid-West National Road Design Office.

Date: 21st September 2023

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MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick Fire Services can attend and support in the rescue of large animals in Limerick.

Reply

Dealing with large animals is a very specialist activity requiring expert training and equipment. This training is not available in Ireland and Limerick Fire Service has no staff trained in this area. In the interest of the safety, health and welfare of fire personnel, Limerick Fire Service do not attend or support the rescue of large animals in Limerick.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

20/9/23

Kieran Lehane
Director of Service
National & Regional Shared Services