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June 2024

Council Co-Ordinates Successful Local and Mayoral Elections

Limerick Makes History as John Moran Becomes First Directly Elected Mayor in Ireland

N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project to Include 100km of Active Travel Infrastructure

Council Advertises Tender for Adare By-Pass element of Foynes to Limerick Road Project

Limerick Rises Up the Litter League as IBAL Praise Council Efforts

Night Time Economy Plans Progress with Surveys and Stakeholder Engagement

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Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Directorate

1. Trade and Investment

- It was announced that North American Bancard (NAB), a US-based fintech, is to establish an R&D centre-of-excellence in Limerick City which will lead to the creation of 54 jobs. Headquartered in Troy, Michigan USA, North American Bancard is a leading payment technology innovator. The open roles are in the areas of product managers, architects, designers, developers, engineers and data scientists.
- Growth capital investor, Business Growth Fund (BGF) announced a €4m investment in Eventmaster, a Limerick-based technology platform which provides ticketing, membership, and fundraising software solutions for events, sporting bodies and charities. The investment will see BGF take a minority stake in the company.
- Language interpretation company, Translit, announced that it is joining a British consortium in a move which will create 40 new jobs. The move will see a merger between Translit - which is located at Upper Mallow Street in Limerick city centre - and DA Language, a Manchester-based provider of interpreting services.
- A Night Time Economy (NTE) Stakeholder Engagement plan has been developed, to be delivered in four steps. The first step was the launch of Business and Public Perception Surveys (launched on 25 June and closing on 16 July).
- Extensive engagement with the business stakeholders in the city centre resulted in significant contribution of prizes to support the launch of the public survey.
- The NTE Advisor presented to a group of traders, retailer and vintners in collaboration with the Guards, outlining the NTE Advisor role and approaches to community safety.
- The NTE Advisor sought approval to allocate seed funding to pilot initiatives in the city centre, subject to further planning and to be implemented over the summer period.
- In collaboration with the Arts Office and Creative Ireland, NTE funding was provided for two evening events for Cruinniú na nÓg Late. These were successfully held on 14 June.

Retail Openings

- Variety Coffee opened on Denmark Street. This new addition to our city centre offers customers "good music and an artistic atmosphere" along with incredible coffee art.

Night Time Economy

- Applications for Night Time Economy (NTE) funding for Culture Night Late activities were assessed and grants of €5,000 were awarded to three separate applicants. The programme of events is being developed with support from the NTE Advisor.

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2. Digital Services

Limerick City and County Council Broadband Officer, in partnership with Age-Friendly Limerick, distributed tablets to a number of communities throughout County Limerick. These tablets were distributed to four of the sixteen Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) centres located in County Limerick. The following BCP centres received tablets for use by their communities: Askeaton Community Centre, Abbeyfeale Community Centre, Cappamore Community Centre and Coolcappa Community Centre. The distribution of these tablets to each of the four community owned and run BCP centres is an initiative by Limerick City and County Council to promote the use of high speed fibre broadband by all members of the community for e-health, entertainment, education, connecting to family and friends or using our online public services. i.e. motor tax, library services, planning queries, MyPoint Online Public Consultation platform.

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

On 27 June, the Annual Summer BBQ and Networking Event took place in The Clayton Hotel with guest speaker, Anton Savage. This event was to celebrate 10 years of Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick providing support and guidance to Small and Medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across Limerick City and County. The event was attended by over 50 clients and consisted of a panel discussion with guest speakers Maura Kearney from Kearney's Home Baking, Nell from Pressed Flowers by Nell and Helen Ryan from the LEO Limerick team. Overall, the event went extremely well with positive feedback from clients who used it as a chance to network with other business owners as well as gather information from Anton and the panel members.

12 training courses took place in June with over 200 clients in attendance throughout the month. The courses varied from social media training to customs training.

An Evaluations Approvals Committee Meeting was held on 18 June. The Evaluations Committee details were as follows:

- One Business Expansion Grant approved.
- Two Priming Grants approved.
- One Feasibility Grant Approved.

Four Trading Online Vouchers were approved in June.

4. Tourism

Limerick Greenway

Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout June and included the following:

- Limerick Greenway featured on the Irish Times article of Fifty great things to do with your family this summer, on 08 June.
- Promotional Advert and Article on Limerick Greenway in Kerry's Eye newspaper feature on Kingdom of Kerry Greenways and Limerick Greenway, on 20 June.
- Limerick Greenway, and a spokesperson from Rathkeale House Hotel, featured on Newstalk's Lunchtime Live, on 25 June.
- Article in The Irish Daily Star on 27 June, prompted by the Limerick Greenway Spring/Easter 2024 Media Photo Story release.
- Limerick Greenway featured on the Irish Times article of Hidden gems and unmissable sights from Kinsale to Galway, on 29 June.
- Limerick Mental Health Association's family 5km fun run/walk along Limerick Greenway, commencing and finishing at Limerick Greenway Newcastle West Carpark, on 30 June.

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Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:

- A post celebrating World Bicycle Day on 03 June.
- A post highlighting the opening hours of Limerick Greenway carparks for the month of June, on 04 June.
- Various posts promoting Limerick Mental Health Association's upcoming family 5km fun run/walk along Limerick Greenway on 30 June, commencing and finishing at Limerick Greenway Newcastle West Carpark.
- Posts on Hub/Town Spotlights for June which included: Glenquin Castle, Newcastle West Golf Club and the River Feale.
- A post promoting the new online Permission Request Form to host events on Limerick Greenway.
- A post encouraging Limerick Greenway users to do Limerick Greenway their way and to share their experiences by tagging the Facebook and Instagram pages, leading to resharing of their experiences.
- A post encouraging viewers to check out Limerick Greenway 'Frequently Asked Questions' page on limerick.ie for any questions they may have.
- A post encouraging the public to use Limerick Greenway this summer as a place for a day out with friends, family or work colleagues.

Limerick Greenway Statistics

Social Media Statistics

Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01/06/2024 – 30/06/2024

	Facebook	Instagram
Reach	98,300	55,400
Profile Visits	1,200	351
New Page Followers	39	85

Social Media Ads (Facebook and Instagram advertising statistics combined)

Accounts reached: 161,600

Post Engagements: 15,402

Link clicks to the website: 4,220

Google Ads:

01/06/2024 – 31/06/2024

Impressions	14,100
Ad Clicks	2,640

FESTIVAL AND EVENTS

Fleadh Cheoil Luimnigh

The annual Fleadh Cheoil Luimnigh owns the June Bank Holiday weekend in Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. The festival included singing sessions, competitions and a performance on TG4 with Musician of the Year 2024, Derek Hickey. Fleadh competitions included musicians of all ages competing to be the best musician in their chosen instrument. The Fleadh hosted music, songs and dance on stage and an on street Céilí. More entertainment included street performances, games, and further music sessions with awards given out in categories of instrument, age, and individual or group.

Limerick Sings International Choral Festival

The Festival took place from 07 to 09 June continuing a fine tradition of choral singing in Limerick. The non-competitive singing spectacular brings choirs from various locations and disciplines together, where they are encouraged to perform their own repertoires. The festival activities included a beginner's workshop with the Swingles, five-time Grammy winners, with a final performance.

There was an open performance at the Cliffs of Moher in Co. Clare and an evening of Choirs in Concert performed at the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, presented by

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RTE Lyric FM's, Lorcan Murray, all ending in a wakeup, shake up workshop/performance hosted by acclaimed choral conductor, Craig Anthony Lees. The final event that took place was an afternoon Proms Concert in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, with local and visiting choirs performing a varied selection of music.

Limerick Garden Festival

The festival, now in its fifth year, took place on 16 June at the Milk Market, Limerick. The festival offered garden, plant, and craft stalls, as well as masterclasses and music. The gardening community of Limerick shared its knowledge through expert talks held on the main stage, including Jim McNamara presenting on organic gardening, Lisa Kennedy on growing food in small spaces, Lumen Street Theatre on garden art for young people and Lynda Sheehan on 'my favourite summer plants.' For children, there was face painting, demonstrations for little gardeners, and beekeeping. The event had live music and offered a glorious day out for all garden enthusiasts.

Limerick Summer Proms

The inaugural Summer Proms took place from 21 to 23 June at the University of Limerick Concert Hall. Friday saw the performance of Shine, which was presented by The Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Festival in collaboration with the RTE Concert Orchestra. On the Saturday, a Midsummer Magic was performed by the Limerick Chamber Orchestra and presented by Simon Delaney and acclaimed soprano, Anna Devin. The final day of Proms was a child-friendly animated film concert, The Magic Piano and The Chopin Shorts.

