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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the planned list for windows and doors in Limerick City excluding Regeneration areas, how many windows have been installed:

1. In 2021
2. In 2022
3. In 2023.

In relation to the planned list for windows and doors in Limerick City excluding Regeneration areas, how many front and back doors have been installed:

1. In 2021
2. In 2022
3. In 2023.

**REPLY:**

The following number of windows have been installed in Limerick City (excluding Regeneration areas):

- (a) In 2021 - 35
- (b) In 2022 - 84
- (c) in 2023 - 113 (to date)

The following number of doors have been installed in Limerick City (excluding Regeneration areas):

- (a) In 2021 - 45
- (b) In 2022 - 66
- (c) In 2023 - 75 (to date)



Brendan Kidney  
Senior Engineer  
Housing Construction and Maintenance

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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can Limerick Council ensure that a road sweeper is sent to the Old Cork Road, as the trees on the main road are shedding their leaves and the footpaths and inside roads are covered in leaves making it dangerous for pedestrians to walk.

### Response:

The Cleansing section is currently sweeping the Old Cork Road on a weekly basis, this will continue until all leaf fall has been removed, subject to available resources.

Liam Browne, S.E.E.  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate  
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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will again ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a date to when the Peter McVerry houses will be starting in Carew Park Limerick.

**REPLY:**

The Peter McVerry Trust have advised the Council that they will not be in a position to complete out this project and the Council have commenced discussions with them in terms of the transfer of the scheme to the Council. Until the project is handed over to Limerick City and County Council, we will not be in a position to confirm the start date.

Sarah Newell  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the flooding that occurred on Hyde Road on the morning of Friday 20th of October;

- a) What was the main cause for the flooding that occurred on the Hyde Road and inner roads on that date.
- b) What was the subsequent work that was carried out on Monday 23rd October 2023 to prevent further flooding in this area.
- c) Does the resident whose home suffered flood damage need to take any preventive measures for the future.
- d) Did the recent changes to the main Hyde Road layout contribute in any way to the build up of water on the actual main road surface.

### Response:

- a) On that particular day there was intense excessive rainfall that overwhelmed the drainage system for a period of time. On the inner or parallel road to Hyde Road a blockage was discovered in the existing drainage.
- b) Water was pumped from the affect area to allow access to a gully. The gully was excavated and a camera was placed in the pipe to investigate the issue. A blockage, consisting of debris and plastic bottles was discovered in the outfall pipeline for the gully. The pipeline was jetted and cleaned of debris and the gully was reinstated.
- c) Now with the gully and pipeline are cleaned and functioning properly there should be no further instance at this location.
- d) The existing road surface along Hyde Road was planed and removed and a new surface re-laid. A number of the drainage gullies are higher than the new surface and area due to be reset to the required level to provide positive drainage for the road.

Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.

Active Travel

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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>  
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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on numbers of Council owned derelict and vacant houses in Limerick City West and timeframe plans to upgrade and relet.

**REPLY:**

There are a total of 44 vacant dwellings currently in Metro West. The average timeframe for completion is the end of April 2024 based on current status.

Brendan Kidney  
Senior Engineer  
Housing Construction and Maintenance

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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### **MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to extend winter closing time of the Peoples Park to 5.30pm and confirm why the closing times for the Baggott Estate are not being adhered to.

#### **REPLY:**

The closing times for all Parks are set at particular times throughout the year and change according to day light hours during the summer and winter periods. While it could be considered to extend the closing times every week by 15mins, this also means that the opening times would be pushed out by 15mins as the Park Rangers are rostered to work a certain number of hours every day. This would also be very confusing for the public. The closing times are therefore set in blocks of weeks throughout the year and in general change when the clocks go forward or back.

It is considered that the current opening and closing times throughout the year is reasonable. It is acknowledged that there are a few situations where it may not be considered dark when the Parks are being closed but this is only for a very short period of time.

In relation to Baggott Estate, it appears that the gates were not being closed within the one hour window that is allowed in the contract for the contractor to have all gates closed. A meeting has been held with the contractor and it is our understanding that this has now been rectified.

**Aidan Finn**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Environment and Climate Action**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to clarify plans for the next phase of the public realm upgrade of O'Connell Street and if funding has been secured from the EU or Nationally.

### **Reply**

The Council is examining preliminary design options for O'Connell Street in conjunction with Transport and Mobility Department and National Transport Authority. Funding is to be provided under Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) and National Transport Authority. No EU funding has been identified.

**Vincent Murray**

**Director of Services**

**Planning, Environment & Place-Making**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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### Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the Council is going to appoint a full-time traffic warden specifically for the housing estates near the University of Limerick to tackle the parking issues in the area, following the motion passed in this regard in March of this year.

### Response:

In late October the Council assigned a Traffic Warden on a temporary basis to the Annacotty depot. This Traffic Warden is now patrolling residential areas throughout the city focusing on those which experience high levels of illegal parking, for example near third level colleges including the University of Limerick.

