



11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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**To: The Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 10am in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, Limerick and Online via Microsoft Teams.**

The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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**Mark Leahy,**  
**Meetings Administrator.**

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## AGENDA

### **1. Support Services Directorate**

#### **Draft Budgetary Plan 2024 – General Municipal Allocation**

To consider and adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan 2024 – General Municipal Allocation for the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

(Report Enclosed).

## **2. Minutes**

To adopt Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- (b) Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

(Copies Enclosed).

## **3. Declaration of Interest.**

## **4. Disposal of Land**

To note proposal for the disposal of land as follows :

- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 27 Hogan Avenue, Kileely, Limerick.

### **General**

- (b) Disposal of land at Ballygrendan, Limerick.
- (c) Disposal of land at Rosbrien, Limerick.
- (d) Disposal of Toll Cottages, Verdant Place, Limerick.
- (e) Disposal of 5.72m<sup>2</sup> land at Newtown Park, Castletroy, Limerick.

### **Regeneration**

- (f) Disposal of 27 Assumpta Park, Limerick – Regeneration House Exchange.
- (g) Disposal of 201 Cliona Park, Moyross, (Phase 3) Limerick – Regeneration House Exchange.

### **Disposal of Derelict Properties, acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990**

- (h) Disposal of 7 O'Dwyer Villas, Thomondgate, Limerick.
- (i) Disposal of 2 Ryan's Cottages, Rosbrien Road, Limerick.
- (j) Disposal of 53 Clare Street, Limerick.
- (k) Disposal of 3 Kileely Villas, New Road, Thomondgate, Limerick.

(Reports Enclosed)

## **5. Transportation and Mobility Directorate**

### **(a) Part 8 – Corbally Road Safe Routes to School**

To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the Corbally Road Safe Routes to School.

(Report Enclosed)

### **(b) Taking-in-Charge of Estates - Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

To consider the taking-in-charge of Steamboat Quay, Limerick in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

(Report Enclosed).

## **QUESTIONS**

### **6. 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 Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme:

- a) How many car parking spaces were planned for the second phase of Patrickswell Main Street in the original Part 8 planning application as approved in September 2016.
- b) How many car parking spaces were delivered on the Main Street as part of the second phase
- c) What plans do Limerick City and County Council have to provide the number of car parking spaces that were removed from the scheme approved by the members.
- d) As Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme is now completed it must be noted a commitment was given in the CE report to the members to enhance the lighting around “The Well” to date this has not occurred can it be advised when this will be completed.
- e) The Active Travel team do not consider the moving and increasing the size of the roundabout and the installation of deflection islands at the Enterprise Centre to be material please advise under law the definition of material changes.
- f) As part of the scheme a raised junction and two raised crossings were included that were not contained in the original Part 8 drawings please advise how these were included contrary to what was approved by the members.
- g) Provide a full list of any further variations that were made by the Active Travel Team contrary to the original Part 8 application.

### **7. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, following the commitment given by the Director of Planning, Environment and Place-Making in November 2022 to consider a pilot upgrade of a lane way in the City Centre, what progress has been made to date.

### **8. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Report on the extension of the Castleconnell Playground has been completed and is available yet.

### **9. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the progress made to-date to provide a dog park in Castletroy Park.

### **10. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to Lynwood Park Laneways, I have tried on many occasions to get Limerick Council to clean up these lanes but have failed. These lanes are gated lanes but the residents who requested these lanes to be gated are now deceased or elderly and cannot clean up these laneways. The laneways are now overgrown and rat infested etc. Can the Council take these lanes in charge again please. There is a similar

lane in Granville Park that also needs to be taken in charge. We need to support our elderly people who no longer can do the up keep of these lanes.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Active Travel Team and the Roads Department consider funding for Knockea National School so a safe route to school can be provided to the children and parents attending the school.

**12. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can the Council put in place a scheme to alleviate flooding under the bridge on the R512 towards Crossagalla, because in the bad weather the area becomes impassable causing traffic chaos in the area. This road is a main throughfare into the City and needs to be upgraded.