Welcome to the Neighbourhood

Presented by Askeaton Contemporary Arts, this annual residency programme showcases Irish and International Artists, making and displaying art throughout Askeaton. This year's event was curated by Michele Horrigan and artists, Santiago Borja, Jan McCullugh and Frank Wasser. From 18 to 29 June, various artists held events. The events included artist, Mice Hell, hosting a talk on the history of Irish costume, and a new sign, 'Mussel Lane,' was unveiled by artist, Robin Price, through a collaboration

with Askeaton Tidy Towns. Tours were given on the history of the town and public art in the town. A short film was premiered named "Pass Me," a film on the Askeaton Friary and the points of view from characters imbedded in its history. The open day was held on 29 June, exploring the works of the artists in residence.

5. Innovate Limerick DAC

- 17 to 20 June – The Head of Innovate attended the Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) Conference in Porto, Portugal.
- 19 June - OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) mission visit to Limerick was held at ENGINE with presentations from Limerick City and County Council, LEO and Innovate Limerick.
- 21 June - AxisBIC (Business Innovation Centre) Launch into the Limerick and Clare region held at ENGINE.
- 24th June – Digital Mid-West Website launch held at ENGINE.
- 25th June – An Garda Síochána Policing and Harm Reduction Strategy Presentation and Discussion held at ENGINE.

Film in Limerick

Screenability

Film in Limerick, in conjunction with Avista, and with support from Crew Academy Munster / National Talent Academies, have developed a new training programme 'Screenability.' This programme introduces skills opportunities for adults with complex support needs. Participants attended an introductory session at the ENGINE buildings in June.

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Heartsaver CPR and AED Course

Film in Limerick, with the National Talent Academies, ran a Heartsaver CPR and AED Course for film crew in June. The course teaches the basic techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the relief of choking for adults, children and infants.

Podcast at Innovate

Regional Film Manager, Paul C. Ryan, took part in a podcast recording with Innovate Limerick at ENGINE.

OECD Presentation at ENGINE

Film in Limerick was represented by Rachel Power at a presentation to a visiting OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) delegation at the ENGINE building in June.

Film and TV Crew Academy

The June quarterly meeting of the Film and TV Crew Academy Steering Group took place at ENGINE, focusing on training plans for the coming months. The training academy, run by Film in Limerick in partnership with Screen Ireland, trains and upskills film and TV crew in Munster.

Production Support and Location Scouts

Production support and locations services were arranged for six companies, including TV shows for BBC and RTE, scouting for future feature production and TV series, and further support was offered for several television programme features.

6. Discover Limerick DAC

King John's Castle

Three concerts took place in June, "Live at the Castle," The Coronas, Johnny Marr and The Stunning, and all received positive feedback online via our social media channels. These concerts act as a vehicle for opening up the Castle to a wider target audience that might not necessarily visit the Castle. They generate increased exposure for the Castle and enable us to expand our customer reach, driving footfall during the peak Summer season.

King John's Castle welcomed the Fáilte Ireland 'Digital that Delivers' team to the Castle on 12 June. This team is a vital component of the Fáilte Ireland organisation and is responsible for executing the 'Digital that Delivers' programme across the country, helping visitor attractions such as King John's Castle to enhance their digital expertise in areas such as website design and booking engine capability.

Lough Gur

Lough Gur held a series of events to coincide with the Summer Solstice with events such as meditation, a craft fair, yoga and a foraging workshop taking place in June.

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7. Ryder Cup 2027

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Accommodation and Golf Tour Operators' Briefing

On 26 and 27 June, Fáilte Ireland, in conjunction with Ryder Cup Europe and the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), held information briefings for the hospitality sector and Irish-based golf tour operators at The Strand Hotel in Limerick which were attended by relevant Council staff.

The sessions provided insights into the initial plans, timelines, and processes regarding accommodation contracting, travel packages and the operation of the tour and travel programme for the 2027 Ryder Cup. The two sessions also provided valuable opportunities for information sharing and networking opportunities with the team from Fáilte Ireland, Ryder Cup Europe, Ryder Cup Travel Services, the Irish Hotels Federation, the Irish Golf Tour Operators' Association and other relevant stakeholder organisations.

DP World Tour Events

As part of the host nation marketing arrangement for the Ryder Cup 2027, the DP (Dubai Port) World Tour is facilitating Tourism Ireland to have a stand at all its European golf events annually promoting Ireland in the lead-up to the Ryder Cup 2027. The Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Co-ordinator attended the KLM Open in Amsterdam as part of Tourism Ireland's invite to promote Brand Limerick ahead of Ryder Cup 2027. Industry partners in the Limerick region and wider are being encouraged to avail of this unique opportunity.

Stakeholder Meetings attended in June

In June, the Council was represented at the Government Key Stakeholder Group and Government Steering Group for the Ryder Cup event, as well as a meeting with the Minister for Sport, the McManus Family, Adare Manor and Ryder Cup Europe at Adare Manor.



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Transportation and Mobility Directorate

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

ZEVI Local Authority Stakeholder Workshop

Members of the Travel and Transport Strategy Department attended the ZEVI Local Authority Stakeholder Workshop in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Limerick City and County Council gave a presentation to other local authorities and representatives from the Department of Transport about the development of its Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and the work undertaken in Limerick to facilitate the development of a network of public EV charging infrastructure.

Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Limerick

Limerick City and County Council has given notice of the public display of the Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Limerick and extends an invitation for submissions or observations on this draft.

The draft strategy is on public display in Council Offices in Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle and is also available for public inspection online.

Draft Limerick City and County Council Control of Car Clubs Bye-Laws 2024

Limerick City and County Council proposes to introduce Bye-Laws under Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) to manage and control the operation of Car Clubs in respect of the administrative area of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

The Council has now drawn up Draft Bye-Laws to regulate such operations in the Metropolitan District of Limerick. The Draft Bye-Laws cover the issuing of Operators' licences, and provide for a permit fee for each individual vehicle, in addition to specifying certain minimum standards for operators and vehicles, together with the

ability for the Council to prescribe streets/areas where Car Club vehicles should or should not be deployed.

The statutory public consultation for the draft bye-laws commenced in June. The draft bye-laws are on public display in Council Offices in Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle and are also available for public inspection online.

Limerick City Centre Transport Plan

Limerick City and County Council, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and supported by Jacobs as consultants, has commenced the preparation of the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan.

As part of the initial information gathering for the Plan, Limerick City and County Council has developed a Limerick City Centre Transport Plan Survey and this opened for submissions on 14 June. The primary purpose of this Survey is to collect insights on the existing travel patterns in Limerick City Centre and to explore the views of the people of Limerick as they relate to potential changes to the existing transport network and the rebalancing of road space, including the introduction of bus priority, improved pedestrian facilities and a safer cycling environment.

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2. Active Travel

Projects on site

- **Rósmor, Old Cork Road, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Roundabout and block on cemetery wall completed.
- **Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Footpaths poured at West side of project.
- **Father Russell Road, Raheen, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Surfacing completed from Gouldavoher Estate to within 30 meters of Racefield Roundabout. Line marking on main carriageway commenced. Landscaping ongoing.
- **Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Ducting, drainage and pavement work took place.
- **Childers Road (Greenpark to Roxboro Road Roundabout), Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Contract works substantially complete. Snagging ongoing.
- **R510 Quinn's Cross to Raheen Limerick:** Works began to progress on site. Advance off-road elements to accommodate pedestrian diversions commenced, some of which require dropping utilities ducting.

Other Projects

- **St. Patrick's Road, Singland, Limerick:** Detailed design under review.
- **Ennis Road, Limerick:** Options Report being finalised.
- **Ballycummin Road and Church Hill Meadows, Raheen, Limerick:** Review of preliminary design completed.
- **Ballysimon Road, Singland, Limerick:** Draft Options Report completed.

- **South Circular Road, Limerick:** Detailed design continued to progress.
- **City Canal - City Centre (Pathfinder):** Draft Options Report under review.

3. Mid West National Road Design Office

N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project

A project update on the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project was published on 24 June, following a briefing to Elected Representatives from Limerick and Cork. This update included the confirmation of a motorway road type, the developing design of the M20 motorway, 100km of active travel infrastructure, six transport hubs, and freight hub, along with recommended demand management measures, enhance public transport and environmental integration. Property owners and other stakeholders within the study area were notified by post of this update and invited to consult with the project team.