Liam Brown, S.E.E.  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate  
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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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### Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a bus stop and pedestrian crossing be installed on the Ballysimon Road as soon as possible.

### Response:

The preliminary design of the Ballysimon Road Active Travel scheme is currently being undertaken by external consultants. The construction stage is planned to commence in Q4 of 2024 and will include a pedestrian crossing and the provision of a bus shelter and its associated civil works.

Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.  
Active Travel  
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**Metropolitan District of Limerick**  
**Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

**I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on discussions between the Council and the LEDP on the possibility of the Council acquiring the Market's Field stadium.**

The Council is continuing its engagements with the LEDP and relevant stakeholders in relation to the future of the Markets Field Stadium. This has included the new owners of Treaty United and the FAI. There is no outcome to these at this point but engagement will continue with a view to a sustainable outcome.

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



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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### **MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on a proposed dog park for Limerick City North in O'Brien Park on Clare Street.

#### **REPLY:**

A framework of contractors has been set up for works including fencing for dog parks. However, there is no funding currently in place for the dog park in O'Brien Park. Once funding has been identified, procurement for this project can commence.

**Aidan Finn  
Senior Engineer  
Environment and Climate Action**

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**



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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many current open notice to quit applications the local authority is dealing with.

**REPLY:**

The Housing Directorate have dealt with 513 cases relating to notice to quits as at the 16th November 2023. The breakdown is as follows:

No	Status	Note
182	Proposals	Proposals are at various stages for example engaging with landlords, valuations, surveys, with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for budget approval etc.
81	Sale Agreed	The sale has or is in the process of progressing to conveyance to close.
30	Purchases Completed	The acquisition has completed and the sale has closed.
27	Referred to the Housing Agency for consideration under the cost rental tenant in situ scheme	The Cost Rental Tenant in Situ Scheme is managed by the Housing Agency and is available where a household faces the termination of their tenancy due to the landlord's intention to sell the property. To be eligible for consideration the net annual income of the household must be below €59,00.00 per annum, which is the income limit for the standard cost rental framework.

		Under this scheme the Housing Agency can purchase the house a tenant resides in and rent it back to the tenant.
193	Withdrawn	Withdrawn can be due to a number of reasons. For example: households overcrowded, owner re-occupying, landlords not engaging despite repeated attempts, no agreement with owner on an independent market valuation, tenant has alternative accommodation, household not eligible under the terms of the scheme.



Sarah Newell  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

- (a) How many road sweepers do the Council own/hire;
- (b) How many are in operation in the Metropolitan area;
- (c) How are areas selected for the service.

### Response:

**(a) The Council owns 7 road sweepers as follows:**

2 x 15 Tonne road sweepers (1 x 2011, 1 x 2020)

2 x 2.0 M3 Compact Sweepers (2 x 2023)

2 x 1.0 M3 sub Compact Sweepers (2 x 2022)

1 x CMAR Pressure Cleaner (2020)

**The Council hires 2 road sweepers as follows:**

Long Term – 2 x 15 Tonne Road sweepers (1 Metro Roads, 1 Street Cleaning)

**(b)** The Cleansing Section operates 8 road sweepers including the CMAR (hot wash sweeper) in the Metropolitan Area.

**(c)** During normal conditions roads, footpaths and cycle lanes are swept on a rota basis. During the leaf fall in Autumn the routes are swept as needs require. As all routes are affected by fallen leaves simultaneously, sweepers are assigned by the Supervisor based on daily observations.

**The Machinery yard operates the following Hired Equipment:**

One 15 Tonne Road sweeper all year round on a rota basis between the four MDs

Liam Browne, S.E.E.

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Transportation & Mobility Directorate

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

1. How many houses have been purchased by the Council under the "Tenant in Situ Scheme";
2. How many are in the Metropolitan Area;
3. When the Landlord agrees to sell to the Council, on average how long does it take to complete the sale.

**REPLY:**

The breakdown as at 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is set out in the table below:

No	Status
30	Houses purchased by the Council under the Tenant in Situ Scheme
22	Houses purchased by the Council under the Tenant in Situ Scheme in the Metropolitan Area
Median 4 Months	Length of time it takes to complete the sale once an offer is accepted by the vendor

Sarah Newell  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction





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to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### 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 correspond with Clare County Council to highlight that the riverbank on the far side of the Castleconnell footbridge is currently blocked, and ask Clare County Council to engage with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that those people that cross the footbridge from Castleconnell have unhindered access to the riverbank on the opposite side.

### Response:

Limerick City & County Council Road's Operations have formally highlighted this matter to Clare County Council. Our response has been acknowledged by Clare County Council and we have requested that we are kept updated on this matter.