**13. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much has been spent in the last five years in St. Mary's Park on contractors cleaning up illegal dumping.

**14. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the local authorities plans to upgrade O'Dwyer Bridge on Athlunkard Street and if a bridge restoration grant has been applied for.

**15. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to outline their policy in relation to laneways at the rear of houses in urban housing estates to ascertain whose responsibility it is to maintain these laneways.

**16. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the breakdown of consultancy services and the list of projects in Limerick City East for which consultancy was used in the past 5 years in a tabular format as follows: year, consultancy services, project, amount paid.

**17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to An Post requesting them to reinstate the post box that was removed from the centre of Castleconnell Village when the Post Office was relocated.

**18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on progress for the delivery of the much-needed proposed Library for the greater Castletroy area.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the removal of temporary railings around derelict sites on Parnell Street and Hartstonge Street.

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on the outcome of capacity audit of Loughmore Canal as requested by this Council in March 2022 and for the results of this capacity audit to be shared.

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

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick of the protocol around collecting debris and branches from tree/hedge cutting and to ask for the debris from recent hedge cutting in Raheen to be removed from footpaths and cycle lanes.

**22. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick the number and location of disabled parking bays in Limerick City North.

**23. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the Climate Action Plan will be published by Limerick City and County Council.

**24. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if there are plans to designate areas for car sharing and enable for and/or install electric charging points in those areas.

**25. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the introduction of ASD specific parking as per the adopted resolution of a motion on this topic last year.

**26. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick who is responsible for erecting the flood barriers around the quays in and if the Council could explain the mechanism for having these put in place and removed, and if they would provide an explanation around the service level agreement.

**27. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what the budget is for the Disabled Persons Grant for 2023, how much has been spent to date and if the Council could comment on why applicants, who submitted applications in June 2023, are being told that they will have to wait until 2024 for works “due to budget constraints for the DPG programme this year”.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to the OPW to request that a) they identify as a priority a site for a new garda station in Castletroy, as well as give consideration to the existing vacant buildings that might serve the purpose; b) they provide a Garda office in the area meanwhile until the new Garda station is delivered.

**29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council would urgently engage with the OPW to provide a site for the New Garda Station that Garda Commissioner Drew Harris has sanctioned for the Castletroy / Annacotty area.

**30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council employ an infrastructure-led approach with any future planning applications in order to ensure we create sustainable communities.

**31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee and ask that she remove disbanding community policing from the Garda Commissioners working hours plan.

**32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council commits to putting in place a multiannual funded plan to implement the recommendations of the comprehensive management plan for the Westfield Wetlands.

**33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council writes to the Minister for Transport to ask him to introduce another round of Safe Routes to School funding to cover schools that have not yet received funding.

**34. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery (to be referred to the Local Electoral Area Briefings)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we discuss Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery and the up keep of the Cemetery with a view to improving the area.

**35. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan (to be referred to the Local Electoral Area Briefings)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the bollards that have been removed on the cycle lane on O'Connell Street be replaced immediately to stop illegal parking and to protect cyclists.

**36. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council liaise with Google to introduce Project Air View to Limerick City to establish the status of Limerick's air quality, to evaluate the impacts of air pollution on life and health of the citizens of Limerick, and develop mitigation actions in accordance with the results; similar to the one completed in Dublin in 2023 and in other European cities.

**37. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir (to be referred to the Local Electoral Area Briefings)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Active Travel review the options for safer crossing of Athlunkard Bridge for pedestrians and cyclist to complete the link from Shannon Banks and Westbury to St. Munchin's College and Scoil Ide Safe routes to school scheme, and the Mill Road Scheme.

**38. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that where a homeowner or Council tenant has an identified requirement for a sensory room and space is unavailable within the property, that modular units will be allowed for under the current housing grants, which currently only allow for traditional build units.

**39. Correspondence**

(Copy of Correspondence Enclosed).