Work on the developing design and environmental evaluation continued through June, informed by consultation with the public through in-person meetings, online feedback survey, and undertaking of environmental surveys.

Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme (including Adare By-Pass)

In early June, Limerick City and County Council advertised a Tender for the construction of the Adare By-Pass element of the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare By-Pass) project. The By-Pass is one element of the Foynes to Limerick Road project which is comprised of a 35km road connecting Limerick City to the port of Foynes. The overall project involves the construction of approximately 15.6Km of dual carriageway between Foynes to Rathkeale (with approximately 1.9km of single carriageway road between Ballyclogh and Askeaton)

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along with the construction of approximately 17.5Km of motorway to connect Rathkeale to the existing Motorway network at Attyflin (N21/N20/M20 Junction).

The decision by the Government in November 2023 to construct the by-pass in advance of the remaining elements of the project is designed to facilitate the potential early delivery of the road ahead of the Ryder Cup in Adare Manor in 2027. The by-pass will divert any unnecessary through traffic away from Adare and remove a significant point of congestion on the N21, improving the safety and quality of life for people living and working in the village, and facilitate improvements to the urban realm.



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Rural, Community and Culture Development Directorate

1. Community Development

The Rural and Community Development Departments hosted a delegation from the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the Department of Rural and Community Development from 19 - 21 June, with the purpose of reviewing Rural Development policy in Ireland. The review seeks to deliver a framework of recommendations on policies, strategies, planning, governance and resource allocation to boost wellbeing and productivity in Irish rural areas. The group met with various stakeholders across many sectors in relation to the delivery of rural policy and visited numerous sites across County Limerick, to consider projects delivered utilising government funding.

Local Community Development Committee

On 05 June, the Minister for Social Protection and Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD, signed the EU LEADER contract for the delivery of the new EU LEADER Programme by the Local Community Development Committee as the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) in Limerick.

Integration Supports

The Interagency Community Integration Forum met on 12 June.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Limerick Growing Communities participated in the Annual Limerick Garden Festival on 16 June at The Milk Market. The event featured a Community Gardening Space hosted by Limerick Growing Communities, showcasing work from Community Gardens across the city with participants from Sláintecare Healthy Communities priority areas. Additionally, the Garryowen Community Gardens Open Day took place on 21 June at Geraldine AFC Green, highlighting community gardening efforts.

Healthy Relationships Workshops took place in the Southill Hub. On 03 June, a session on 'Embodied Consent' was held with the Junior Leader group, consisting of six female and five male participants. Another session on 'Embodied Consent' was conducted on 24 June with the 5th-year group, which included six female participants. These workshops were part of the ongoing efforts to promote healthy relationships among young people in the community.

Healthy Ireland Small Grants Scheme

Funding was awarded to the following groups under the Healthy Ireland Small Grant Fund:

- Adapt Domestic Violence Services – to refurbish an existing space to create a sensory room.
- Croom Family Resource Centre - Social Connectedness Project for Older People.
- Garryowen Community Development Project - Social Connectedness Project for Older People.
- Limerick Garden Festival – funding expert speakers to speak on theme of Gardening and Mental Health.
- Dance Limerick – 12-week dance classes culminating in a Pride Dance Party marking Pride Week.

We are Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick

The 'We are Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick' steering group selected three areas of work to further develop this campaign in 2024.

One of the three areas of work is to raise awareness of the campaign at community level via participatory arts workshops that commenced with breastfeeding groups in Limerick City and County. Three workshops have taken place throughout June in Castletroy and Tait Community Centre. The workshops explore the topic of breastfeeding with young families.

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Migrant Health and Wellbeing - Connect Café

Marking Mental Health Ireland's "Hello, How Are You" campaign Healthy Limerick collaborated with the Migrant Forum and Mental Health Ireland to run a connect café to mark this campaign in the Clayton Hotel in June.

4. Inclusive Communities – The Butterfly Club, Rathkeale.

- A briefing session regarding this year's competition process was held with the four Limerick groups and Co-Operation Ireland on 11 June.

Bin Waivers Scheme

- **Applications:** The Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme applications continued to be assessed during June. Out of the total applications of 4,174 received; 3,881 have been issued, with a small number of applications still in progress.
- **Audit 2024:** An audit of the 2024 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals continued during June.

Community Playgrounds

- In June, Tournafulla Community Council joined the Scheme of Assistance for Community Playgrounds.
- Community Playgrounds groups were issued the Q2 Inspection Reports during June and commenced to action the recommendations of same.
- 20 community playgrounds have availed of the Scheme of Assistance for Community Playgrounds.

IPB Pride of Place Competition

- Limerick City and County Council nominated four groups in the following categories for this Year's All Island IPB Pride of Place Competition. They are as follows:
 1. Age Friendly – Dromcollogher Care Centre and Housing for Older Persons.
 2. Urban Neighbourhood under 3,000 – Johnsgate Residents' Association, Limerick.
 3. Population <300 – Rockhill/Bruree Community Council.

2. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

Library

- Summer Stars Reading Challenge for young readers was launched throughout all library branches on 09 June. Participants pledge to read eight books over the summer holidays, and those who sign up for the challenge are entered into weekly draws to win family passes to various venues across Limerick City and County.
- The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between Libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. A 'My Little Library Book Bag' is available free for every child starting school in 2024. Limerick Libraries invite children and their parents/guardians to collect the bags at any of our 16 branches. Each bag contains a book on starting school, or making friends or being comfortable to be yourself, a library card and special 'My Little Library' card wallet. Book bags are available in both Irish and English.
- Limerick Libraries Outreach Service, supported by Healthy Ireland At Your Library, organised a series of chair yoga classes for nursing homes in Askeaton, Croom and Caherconlish with yoga instructor, Joanne O'Callaghan. A total of 114 residents participated in nine classes in June.

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City Library at Barrow House

- On 18 June, ABC Start Right invited parents to an information session entitled "Home to Childcare," offering tips and advice to help their little ones adjust to the move from home into childcare settings.
- The Limerick Migrant Integration Forum held a meeting of their committee members at the Library on the evening of 27 June.
- A lecture was organised by Limerick Mental Health Association on 22 June, with Dr. Santhi Corcoran (Mary Immaculate College) speaking about homelessness to a group of students from Southern Illinois University, USA.
- Limerick Mental Health Association also continued to hold its successful monthly Women's Group meetings, with the meeting for June taking place on 11 June.
- Other groups holding their regular meetings included the University of the Third Age's Irish Language Conversation Group and Crafting Group, the bi-weekly Tuesday evening Sahaja Yoga meditation sessions, and the monthly Writespace Creative Writing Group.
- The Children's Library hosted Foireann Comhluadar Luimnigh on 15 June with a special Irish language music and song workshop for children aged 7-12.
- St. John's National School visited on 18 June to meet author, Alan Nolan. The children from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class thoroughly enjoyed Alan's fun and interactive writing and illustration workshop.
- The first of the DEIS School Literacy Summer Camps was welcomed on 28 June with a group of young pupils from Presentation Primary School visiting for an introductory Library tour and fun storytime.
- The Children's Library hosted eight separate class visits in June from primary schools Scoil Iosagáin (CBS Primary School), St. John the Baptist National School, Scoil Íde, and St. Michael's Infant School.
- Younger audiences were also kept entertained during the month by the weekly toddler storytimes every Wednesday; and author Róisín Meaney's monthly Saturday morning story session on 15 June.
- There were five book club meetings in June with regulars the First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Spiral, University of the Third Age, and Children's Book Club all convening during the month.

Kilmallock Library

- Kilmallock Library held four taster exercise classes on each Tuesday during June, including chair yoga, Tai Chi, Activator Pole activities, and Hatha Yoga. These events, supported by local partnerships and Healthy Ireland, were booked to full capacity.
- Kilmallock Library's Irish Conversation Circle met on 04 and 18 June.
- Our Little Readers session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books, and chat met on 19 June with 14 participants.
- Summer camp participants from Scoil Mocheallóg visited on 25 June for lively games and crafts sessions, browsing the bookshelves and reading. A total of 36 children, ranging from junior infants to first class, eagerly took part in all activities.
- Weekly Bridge classes for beginners continued each Wednesday.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued each Thursday morning during June with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving, with an average of 19 crafters at each session.
- Weekly Yoga Community Education Course, led by Ballyhoura Development CLG, continued with two sessions each Friday throughout June, with an average of 12 participants per session.

