



**Meeting of the Council of Limerick
to be held on Monday, 22nd January 2024**

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for information on where all air quality monitors in Limerick city and county are located and recent data for same and to ask for an update on an air quality strategy for Limerick.

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) owns three indicative air quality monitors in operation in Limerick City and Environs that provide data to the public. The monitors are located in Castletroy, Mungret and O'Connell Street. Real-time data from the monitors is accessible at www.airqweb.com (link available on the Council's website Air Quality | Limerick.ie). A monthly report on air quality from the three monitors is provided on the Council's website. The data from the monitors is also available on the EPA's website www.airquality.ie.

The EPA also owns monitors within Limerick as listed:

- an indicative air quality monitor at Abbeyfeale, County Limerick;
- two reference monitors at Henry Street and the People's Park in Limerick City; and
- a reference monitor in Askeaton, County Limerick.

Real-time data from these monitors including national short-term air quality forecasts are available at www.airquality.ie. In November 2023 the Council installed six further indicative air quality monitors, funded by Active Travel, to support their programme of works (Ballycummin Road, Park Canal, Childers Road, Old Cratloe Road, Parkway, South Circular Road). It is envisaged that real-time data for the public will be available in Q1 2024.

The Council also undertakes nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) diffusion tube monitoring (to review traffic-related pollution) at eighteen locations in the City and Environs where Active Travel schemes are yet to be constructed (Ballycummin Road, Belfield Gardens, Childers Road (two locations), Corbally Road, Dooradoyle Road, Ennis Road (two locations), Father Russell Road, High Street (near the Milk Market), Mill Road, Old Cratloe Road, Plassey Park Road, the R510 between Quinn's Cross and the Raheen

Roundabout, recently installed at Roden Street (Outside An Mhodhscoil), recently installed at Scoil Mháthair Dé on the South Circular Road, recently installed at Brookville Ave).

The Council's statutory requirement in relation to air quality is to enforce the Air Pollution Act (1987) and relevant regulations. The Council also:

- undertakes real-time monitoring to provide air quality data to the public;
- supports relevant Council projects (e.g. Active Travel, GoGreenRoutes); and
- supports the EPA Ambient Air Monitoring Programme.

The air quality in Limerick is generally good and meets EU norms. The most significant air pollutants in Limerick and Ireland are particulate matter and NO₂. The main source of these air pollutants is expected to be from the domestic burning of solid fuel and transportation. There are measures being implemented at a national and regional level that will potentially have a positive impact on air quality in Limerick, including the Solid Fuel Regulations 2022 and the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.



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18th January 2024.



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD JANUARY 2nd 2024

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting how much was spent cleaning up illegal dumping, broken down by District, and how many successful prosecutions were brought for illegal dumping for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

REPLY

The following was spent on clean ups of illegal dumping by district;

District	2021	2022	2023
Metropolitan Area	€22,719.13	€66,161.95	€92,378.92
Adare/Rathkeale	€10,913.45	€15,782.25	€15,949.02
Cappamore/Kilmallock	€5,277.75	€4,937.25	€13,953.69
Newcastle West	€2,640.74	€41,005.28	€1,929.50

Successful Prosecution are as follows;

- 2021 - 20
- 2022 - 27
- 2023 - 16

Just to note in 2023, there was a 4 month break in court session which resulted in a number of adjournments.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor C Sheehan

I will ask at the Meeting how many Croí Cónaithe grant applications have been received, how many approved and not approved and how many have been drawn down since the establishment of the scheme.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council administers the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (VPRG), funded through the Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage since July 2022.

Grant applications are received and processed by the Council on an ongoing basis. Per Department rules for the scheme, drawdown of the grant funding cannot issue until the refurbishment works are completed and confirmed by a Council site inspection, vouched expenditure is submitted by the applicant, and the relevant legal charge is registered on the applicant's ownership document for the property.

The table below provides detail on the status of grant applications received by the local authority at 18th January 2024.

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant	No.
Applications Received	282
Applications Approved	183
Applications Refused	4
Applications Withdrawn	1
Applications Drawn Down	14

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