

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on 19th February 2024

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the pedestrian crossing on Hyde Road (located across from Hyde Villas), has Limerick City and County Council considered the installation of flashing lights at this crossing as an additional safety measure, as cars do not realise it is a crossing until they are too close to stop.

Response:

This raised crossing was installed as an additional uncontrolled crossing following a number of requests from local residents. The raised crossing acts as a traffic calming measure while also giving pedestrians a safe opportunity to cross Hyde Road. There are further controlled pedestrian crossings locations along Hyde Road.

Dan Slavin, A/S.E.E.,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility directorate,
15th February 2024.

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the pedestrian crossing on Bloodmill Road, near the entrance to Castletroy View, has Limerick City and County Council considered the installation of a raised table top at this location, as cars are failing to stop and a table top ramp needs to be installed as a matter of safety for pedestrians.

Response:

Limerick City and County Council Road's Department has recently completed a traffic survey in this area and is currently liaising with the Gardaí to investigate any relevant traffic collision data in this area to determine what road safety improvements should be considered at this location. An application for NTA funding to introduce a possible pedestrian improvement scheme through the Active Travel department is also being considered. If a funding application is successful a suitable design and delivery, which will possibly be subject to a Section 38 public consultation and a road safety audit, will take place.

**Mike Richardson, S.E.E.
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
13th February 2024**

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the Rightsizing Scheme, when a person dies or leaves a Rightsizing property, what then happens to the property? Is a person on the Rightsizing list allocated the property or does the property go into Council stock for someone on the housing list?

REPLY:

Where a person passes or leaves a local authority rightsizing property which is designated for older people, Limerick City and County Council will reallocate to:

1. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List
2. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List who have requested a transfer from a larger home to a smaller 1 or 2 bed home

Where a person is allocated a dwelling under the private rightsizing scheme and passes or leaves the property the Approved Housing Body will engage with Limerick City and County Council for suitable nomination under the following categories:

1. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List
2. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List who have requested a transfer from a larger home to a smaller 1 or 2 bed home



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the build outs placed across the city during Covid to facilitate outdoor hospitality.

Response:

The businesses using the outdoor dining areas are generally required to maintain them and keep them tidy, any structural repairs would be the responsibility of the local authority. The Council's Public Realm Section is reviewing the long term strategy for outdoor dining areas in Limerick City.

Liam Browne, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation & Mobility directorate
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress is being made on the development of a new children's playground in Dooradoyle, following agreement at the recent Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee.

Reply:

1. There are currently two public playgrounds available in Dooradoyle, a small playground located at the Crescent Shopping Centre and a large playground at Mungret Park. The Council has been asked to look at the development of a new playground and staff have carried out a high-level review of the existing green spaces in the Dooradoyle area. There is limited green space available that could be considered for a public playground. The green space that is available is largely open green space within existing housing developments. In order to progress this matter further, the Council will need to determine the extent of the play facility that is required for the Dooradoyle area and how the existing greenspace can meet the required demand.
2. Once the size, location and cost of the proposed playground is agreed, the Council will examine how it will be financed and will progress agreed proposals to Part 8 and inclusion in the Capital Works Programme.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning, Environment and Place-Making
16th February 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much revenue has been collected and how many fines issued for dog fouling in 2022 and 2023.

REPLY:

2022	2023
5 Dog Fouling fines issued	3 Dog Fouling fines Issued
	Revenue Collected €0.00 1 Court proceedings has been initiated
Revenue Collected €600.00	2 Withdrawn

Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. A Litter/ Dog Warden can issue a fixed penalty fine for dog fouling under the Act, however the burden of proof is high. Prosecutions can be difficult as the Litter or Dog Warden must witness the incident and the dog must be connected to a person at the time of the offense. Where member of the public reports an instance they must be willing to give evidence in court, however many are reluctant to do so.

A new awareness campaign will be launched in Q2 2024 to raise awareness about dog owners' responsibilities to clear up after their pets.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer.

13th February 2024.

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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what steps, if any, have been taken to ensure that planning permissions granted in Castletroy in the past 15 years were compliant with the condition to provide a creche where such condition was part of the permission, and what steps will be taken to address this issue, given that no operational creche has been provided under any of those permissions to-date.

Reply:

The responsibility to ensure that planning permissions, including the attached conditions, are complied with and implemented in accordance with the permission, rests with the applicant/developer. Where it comes to the attention of the Planning Authority that there is non-compliance with a permission or unauthorised development, the Planning Authority initiates investigation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Nuala O'Connell
Senior Planner
15 February, 2024.



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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the acquisition of a site for a public graveyard in Castletroy given that a site was to be purchased by June 2023.

Reply:

The Council have identified a number of sites for a new burial ground to serve the Castletroy area and have completed a desk top exercise in relation to same. Each of the sites require site investigation to determine ground conditions and general suitability of the site for a burial ground. This process is underway and a preferred site will be identified in due course.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning, Environment and Place-Making
16th February 2024

**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 19th
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Question submitted by Councillor E O' Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on the decision for an environmental impact assessment to be required for the proposed development located at Dromdarrig, Mungret and when Councillors will be briefed on the responses from this public consultation.

REPLY:

The public consultation process on the draft screening reports for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) an Appropriate Assessment (AA) closed 30th January 2024. Limerick City and County Council received a number of submissions and the Council appreciates the time and effort spent on those participating in this public consultation process. This public consultation process is to ensure public participation in the development and finalisation of the EIA and AA screening reports. We are examining the submissions at present with a review to finalising the reports very shortly. Once that exercise is completed, we will arrange a briefing with Elected Members to discuss next steps.