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Newcastle West Library

- Claire Flynn from Mental Health Ireland gave a talk on "Minding Your Wellbeing" on 06 June.
- The Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 13 continued to meet in the library on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Ongoing use of the Sensory Space by classes and individual users.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Regular class visits from local national schools, including ASD class visits to our Sensory Space.
- Headway Ireland continued to meet every Friday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- The Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Adult Book Club met again on 27 June.
- Summer Stars event on 27 June with Arran Towers as the BFG (Big Friendly Giant).
- Cruinniú na nÓg, an annual day of free creativity for children and young people, took place on 15 June. Children aged 9-12 years attended "An Introduction to Filmmaking with Green Screen."
- The following author visits took place in June: children's author, Alan Nolan, hosted two workshops on 18 June, and local author, Helena Close, hosted two creative writing workshops on 20 June. These were attended by Third, Fourth and Fifth classes from local primary schools.
- Class visits from local primary schools continued throughout the month, including Scoil Mháthair Dé and St. Paul's National School, Dooradoyle.
- The weekly evening Himalayan Meditation class met three times throughout the month.

Watch House Cross Library

- Weekly Programmes: Thursday Storytime and Friday Parent/Caregiver and Toddler Group sessions continued, featuring storytimes, rhymes, and play.
- School Visits: The library welcomed visits from Corpus Christi, Thomond Primary, and Little Seeds Crèche, introducing the Summer Stars programme.
- Crafty Saturday: Weekly free-play art and craft sessions continued, with special activities on 15 June for Cruinniú na nÓg. Storytellers, Simone Schuemmelfeder and Michael Phelan of Storygate, held an interactive storytime for pre-schoolers and their families and two showings of the multi-award-winning film, *Flight of the Wild Geese*, from the creative minds of Sixth class of Corpus Christi School, Moyross, were well attended.
- Children's Book Clubs met on 26 June, discussing *Meanwhile Back on Earth* (7-9 years) and *Keeper of Lost Cities* (9-12 years).
- Fighting Words Workshop: Corpus Christi First class participated in a creative writing session.

Dooradoyle Library

- Approximately 400 children from local primary schools took part in a Book Review Reading Programme in June. Each child was presented with a certificate of participation at an Awards Day in the library. Participating schools included Monaleen National School, Limerick City East Educate Together, and St. Nessen's National School.
- The Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) had their monthly meeting on 05 June.
- On 06 June, a group of pre-school children from Future Heroes Childcare visited the library for storytelling, songs, and arts and crafts.

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- Teen Art Workshops: Began a three-week Summer Art Workshop Series for teenagers (13-16 years), focusing on expression and art-making.
- Adult Book Club: Held its final meeting before the summer break, discussing *The Wild Laughter*, by Caoilinn Hughes.
- Sahaja Yoga Meditation: Continued bi-weekly classes on Tuesday evenings.
- ABC Start Right: Concluded a Baby Massage class series, in partnership with local early intervention programmes.
- Education and Training Board Classes: Final sessions for Computers Levels 1 and 2, Driver Theory Test Support, and English Language classes held in June.

Local Studies

- Work on the Department's 'Centenaries' project for 2024, *Limerick in the 1920s: A Documentary History*, progressed.
- There were 56 onsite visits by researchers to the Local Studies Department in June.
- The Department handled 64 queries, primarily on local and family history.

Other Branches

- Abbeyfeale Library celebrated Cruinniú na nÓg on 15 June with a storytime and sock-puppet making workshop for families, facilitated by Simone and Michael from Storygate.
- Glin Library continued with regular book clubs, community singing and craft club meetings.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- *Mountains, Fall on Us* by Austin McQuinn finished on 16 June and attracted a large and engaged audience of 8,693. LCGA launched a publication to accompany the exhibition.
- Two new exhibitions opened on 20 June: *Last Act* by Marie Hanlon and Rhona Clarke, and *In a Dream In a Happy House* Shell/Ter Artist Collective. *Last Act* is a three channel video installation commissioned by LCGA, which presents the climate crisis as something both real and abstract and reflects the human response to a changing earth. Shell/Ter is a collective of five artists: Diana Copperwhite, Niamh McGuinne, Sharon Murphy, Alyson Keehan and Geraldine O'Neill. LCGA has commissioned essays to accompany both these exhibitions.
- LCGA continued to exhibit a selection of works from the Permanent Collection on a rotation basis expanding the use of separate exhibition galleries within the building. The exhibitions from the Permanent Collection display recent works donated and acquired, as well as works which are firm favourites to local and international visitors.
- LCGA offered an eight-week residency to Anna O'Leary, a recent graduate from the B. Ed degree course at Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD). This was announced at the degree ceremony in LSAD in June. A further award, taking the form of an exhibition in the Gallery, was presented to Tina O'Connell.
- LCGA worked with Light Moves, Open Futures 2024 as part of their international residencies for one week in June.
- Cruinniú na nÓg held a design workshop in LCGA as part of the national celebration of this event.
- Research and meetings continued with LCGA programme participants, including site visits by artists and curators.

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- Various community groups continued to use the Gallery for meetings and events. These include University of the Third Age (U3A) who regularly hold their poetry and music meetings in the Gallery.

Limerick Museum

- On 06 June, the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Gerald Mitchell, performed the official opening of Four Winds, an art exhibition by Dr. Julie Brazil in Limerick Museum. A native of Wexford, Julie Brazil lectures in Visual Art Education at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Her work has been exhibited in-group and solo shows nationally. She conducted Art Educator in Residence Courses in the National Gallery of Ireland in 2015 and 2018 based on Jack Butler Yeats' sketchbooks housed in the Yeats archive. Julie was a member of Contact Studios for over ten years and is now part of James Street Artists' Studios, supported by Limerick City and County Council. Limerick Arts Office kindly supported this exhibition.
- The Shannonside History Festival, Limerick's first ever history festival which was organised by Limerick Civic Trust in partnership with Limerick Museum, featured an exciting programme of events on 01 and 02 June, including a series of lectures by distinguished academics and a well-attended tour of the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association (LPYMA) building on 97 O'Connell Street.
- Limerick Museum's outreach programme in the city and county continued with two important events. On 07 June, to coincide with polling day for Limerick's first ever Directly Elected Mayor, the Curator gave a lecture on the Limerick Mayoralty since 1197 to the Limerick branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) movement. The U3A is a world-wide non-profit making movement for mature people. It provides opportunities for older adults to enjoy a range of activities associated with wellbeing in later life. On 25 June, the Curator visited the Hedge School Cottage in Newtown, Clarina, where he gave a talk to the sixth class students from Ballybrown National School on the history of the hedge school that flourished there 200 years ago. It was the

first time in 180 years that classes were held in this historic old building.

- On 15 June, and in collaboration with Limerick Arts Office, the Museum displayed a collection of replica crannogs made by a group of children under the direction of Arts Office staff. This was part of the Cruinniú na nÓg, a national initiative that celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, coding, theatre, art and music workshops, readings, screenings, special events and much more.
- The pop-up exhibition, Objects of the Revolution in East Limerick, went on display in the Museum on 26 June. The exhibition, which is part of a project created by the School of Archaeology in UCD in collaboration with Abarta Heritage, tells the story of some of the objects and documents that survived from the War of Independence and Civil War in East Limerick.
- On 28 June, the Museum's resident archaeologist gave two well-attended tours of the Museum to students from Limerick City College.

Limerick Arts Office

OPEN CALLS

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2024

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2024 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the Scheme is to support the maximising of the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. In June, seven letters of support were issued.

CREATIVE IRELAND

Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for children and young people that celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, theatre, art and music workshops, readings,

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screenings, special events and much more. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative to enable the creative potential of children and young people. All events are free of charge, child-centered and activity based.

Creative Ireland Limerick, in partnership with Fresh Film and Music Generation, provided a series of free workshops, activities and performances across the city and county which took place on 15 June. The programme was delivered in partnership with other Council Departments, including the Library Service, Limerick Museum, Limerick City Art Gallery, Limerick Greenway and the Night Time Economy.

Programme highlights included Rocky Horror Picture Show – An interactive Screening; A celebration of Music and Film at Limerick's Belltable; and Story time and Sock puppets for Toddlers.

Limerick City and County Council secured additional funding of €8,500 to deliver events that target teenagers in the Night Time Economy, and support the Youth Theatre.

Síolta Glasa

The Creative Climate Action project, Síolta Glasa, currently being delivered by Creative Ireland Limerick in partnership with Climate Action, held two successful in-person events: An introductory and icebreaking session on 13 June; and an introduction to the science of climate action event on 27 June. Both events were held in the Citizen innovation Lab, and were attended by representatives of the seven creative collaboration and the Síolta Glasa Steering Group.

