

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the laneways community mapping project and timeframe for completion.

Reply

The Limerick Laneways project is part of the Living Limerick City Centre Initiative which is funded under the Urban Renewal Development Fund. The Council appointed a design team led by Tobins Consulting Engineers, working alongside Allies and Morrison to develop a toolkit to give best practice guidance on the development of the laneways and to assist with a prioritisation of a capital programme.

The Consultants are currently finalising the Toolkit further to commentary from the Development Management & Place-Making Department of LCCC, which includes developing concepts that can be implemented on the Laneways. Once issued, the Elected Members will be briefed on the Toolkit which we envisage taking place in the coming months. It is intended to commence a pilot lane project in 2024.

Vincent Murray

Director of Services

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

13th March 2024

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the street signage removal project and list of signs yet to be removed.

Reply

The Council implemented a decluttering project in 2023 and as part of this programme removed 57 signs across the city centre. The Council has also now appointed a contractor to deliver the Wayfinding Strategy and this will include the further removal of signs to be replaced by the new wayfinding signage.

Nuala O'Connell

Senior Planner

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

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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 who is now responsible for the day time economy, what plans are been considered and what level of engaging with local businesses is taking place.

REPLY:

It is the responsibility of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Directorate, in partnership with other key stakeholders, to deliver programs, policies and activities that seek to improve and build capacity for job creation and economic growth in Limerick City and County. This includes supporting the creation of new jobs; retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones; fostering a strong entrepreneurial and start up culture and promoting Limerick nationally and internationally. The directorate has regular and ongoing engagement with local businesses from across the city and county.

Gordon Daly
Director of Service
Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism.

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Question submitted by Councillor M. Murphy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the deterioration of the R525 from Daly's Cross to Montpelier, due to the large amount of construction vehicles travelling this route to facilitate the river crossing at Killaloe. What measures are being put in place to restore / repair this road.

Response:

Limerick City and County Council Road's Department currently has plans to significantly upgrade a 1.7km section of the R525 road network from Montpelier towards Daly's Cross as part the 2024 Roads Reconstruction programme for the Limerick Metropolitan area. This road will continue to be monitored and considered for further road maintenance plans if required pending on future budgets availability and its order of priority within the overall road network in the area.

Mike Richardson, S.E.E.
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
14th March 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 works are proposed for Ballysimon Road and Garryglass roundabout, now that the funding has been secured, and the timeframe for those works.

Response:

The Active Travel team has engaged a consultant to assess Ballysimon Road and develop an Options Report for the Active Travel modes along the route. The development of the Options Report is underway and a working draft will be issued for internal review in the coming weeks. Time scales for consultation and delivery will be determined based on the recommendations and outcomes of the report.

Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
15th March 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 outcome of the public lighting survey carried out on the Castletroy Greenway and what improvements, if any, are proposed as a result of that survey.

Response:

The Castletroy Urban Greenway was designed to Lighting Standard P4. This is the Lighting standard for Walkways/Cycleways. A light assessment survey was undertaken by Limerick City & County Council's Public Lighting maintenance contractor during the week commencing 4th March 2024. The lux levels under the lights were found to be reading between 6 – 8 lux, with lux levels in between lights (at most centre point) was found to be reading between 4 – 6 lux. This satisfies the 5 lux average required under Lighting Standard P4 as set out in table 3 of IS EN 13201-2:2015.

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Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
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Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District what are the plans for the Lock keeper's House at Lock Quay, Clare Street.

Reply

The Council are currently examining potential uses for the Lock Keepers House at Locke Quay. The building will require substantial investment to bring it back into use and a source of funding has not been identified yet for these works.

Vincent Murray

Director of Services

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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Wednesday, 20th March 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District if the Council have plans to engage with OPW in relation to future use of the old, vacant Garda station in Mayorstone.

REPLY:

We are in the process of purchasing the property from the Office of Public Works to develop it for housing. Following the closure of the purchase we will be proceeding with a capital appraisal to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
14th March 2024

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many trees have been planted by the Council in 2023 and if any consideration will be given to schemes similar to the UK Scheme Trees for Streets.

Reply

The total number of trees planted by Limerick City & County Council in 2023 was 955.

The breakdown as follows:

- 175 nr Advanced Heavy Standard Trees – 16-18cm girth (Parks, Place-Making & Public-Realm)
- 120 nr Semi Mature Trees – 20-25cm girth (Active Travel)
- 110 nr hedging at Limericks Regional Athletic Hub
- 550 nr whips – as follows (Parks)
 - 450nr Castletroy Greenway
 - 100 nr Shelbourne Park

The Council will continue to plant trees in 2024 as per allocated resources

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Director of Services

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the amount of money allocated from the NTA as a block grant for the repair and replacement of roads and footpaths from 2019 to 2024.

Response:

The National Transport Authority has funded €69.5m to Limerick City and County from 2019 to 2023. This includes the development of segregated cycle lanes and widened footpaths, new walking and cycling bridges, and new pedestrian crossings.

The repair and maintenance of existing footpaths is funded by Limerick City and County Councils own resources.

Seán McGlynn
A/Senior Engineer
Active Travel
Transportation & Mobility Directorate
14th March 2024



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024

Question submitted by Councillor C.Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much money has been spent on refurbishment works to Council offices in order to accommodate the Directly Elected Mayor.

REPLY:

The fit-out works to construct the Directly Elected Mayor suite is currently underway on the third floor of Corporate Headquarters, Merchant's Quay. The current work stage is the strip-out/opening up phase therefore expenditure to-date is low (c. €40,000 ex. VAT). Work is ongoing and further costs will be incurred.

Seamus Hanrahan
Senior Architect
Head of Corporate Buildings and Estates
Limerick City & County Council

15th March 2024



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Wednesday, 20th March 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed development of 5 no. community bungalows at Mulcair Drive in Annacotty.

REPLY:

A stage 2 application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 19th January 2024. On receipt of the stage approval, we will be submitting a planning application.

Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
14th March 2024

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council give details on what works will be done in Boherkyle with the €60,000 allocated to that area by the NTA.

Response:

Limerick City and County Council Road's Department has received a €30,000 grant allocation from the Department of Transport as part of a 2024 Safety Improvement Works proposal at a dangerous bend located on the L5138 local road at Boherkyle in Ballysimon. This scheme will aim to improve sightlines on approach to a right angled bend by setting backing its existing roadside boundary. Specific details of any road boundary set-back are firstly to be formally agreed with the landowner involved.

Mike Richardson, S.E.E.
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility directorate
14th March 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 the maintenance schedule for Baggott Estate.

Reply

The maintenance regime for Baggott Estate is as follows:

- Grass cutting every fortnight
- Strimming carried out once a month
- Blowing/sweeping of footpaths once a week depending on weather conditions
- Tree pruning and maintenance during the appropriate season.

Vincent Murray

Director of Services

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

13th March 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 the Council can engage with the Crescent Shopping Centre for car sharing spaces to be installed there.

REPLY:

The Crescent Shopping Centre is in private ownership. Limerick City and County Council will engage with the owner to ascertain if they plan to develop car sharing facilities on their site and if Limerick City and County Council can be of assistance.

Seamus Hanrahan
Senior Architect
Head of Corporate Buildings and Estates
Limerick City & County Council

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