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
15th February 2024



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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 from Uisce Éireann on safety of drinking water in Limerick City, considering the latest data from the Environmental Protection agency highlights 114,764 in Limerick City have been exposed to toxins.

REPLY:

The Corporate Services Section will contact Uisce Éireann to request a Briefing Update for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District on drinking water quality in the Limerick City area.

**Laura Flannery,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.**

14th February, 2024.

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Question submitted by Councillor E O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if Limerick City and County Council has any plans to provide a basketball court in Limerick City West, and if not, can this be considered by the local authority.

REPLY:

The provision of additional sports amenities to meet the needs of a growing population within the city and county is under active consideration. In terms of Limerick City West, the Council will engage with the Elected Members for Limerick City West in terms of additional sporting infrastructure as part of public infrastructure e.g. Mungret Park, subject to demand, suitability and sufficient resources being in place.

Signed: Louise Magner, Administrative Officer, Regeneration, Sports & Recreational Facilities Directorate

Date: 15th February 2024

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 19th February 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that following on from the announcement of the Kings Island Flood Relief Scheme going to tender can I have an update and timescale for the proposed Flood Relief Scheme for Annacotty, including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road.

Reply

The Annacotty area (including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road) forms part of the ongoing Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) which is currently in Stage 1 (development and optioneering). Currently, hydraulic modelling of the area is being finalised, which will determine predicted scheme flood extents and water levels. In parallel, detailed site investigation works are due to commence in the Annacotty area (including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road) in March 2024 to determine existing ground conditions. Additionally, ecology surveys are currently being undertaken to assess the local wildlife and habitats, ensuring that the project's impact on the natural environment is thoroughly understood and mitigated. The Annacotty area is identified as a priority area within the Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme project which can be advanced ahead of the wider scheme.

John Moloney

Senior Executive Engineer

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14th February 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update and time-scale for the proposed upgrade and expansion of the children's playground in Castleconnell Village.

Reply:

The play equipment at the playground in Castleconnell is in need of an upgrade and an extension of the playground has also been requested by the Elected Members. An extension of the playground may be warranted if funding can be provided given the proposed increase in housing in the village. All possible sources of funding for these works will be examined and the engineer responsible has commenced looking at options and costs.

We will bring a report back to the City East Elected Members when it is finalised with a view to including these works in the 2025 Capital Programme if approved.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning, Environment and Place-Making
16th February 2024



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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

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Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update to a motion that was passed on 8/7/2019, that safety barrier and footpath be put in place between Bricklodge and the roundabout on the N69 at Clarina Village which is for the safety of pedestrians and when will work commence

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council have appointed an agronomist to negotiate the purchase of land to facilitate the construction of the scheme.

The appointed company are currently in negotiations with all effected landowners. The Contract aims to go to tender once all land agreements have been obtained by Limerick City & County Council. Progression of this scheme is subject to ongoing approvals and funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Enda Harrison

Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 12/02/2024



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the extension of the dockless bike scheme to Corbally and other areas of the Metropolitan District.

Response:

The current dockless bike share scheme is operating in the Castletroy area with parking zones located in the city, at Colbert Station, Merchants Quay, and at the junction of Athlunkard Street and Sráid Séamus Ó'Cinneide. The operating area for this pilot scheme has been defined in agreement with the NTA.

Subject to the successful operation of this pilot scheme, and in agreement with the NTA, it is the intention that the dockless scheme will be extended to other areas of Limerick Metropolitan District in the future.

**Karen McDonnell, Executive Planner,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility directorate,
15th February 2024.**



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick whether the CCTV camera adjacent to the shrine in Garryowen is still working.

REPLY:

The camera near the Shrine in Garryowen is not working since it has no authorisation from the Garda Commissioner.

Alan Dooley
Head of Digital Services

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick the number of unpaid parking tickets from 2022 to present and the amount still owed in unpaid fines.

Response:

There are 5615 unpaid parking fines from 1st January, 2022 to 1st February 2024 and the total amount outstanding to date is €175,265.

All unpaid fines are followed up by the Council's Accounts Receivable Section, up to three reminders to pay the fine are sent to vehicle owners followed by a summons to a hearing in the District Court if necessary.

This process may take six months from a fine being issued to a court hearing taking place, many unpaid fines which are being pursued by the Council are paid during this time.

Liam Browne, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
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**Reply to Question for a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, February Meeting
to be held on Monday 19th February 2024.**

Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on the Shopfront Design Guidelines for Limerick City.

Response:

It is proposed that the Forward Planning, Public Realm and Heritage team will commence the preparation of Shopfront Design Guidelines in Q2 this year.

Maria Woods,

Senior Planner

13th February 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if Limerick City and County Council will consider the installation of a wheelchair accessible swing at the Shelbourne Park Playground.

Response

The Council will consider the installation of an accessible swing in Shelbourne Park playground. However, it is dependent on whether there is space available for this piece of equipment. It may involve the removal of other pieces of equipment or there may be the option of installing other accessible play equipment if space does not allow for the installation of a wheelchair swing.

The Council will investigate the options available for accessible play equipment and will advise in due course. It should be pointed out that there is currently no funding allocated for an accessible swing for Shelbourne Park playground.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer.

15th February 2024.