3. Property Management

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	87
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	9
Derelict Sites Cases opened	7
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	29
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	5
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	14
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	8



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation Directorate

1. Regeneration and Sports

Regeneration

Economic Regeneration

Outreach to Employment Programme – Jobs Fair

Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) and Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), hosted a very successful Jobs Fair in Our Lady of Lourdes National School. This event was held on 12 June for the Ballinacurra Weston / Prospect area. The Jobs Fair provided the local community and residents with an opportunity to have direct contact with employers, agencies and training bodies, who were there to provide information on further education and training opportunities available throughout Limerick.

Stands at this year's Jobs Fair in Ballinacurra Weston included:

- Decathlon Ireland
- Mr. Price
- Fitzgerald Skip Hire Ltd
- Shannon Precision Engineering
- Stats Perform: Sports Data – Sports AI, Technology, Data Feeds
- Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)
- College of FET, Hospitality Campus
- Irish Home Care
- Limerick & District Credit Union Ltd
- Central College Limerick
- FAI ETB Player Development Programme
- An Garda Síochána
- The Defence Forces
- Novas
- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group
- PAUL Partnership Limerick
- Limerick City and County Council

- Limerick Youth Service
- Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board
- Department of Social Protection
- Barnardos

Community Mentor Network

On 20 June, staff from Limerick City and County Council, along with the Community Mentors, visited the Nearly Zero Energy Building centre (NZEB). The centre is based in Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) Roxboro. The visit offered an opportunity to view the range of courses on offer to their clients. The Mentors also visited the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, College of Further Education and Training Campus in O'Connell Avenue and met with a range of Tutors who are delivering courses throughout the Southside and Northside of the City. They gained a greater understanding of the vast range of training and courses available to their clients.

The Community Mentors are working in each of the Regeneration areas to increase the readiness of an individual for progression towards employment/training.

Social Regeneration

Best wishes were extended to Paddy Flannery, Manager of the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre, who retired from his post on 28 June. The community and residents of Moyross, including friends and family, turned out to say farewell and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and Limerick City and County Council's Director General, attended Paddy's retirement. They expressed their gratitude for the 31 years of service and community leadership Paddy provided to the people of Moyross and Limerick.

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Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) Update

- The Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well Call closed for applications on 21 June. A total of 52 applications were received.
- The review and assessment of applications received for the Families and Youth at Risk Call and Employability and Work Call were continued throughout the month.
- Assessment of the applications received under the Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well Call commenced in June.

Community Activities

King's Island

- The Community Centre welcomed the new Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, for breakfast, with 60 people in attendance on 14 June.
- On 27 June, residents and children of St. Marys Park worked on the Community Allotments in King's Island. There was a great turnout on the day and work continues with allotments, with residents enjoying the benefits of planting and growing flowers and vegetables on site.
- Rebecca Hussey, Gardner, continued to deliver weekly workshops each Monday morning.
- Additionally, 75 window boxes were prepared, filled and distributed for free to many houses in the King's Island area.
- "Fishing for Fun," event took place on 28 June at the Canal Bank, behind St. Mary's Rugby Football Club, with over 300 partaking or spectating along the banks of the River Shannon. The aim of the event was to encourage a new generation of anglers to use this amenity, right in the heart of the city.
- A Storytelling Session took place in Treaty Brewery in collaboration with the Hunt Museum on 04 June.

Moyross

- In collaboration with sporting bodies Munster Rugby, FAI and Limerick Sports Partnership, the 'Games on the Green' programme took place for primary school children at Moyross United's pitch.
- The 'Good2Go' programme continued during June. This is a physical activity programme aimed at encouraging older adults to move more. It is a popular beneficial social outlet for residents from Moyross and surrounding areas.
- Other physical activity programmes, including MoyFit, MedX and Boxercise continued to run weekly in co-operation with Limerick Sports Partnership. These take place at Moyross Community Enterprise Centre and Moyross Youth Academy.

Southill

- Tait House took part in the Limerick Garden Festival, building on the partnership established with Sláintecare and Limerick Growing Communities. This initiative is aimed at promoting the availability of the community gardening spaces in the Southill area.
- A Community Health Information Day, organised by Southill Family Resource Centre, took place on 13 June from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Southill Men's Shed. It showcased 23 different health promotion initiatives to attendees and included a number of free health checks including ear tests, information on managing your mental health and managing heart health.
- Tait House encouraged participation in the Project ECCO (Empowering Communities in Circular Opportunities) on 25 June, entitled "Recreate Café." The ECCO programme promotes community involvement in climate action through circular economy initiatives, through a series of free demonstrations and advice on how to save money, reduce waste and live more sustainably.

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Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes CSG (Community Services Group) Parent and Family Support Group planted and distributed 75 window boxes to community members in Ballinacurra Weston.
- Young people and families enjoyed various activities delivered during June. These included trips to Fota Island on 21 June and a parents' trip to UL Adventure Centre on 18 June.
- West End Youth Academy continued to support ongoing summer camps which included trips in June to Dromineer, UL Activity Centre and Derg Isle Adventure Centre.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Design Consultants for M. Fitzgibbon Contractors Ltd. advanced the detailed design for the 24 housing infill units in Carew Park, Southill, Delmege Park, Moyross and Hartigan Villas, Moyross.
- 15 units (Block B) in Cosgrave Park, Moyross, were handed over to tenants. Construction work continued on the remaining 27 units in Dalgaish Park and Moyross Avenue upgrade.
- Construction works on the Sheep Street Development, Sheep Street, comprising eight social housing units continued, with the units now closer to completion.
- 37 housing units at Churchfield, Southill (Phase 2), works ongoing. Remaining snags in Block 1 (11 units) nearing completion for a phased handover.
- Preliminary design and follow-up public consultation sessions were undertaken, for a new housing project at Pineview Gardens, Moyross.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) - continued throughout June, as these works near their conclusion.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) - contractor continuing to complete the works.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 house in St. Mary's Park) - Henry Connolly appointed to undertake the works.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) - continued to advance.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 127 (12 houses in Ballinacurra Weston) - substantial works completed to date.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) - Henry Connolly appointed to undertake the works.

House Demolitions

- The demolition programme continued with two houses, 566 and 567 Castle Oaks View, O'Malley Park, on the Southside, being demolished.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments – Nine Properties

- Lot 4a Scheme 1 (three houses) - progressing well on site.
- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 (six houses) - advancing towards completion.

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments – 11 Properties

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 1 (three houses) - currently awaiting Stage 4 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) - tender assessment ongoing.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 3 (three houses) - currently awaiting Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Minor Refurbishments

- Two properties completed and awaiting new tenants.
- Seven properties have the appointed contactors onsite, who are working to complete necessary refurbishment works.
- Five properties at various stages of the public procurement tendering process.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Part 8 planning application was lodged on 13 June for elements of the scheme that interface with private lands on Roxborough Road, Childers Road and Synge Drive. The development will consist of a number of upgrades to the footpaths, provision of cycle tracks and shared surfaces.

Southside Boxing Academy

- PBC Ltd. continued to undertake improvement works to the building occupied by the Southside Boxing Academy in the Galvone Industrial Estate.

Moyross Avenue

- Detailed design continued for the upgrade of the Avenue, in the areas fronting the Corpus Christi Primary School and Church, Moyross.

Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Detailed design work commenced for this sporting facility in Moyross.

Colivet Court Apartments

- Q3 Security Group was appointed, following completion of a tender process, for the repair and upgrade of the existing intercom system at Colivet Court, Carew Park.

Environmental Works

- Removal of redundant hardstanding areas in Salvia Court, Keyes Park, Southill, was completed.

King's Island Community Centre

- The Integrated Design Team Lead, Paul Keogh Architects, met with the King's Island Community Centre Working Group to discuss progress on its design approach and site analysis.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick Sports Partnership secured €21,000 in funding to support outdoor Swimming Community Groups in Limerick. This funding was provided by Healthy Ireland.
- Men's Health Week and Active Schools Week were two key National initiatives that LSP supported in June. In total, over 2,500 adults and children engaged in these initiatives. A suite of educational programmes, seminars and physical activity sessions, which include fitness classes and nutrition education, were delivered.
- Limerick LSP secured €30,000 in funding support from the Mid-West Regional Drug and Alcohol Forum to support our initiatives in this space. One popular initiative is the Boxing-Clever programme.
- LSP had over 3,500 participants engage in our suite of Physical activity programmes and educational initiatives during June. These included our schools, community, and sports hubs activities.
- A Fit Sticks Walking Trail has been installed in Clare Street Park, Limerick, with funding from the Active Cities programme. This infrastructure will support

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older adults to maintain or improve their mobility by undertaking strengthening exercises with or without Activator Poles. These poles are available in the BoxUp station located in the park.