**Mike Richardson, S.E.E.**  
**Roads, Traffic & Cleansing**  
**Transportation & Mobility Directorate**  
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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

### **MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council add every estate taken in charge to the grass cutting program where residents do not opt for the maintenance grant, and if there are any estates taken in charge where the residents did not opt for the maintenance grant and where the Council do not cut the grass or cut the grass once a year only. Please provide a list of those estates, if any, and please respond to the specific question asked and do not provide a general statement.

#### **REPLY:**

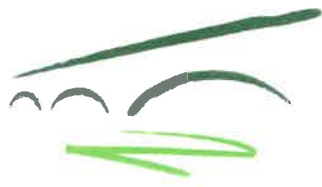
The grass in housing estates is either cut by the grass cutting contractor or residents can avail of a community grant where they arrange the grass cutting themselves. In the event that the community do not avail of the grant, the estate is added to the grass cutting contract.

The Council in the first instance, recommend the community grant option as it is not sustainable to continue adding to the grass cutting contract as there are limited contractors who have the capacity to undertake the contract for the city and county.

We are not aware of any housing estates that do not fall under either the Community Grants or the Grass Cutting Contract.

**Aidan Finn**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Environment and Climate Action**

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## MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on Christmas in Limerick 2023 including if the Council will engage an external event management company to run this festival and if there will be a ceremony for turning on of the Christmas lights.

### REPLY:-

In line with other large cities and urban areas across the country, there will not be a ceremony for the switching on of the Christmas lights in the City Centre due to the high costs associated with managing an event of this scale. It is considered that the Council budget available for Christmas in Limerick 2023 is best directed towards achieving the full itinerary of events that is scheduled for this year including seasonal street shows, Limerick on Ice, Fossett's Christmas Circus, Toots the Train and the aerial extravaganza at King John's Castle, among other seasonal activities. Christmas in Limerick events will not be managed by an external event management company in 2023.

Gordon Daly

Director of Service

Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism



Reply to Question for a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, to be held on  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for any buildings or structures in the Metropolitan area that have been removed from the record of protected structures since the development plan was passed by Councillors in 2022.

**Response:**

No buildings or structures have been removed from the record of protected structures within the Metropolitan area, since the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 was adopted by the Elected Members in 2022.

Maria Woods  
Senior Planner

15/11/2023



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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on funding allocated towards a cricket crease in 2019 and if a site had been identified for same.

#### **REPLY:**

The Council carried out a review of its green spaces in Limerick City West to see whether cricket could be accommodated. The space required for a cricket crease is significant, larger than a GAA pitch. There is no green space available at present that can accommodate a cricket crease in Limerick City West.

The Regeneration Sports and Recreation Directorate intends to meet with representatives of Limerick Cricket teams this month on the subject of playing spaces across the City and County.

**Aidan Finn**  
**Senior Engineer**  
**Environment and Climate Action**

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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

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#### **Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan**

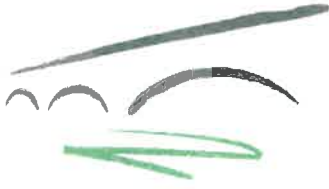
I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on when the first quarterly meeting of the Metropolitan District Joint Policing Sub-Committee will take place, as was committed to on my request at our June district meeting.

#### **Reply:**

A Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick was arranged with An Garda Síochána on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, to discuss the issue of anti-social behaviour in Limerick City. Following this Special Meeting, the request of the Members for Quarterly Meetings of a Metropolitan District Joint Policing Sub-Committee was also flagged with An Garda Síochána. However no date has been confirmed as of yet and discussions are ongoing with an Garda Síochána in relation to same.

**Mark Leahy,**  
**Administrative Officer,**  
**Corporate Services & Governance.**

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**



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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2023**

**Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the total arts and culture funds applied for, and drawn down, by Limerick City and County Council from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for the six years of 2018 to 2023 inclusive.

**REPLY:**

I set out below the total arts and culture funds applied for, and drawn down from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for the years 2018 to 2023 for the Rural, Cultural & Development Directorate.

Funding from Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media		
Year	Funding Applied For	Funding Drawn Down
2018	€127,750	€127,750
2019	€145,744	€145,744
2020	€234,275	€234,275
2021	€466,066.64	€466,066.64
2022	€707,131.10	€707,131.10
2023	€304,364.32	€304,364.32
2023-2025	€299,936	Yet to be fully drawn down as it covers the years to 2025

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## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

### MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023

#### Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the naming of the new Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road application to the LCCC Civic Memorial Policy to name this road after world famous Limerick rock band, The Cranberries.

#### REPLY:

It is anticipated that the new Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road will be completed by mid-2025, so the question of naming the road can be considered nearer to the completion date. Clarification is also currently being sought from the Department of Transport with regard to clarifying the protocols for naming a newly completed road, and this will assist the process in the approach to the completion of the road in mid-2025.

**Laura Flannery,  
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Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.**

17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.