- The BoxUp equipment lockers in Clare Street Park are having a positive impact and are helping to increase physical activity throughout the park. Basketball, Volleyball and table tennis are the most popular.
- To date, this initiative has 656 registered users.
- The sporting equipment has been used in excess of 2,201 times.
- User breakdown is 86% Male and 14% Female.
- The youngest active user is 12 years old, while the oldest is 70. The average age is 33.
- The Box Up App has a satisfaction average of 4.6/5. Link to App can be used here: [BoxUp - Download The App](#)
- For more information on programmes and activities, visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Community Engagement

- Interaction continued with Dromore United Football Club, Pallaskenry, in relation to their plans to lease a sporting facility in the village.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The facility recorded 228 individual users during June, as the better weather allowed for more outdoor activity.
- 52 new users set up accounts to add to the existing users of the facility.
- Community Games events for local areas were held with St. Kieran's, whose members are from

Ardagh, Coolcappa, Carrickerry and Kilcolman and the community games club in Dromcollogher and Broadford, with both clubs deciding to bring their annual event to the Hub for the first time.

- On 18 June, the Tribal Running event took place with 60 athletes taking part. This was the final leg of a Track and Field Tour in 2024.
- West Limerick Athletics Club and St. Mary's Athletics Club continued to hold their weekly training sessions, with an estimated total of 220 athletes training with these local clubs.

Rathbane Golf Course

- A total number of 3,412 rounds of golf were recorded during June. These were shared between members and green-fees.
- Female competitions in June totalled 100 different participants, with 9-hole, 18-hole and President's Day competitions taking place.
- Male competitions proved popular with 280 engaging across the month. Events included Open Singles, Senior Open Singles and Weekend Singles.
- Rathbane Golf Course has teamed up with a new charitable scheme called Return & Employ. This scheme collects unwanted returnable bottles through designated bins throughout the course. Return & Employ employs people with disabilities and others who are returning to the workforce. This is a green initiative which helps to keep the course clean.
- Representatives from the Council, Rathbane Golf Club members and the Operator, Mack Trading Ltd., met in early June to discuss opportunities to group the membership of the club.
- On 13 June, Golf Ireland Development Officers, Sam Power, Vincent Foley and Tracy Bunyan met with the Director of Services and Mack Trading to explore options to promote the sport of golf within the course and the surrounding Regeneration communities.

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Swimming Pools

Grove Island Leisure Centre, Corbally

- June saw 1,548 Pay as You Go customers visit the facility, as well as the 5,628 visits from members. This was split across the pool, gym, fitness classes and the aqua classes.
- Swimming lessons continued, with the Children's Swim Academy, Swim Baby/Tots, Rookie and Adult lessons all proving popular with over 3,500 engagements in June.
- Nine local schools, many from Regeneration areas, use the facility, with 1,575 pupils getting access to the pool. Schools including Corpus Christi from Moyross National School and St. Mary's National School were among the visitors.
- Local swimming clubs; Celtic Waves, Limerick Swim Club, Limerick Masters and Mulcair Swim Club, all continued to use the pool for training.
- Some staff from the facility attended the Aura Group Customer Master Class in Trim, Co. Meath.
- Grove Island Leisure Centre took part in Aura's nationwide campaign for Drowning Prevention Week. The campaign was brought to many local schoolchildren from First to Sixth, to educate children around the challenges of water.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Energy upgrade and associated flood defence works commenced at Askeaton Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre. The works are being undertaken by Martins Construction Ltd. who went on site on 19 June. Works include the upgrading of the plant room, the replacement of the mechanical and electrical equipment and the installation of energy efficient heating systems, along with minor capital works. This project is funded through a combination of Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund and the Council's own resources.



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Housing Directorate

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,845
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	416

Closed Housing Applications

	June	Year to Date
Closed Applications	67	366

Applications are returned/closed for the following reasons:

- Failure to satisfy the eligibility criteria for social housing support as set out in legislation.
- Failure to submit a complete application and/or further information required.
- Applicants who have been housed by Limerick City and County Council or an Approved Housing Body.
- Applicants who wish to apply to another local authority or are no longer interested in social housing support.

Allocations

	No. of Units June	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	1	6
Newcastle West	3	12
Metropolitan District	26	129
Cappamore-Kilmallock	7	23
Total	37	170

Refusals

	No. of Units June	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	5	13
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3	8
Total	8	21

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2024 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
146	80	59	7

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	675
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	572
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	5
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	8

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

2,012 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	23
No. of Amendments	352
No. of Cessations	38

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€6,731,013	€10,890,996	€17,622,009	€9,836,534	€7,785,475	56 %

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Home Improvement Schemes

June 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	1	1	2	1	5
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
	No. Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	1	3	3	1	8
	HAG Expenditure	€36,074.02	€17,594.62	€0.00	€11,625.00	€65,293.64
	No. Paid	4	2	0	2	8
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	2	11	8	0	21
	HOP Expenditure	€0.00	€44,995.00	€0.00	€8,000.00	€52,995.00
	No. Paid	0	8	0	1	9
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€10,373.90	€0.00	€124,373.65	€31,484.90	€166,232.45
	No. Paid	1	0	8	3	12

Total No. Approved	34
Total Monies Paid	€284,521.09
Total No. Paid	29

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - June 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	3	21	2	31
	MAG Expenditure	€22,579.00	€12,150.00	€46,471.43	€3,506.48	€84,706.91
	No. Paid	7	5	14	1	27
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	24	40	136	15	215
	HAG Expenditure	€136,933.87	€197,728.31	€935,098.69	€192,916.80	€1,462,677.67
	No. Paid	15	27	89	25	156
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	41	72	230	42	385
	HOP Expenditure	€130,462.76	€293,481.46	€676,213.26	€147,620.74	€1,247,778.22
	No. Paid	34	67	152	35	288
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€12,978.73	€3,138.28	€244,283.57	€31,484.90	€291,885.48
	No. Paid	2	1	15	3	21

YTD Total No. Approved	631
YTD Total Monies Paid	€3,087,048.28
YTD Total No. Paid	492

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	June	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	25	163

House Visits

	June	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	179	1,554

Sugar CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Cases

	June	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	328	328
Cases closed during month	56	430

Repossession

	June	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	9	64

Garda Checks

	June	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	120	618

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Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data

Date: 13.06.2024		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	26
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	65
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	6
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	51
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	16
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	11
Total		198

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	108	122	66
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	14	15	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		128	145	82

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	June	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	6	48
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	5	27
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	5	40
Loan Applications: No. approved	4	14
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	10	103
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	5	29
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	17
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	8	29
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	10	72
Title Rectifications Received	1	4
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	109	1,647

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	1
Ombudsman Query Cases	1
Data Access Requests	0

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered June	2
Year to Date	10

These figures are included in Allocations Figures and Approved Housing Body Allocations*

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals / Visits June	14
Year to Date	119

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns June	
Total	9

House Returns June By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	2
Cappamore-Kilmallock	1
Newcastle West	1
Metropolitan District	5
Total	9

During June, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of two houses returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Ratheale, one in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, one in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and five in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme

	Completed in June	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Major Refurbishments	3	74
Tenant in Situ Works	1	27
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	6	111
Regeneration Team		
Major Refurbishments	15	19
Minor Refurbishments	2	21
Total	27	252
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	23

In June, work on four properties was completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, work on six properties was completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and Work on 17 properties was completed by the Regeneration Team.

There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of June, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 101 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 111 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 40 properties.

Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 23 properties.

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Project Updates

- Stage 3 application form was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for housing development of 10 units at O'Connor Park, Ardagh.
- Stage 3 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 31 units at Sycamore Crescent, Newcastle West.
- Stage 4 application form was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property on Lower Maiden Street, Newcastle West.
- Single Stage Submission was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for two units at Crawford Street, Bruff.
- Stage 1 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at properties in Galbally and Shanagolden.
- Stage 2 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 20 units at Ballycummin Road, Raheen, Limerick.
- Stage 1 – 3 approval was received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at properties on Clare Street, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at two properties in Caherconlish and one property on the Old Cratloe Road, Limerick.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €681,838 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €910,606 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Complaints dealt with during June

Housing Maintenance Cases - June	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.06.2024
Metropolitan District of Limerick	595	702	1,482
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	64	86	324
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	97	95	358
Municipal District of Newcastle West	102	85	516
TOTAL	858	968	2,680

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Grants Inspections

Metropolitan District of Limerick – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/ Disability Adaptations – June

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	4	5
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	3	8	0	8	19
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	19	0	4	23
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	0	2	4	7
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	4	28	2	20	54

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – June

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	1	8
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	7	1	0	8
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	2	3
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	15	1	3	19

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Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – June

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	7	12
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	7	18
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	17	0	14	31

Municipal District of Newcastle West – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – June

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	6	11
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	13	0	10	23
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	19	0	16	35

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HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - June - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	0
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	2
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	2
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	4
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	8

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered June	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) June	0
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	1
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	1
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	27

4. Strategy & Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2024

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.06.2024 is as follows:

As at 30.06.2024 (01.01.2024 – 30.06.2024)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2024 Delivery Target
Build	18	364	382	513
Buy *	46	89	135	100
Lease	3	19	22	44
TOTAL	67	472	539	

*Majority under the ‘Buy’ stream are Notice of Termination properties.

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Notice of Termination Figures

The following outlines the number of cases received in June and Cumulative to date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in June	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council before the Council engages with the landlord. It moves to 'Proposal' stage once the landlord consents to engaging with Limerick City and County Council to purchase	0	4
Proposals being reviewed	2	54
Sale Agreed	6	59
Purchase Completed	5	93
Withdrawn - e.g., main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety issues	19	363
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	44
Income above Social Housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	1	47
Grand Total	33	664

Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

Project Approvals received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Turnkey Approval for the delivery of 4 units at Knocklong, Co Limerick.	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Notice to Quit - Acquisition	Approval for Notice to Quit Acquisition in Dooradoyle, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	CALF Turnkey Submission for 30 units at The Mills, Castletroy – Circle Housing	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Acquisition of six units at Mallow Street, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Submission for the Acquisition of one unit in Kilcolman Drive, Newcastle West, Co Limerick.	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Buy and Renew (B&R)	Submission for the Acquisition of one unit in Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in June
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Alternative layouts for access and tree retention underway. Bat survey completed in June. East-West link road funding approval from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage granted.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Coordination and briefing meetings held with National Development Finance Agency team on Public Private Partnership Scheme. Site and brief development were advanced throughout June. East-West link road funding approval from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	The monthly Project Working Group meeting was held. Land Development Agency currently finalising the Project Charter after input from Limerick City and County Council. This will be appended to the Development Agreement which the Land Development Agency and Limerick City and County Council will enter into.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in June
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	22	Viability Study complete and sent for justification test analysis (flooding).
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>The winning consultant teams were appointed to move the project forward to pre-planning stage.</p> <p>The project "The Fosse – City Wall Linear SUDS Park – Phase 1" was submitted for funding consideration under the Local Authority Waters NBS (Nature Based Suds) for 2024 Scheme, and for consideration under 2025 funding.</p> <p>The project was also presented as a case study at the Local Authority Affordable Housing Practitioners' Conference on 26 June.</p>
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	7	Work continued on the pre-planning design, meetings were held with local stakeholders, and inputs being integrated into a planning application.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on the progression of the land transfer during June.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	22	Project currently with An Bord Pleanála.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in June
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June. Limerick City and County Council awaiting Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Adare	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase Self-build plots	8	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Guadán, Castletroy, Limerick City.	25	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout June for the 25-unit Brú na Guadán, Castletroy Affordable Purchase Scheme.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase in Abbeyfeale.	10	A proposed 10-unit Affordable Housing Scheme in Abbeyfeale was also progressed during June.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen.	145	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June with valuations and Quantity Surveyor costings.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Croom.	7	Currently in planning system.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West.	42	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout June for Phase 1 and 2 (42 units) of the Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West, Affordable Purchase Scheme.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in June
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 4	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Rathnaneane, Newcastle West.	9	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West.	57	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June. Limerick City and County Council awaiting Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 7	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase in Knocklong	4	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy.	36	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during June involving an apartment scheme. Costs being examined to ascertain suitability for Affordable Sale. Quantity Surveyor appointments and Valuations underway.

Finance (all funding streams)

- Claims totaling €3,850,662.40 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June.
- Claims totaling €4,945,666.05 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June.

Conferences and Workshops

The Affordable Housing team attended an Affordable Housing Practitioners' Conference in Athlone on 26 June. A presentation was given by Limerick City and County Council on the lessons learnt to date on the Council-led Affordable Housing Schemes on Council-owned land and turnkeys with the private developer/builder sector.

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5. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 28 June in the Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay. Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon was elected as Cathaoirleach and Councillor Fergus Kilcoyne was elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

Description of Project: L1144 Fitzgerald Passage Surface Dressing

Location: L1144 Fitzgerald Passage Rosbrien.

Cost of project: €23,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: L51001 Old Cemetery Mungret Surface Dressing

Location: L51001 Old Cemetery Mungret.

Cost of project: €11,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: L80491 Reidy's Passage Surface Dressing

Location: L80491 Reidy's Passage Clarina.

Cost of project: €8,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: L80491 Briskamore Surface Dressing

Location: L80491 Briskamore Clarina.

Cost of project: €32,900.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: L14023 Islandduane Surface Dressing

Location: L14023 Islandduane, Mungret.

Cost of project: €19,866.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: Assumpta Park Pedestrian Crossing Traffic Calming Scheme

Location: Assumpta Park, King's Island.

Cost of project: €30,000.

Contractor: Tallybooke Civil Engineering Ltd.

Description of Project: Meadowvale Traffic Calming Scheme (commenced)

Location: Meadowvale, Raheen.

Cost of project: €75,000.

Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Ltd.

Description of Project: R526 Patrickswell Drainage Scheme (commenced)

Location: R526 Patrickswell.

Cost of project: €10,000.

Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Ltd

Description of Project: Rhebogue Hill New Footpath Scheme (commenced)

Location: Rhebogue Hill, Rhebogue.

Cost of project: €50,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: National Transport Authority Low Cost Permeability Measures - College Court, Castletroy

Location: College Court, Castletroy.

Cost of project: €25,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: Stradbally Bus Stop, Castleconnell

Location: Stradbally, Castleconnell.

Cost of project: €25,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

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Description of Project: R525 Montpelier towards Castleconnell Road Reconstruction

Location: R525 Montpelier towards Castleconnell.

Cost of project: €210,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team and Colas Contracting Ltd.

Description of Project: L10528 Hillcroft Macadam Overlay

Location: L10528 Hillcroft, St. Patrick's Road.

Cost of project: €94,500.

Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited.

Description of Project: L1146 Knockea Road Surface Dressing

Location: L1146 Knockea Road (close to Ballyneety).

Cost of project: €62,241.57.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of Project: L11062 Castleconnell towards Lisnagry

Location: L11062 Castleconnell towards Lisnagry.

Cost of project: €67,541.25.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 25 June in Áras Seán Finn, Rathkeale.

The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, attended this meeting and was congratulated on his election and welcomed by the Elected Members and Executive to the meeting.

At this meeting, Councillor Adam Teskey was elected Cathaoirleach of the District and Councillor Stephen Keary was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

- Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams:
- 67 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 78 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Surface Dressing works completed at following locations:

- Conigar, Askeaton, R523 Roches Road to five Cross Roads, Rathkeale.
- R518 Whites to Ballywilliam, Rathkeale, Knockfierna Village, Ballingarry, and Chawkes Cross towards Granagh.

Road Reconstruction Works carried out at following locations:

- Knockdromin to Graigue Adare, Croagh, Caherquillamore, Meanus.

Community Involvement Scheme

- Works completed at Fanningstown, Crecora.

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Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Annual Meeting

The Inaugural Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 27 June at 2pm.

The Annual Meeting was attended by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, four re-elected Members, and three newly Elected Members.

The elections for the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach took place. Councillor Martin Ryan was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Gregory Conway was elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Housing and Road Maintenance

- 97 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 111 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Housing Grants

- Three Private housing Grants were paid in June, totalling €19,625. Two private housing grants were approved in June.
- 15 initial inspections, one re-inspection and three final inspections were undertaken in relation to Private Housing Grants.

Road Works

The following works were undertaken in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Roads Area:

Restoration Improvement Works

R506 – Rath, Murroe, to Cappamore.
R512 – Grange, Kilmallock.
R515 – Thomastown, Kilmallock.

R516 – Ardykeohane, Bruff.
R513 – Killeen, Ballylanders.
L5137 – Oola to Ballyforeen, Including Vale Drive and Arbouvale.
L8560 – Bosnetstown, Kilfinnane.
L8549 – Black Road, Ardpatrick.
L8553 – Coolfree, Ballyorgan.
L8563 – Martinstown, Kilmallock.
L8639 – Bog Road, Ballylanders.
L1572 – Ballyroe, Kilfinane.
L8573 – Tobernea, Effin.
L8571 – Effin Cross, Kilmallock.
L85715 – Mountblakeney, Effin.
L8576 – Kilbreedy, Kilmallock.
L8578 – Tankardstown, Kilmallock.
L51505 – Ballincolly, Kilmallock.

Restoration Maintenance

R516 – Ardykeohane, Bruff.
R517 – Laurencetown, Kilfinane.
R513 – Ballylanders towards Garryspillane.
R512 – Ardpatrick, Baunmore.
L51505 – Ballincolly, Charleville.
L8560 – Bosnetstown, Kilfinane.

General Municipal Allocation Works Projects

- Bohermore National School Driver Feedback Signs.
- L1135 Pallasgreen Driver Feedback Sign.
- Driver Feedback Sign R513 on Approach to Caherconlish.
- Five new bins for Doon, Cappamore and Pallasgreen.
- Pallasgreen Graveyard, 520ms new surface and replacement of Bin.
- Improvement of Sightlines at L1127 / L5021 (Liscreagh).
- Sightline improvements at Kilballyowen Bend.

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Municipal District of Newcastle West

Annual Meeting

- 26 June – Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- Councillor Liam Galvin was elected Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West and Councillor John Sheahan was elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Housing Grants

- 15 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €65,741.78.
- Payments of €44,995 were made to eight applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €17,594.62 were made to two applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.

Housing Maintenance

- 103 CRM (Customer Relationship Management) cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 71 CRM cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

During the month of June, the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,207 routine transactions generating an income of €196,682.



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Planning & Place-Making Directorate

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Archaeology

- Phase 1 works to the top of the 17th century clay bank, part of the City Defences, at Johnsgate, were completed.
- Funded by Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Limerick City and County Council, the aim is to make the top of the bank an amenity for residents and visitors. All the works were carried out under Ministerial Consent as all of the City Defences are deemed to be National Monuments.

2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 95 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	2
Housing Developments	6
Domestic Developments	55
Agricultural Developments	4
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	16
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	7
Other Developments	5

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of 40 residential units at Saint Ita's Road, Abbeyfeale West, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.
- Construction of two apartment buildings, containing 40 apartment units at 69-72 Mungret Street, Limerick.
- Construction of a mixed use, residential-led development comprising demolition of two existing mews structures, construction of a five-storey building comprising 15 residential units, communal areas and commercial space at High Street and Pikes Row, Limerick City.
- Construction of a new two-storey (2,904 sq. metre) building for the child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) at St. Joseph's Hospital Campus, Mulgrave Street, Limerick.
- Construction of a 7,014 sq. meter mixed use arena. The arena will be constructed from a twin skin pressurised system that contains a 200m track, changing facilities, 476 permanent seated spectator viewing, storage and WC facilities at Coonagh Cross, Ennis Road, Clondrinagh, Limerick.

Place-Making

Limerick Wayfinding and Orientation Signage Project

- P&D Lydon constructed sign foundations in 30 of 65 locations throughout the city. Fabrication of signs and sign-off on text continued.

Cruises Street Meanwhile Uses

Tender prepared and issued for the installation and maintenance of lighting on Cruises Street, Todd's Bow and Chapel Street.

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Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street, Limerick

- Emergency stabilisation works at 33 and 34 Thomas Street completed.
- Detail design for 33 and 34 Thomas Street redevelopment continued.
- Suitability Assessment Questionnaire for works contractor received and under review.

Strand 3 - Pedestrian Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- Preliminary Business Case submitted to URDF and National Transport Authority.

Arthur's Quay Area Framework Plan

- Architects, Metropolitan Workshop, are leading a Multi-Disciplinary Team preparing the Arthur's Quay Area Framework Plan. Stakeholder engagement and preparation for Public Consultation continued.
- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland responses from Statutory Consultees received.

Milk Market Food Hub and Georgian Laneways

- Meeting held with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 13 June during which both projects progress and programmes to completion were discussed.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrade

- Project Supervisor Design Process Consultant identified with Letter of Intent issued.
- Preliminary Design of Road Layout Options identified.

- Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Consultant Tender Scope of Services developed.
- Stakeholder Communications Plan developed.

Milk Market Food Hub

Meeting held with Market Trustees regarding the procurement of the Units and the setting up of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) in this regard.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrade

- Project Supervisor Design Process Consultant Tender issued.
- Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey Contract awarded.
- Preliminary Design of Road Layout Options continued.

Capital Projects

O'Connell Street Phase 1

- Project progressed through its defects liability period.
- Preparation of the principal contractor's final account continued.

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3. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

- A steering group meeting was held on 25 June to monitor and assess project progress.
- Productive dialogues continued with the landowners impacted by the project, setting the stage for completing the planning design and advancing the scheme.
- The draft planning pack was received and continues to be reviewed.
- Archaeology investigations commenced.
- Site Investigation tender pack received.
- Topographical survey completed.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Engagement with landowners affected by the scheme continued, facilitating the completion of the planning design and moving the project forward.
- Public realm design finalised.
- Multi Criteria analysis and Cost Benefit Analysis have commenced.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Ongoing management of Ornithology and Invasive Species treatment contracts.
- Tenders were received for the six remaining Site Investigation packages and the tender evaluation process has commenced.
- Geophysical survey ongoing with almost 80% complete.

- The Steering Group met for a site walkover on 21 June followed by a meeting to assess project progress.
- Options Development Stage commenced.
- Flood maps under development.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- The Options Report was received and Planning Design, including Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), commenced.
- Engagement with landowners affected by the scheme continued.
- Photomontages of the scheme completed.

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

- The Tender Assessment Board met in early June to evaluate the tenders received for the construction of the scheme.

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4. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) DAC

Opera Square

Project Update

- Construction progressed well on One Opera Square in June with the rising elements (lift, stairs, structural walls/columns) at the first and second floors completed, along with completion of the third-floor concrete slab. The remainder of the Basement and bearing piles for hotel, Office of Public Works Building, library and Four Opera are complete. The public realm podium is progressed with more than 65% of this concrete slab poured. 50% of the basement slab within the footprint of the Office of Public Works Building has also been poured.
- Excavation works for the ESB power main upgrade from William Street to Michael Street via little Ellen Street are 90% complete. Limerick Twenty Thirty are continuing to engage with Sisk, Limerick City and County Council and business owners to minimise impact.

Project Media Engagement

- The interactive hoarding installation by Limerick School of Art and Design graphic design students was promoted in June. The images on the hoarding come to life through the mobile phone Artivive app.
- A post was uploaded to Limerick Twenty Thirty social media showcasing the lights on the two Opera Square cranes turned green in support of the Limerick GAA Hurling team in the Munster Hurling Final.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Project Update

Residential Zones, Flaxmill and Public Realm

- Outline Sketch designs commenced for the Residential Zones and Public Realm in June.
- Tendering for consultants continued with invitations to tender issued for three roles (A Quantity Surveyor, Project Supervisor Design Process and EIAR (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) Coordinator).

Heritage Works

- Work commenced on the assembling of a Project Team in June with invitations to tender issued for three roles (Quantity Surveyor, Project Supervisor Design Process and Structural Engineer).

TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter Campus

- Commenced the procurement of the Design Team for the Stage 1 Definitive Project Brief.

Project Media Engagement

- Lights were also turned green on the Cleeves Riverside Quarter Chimney in support of the Limerick GAA.

Gardens International

Project Media Engagement

The Limerick School of Art and Design final year BA Fashion Design students were given the opportunity to showcase their graduate collection work at Gardens International. A video was shared to Limerick Twenty Thirty's social media and news page to promote the fashion exhibition.

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- The Vault and Foyer at Gardens International were promoted in June for meeting and events bookings. Requests for bookings can be submitted to info@limerick2030.ie or 061-517430.

Other Projects

Progress Update

Askeaton Pool Update

- The contract has been awarded by the Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC with the contractor taking possession of the site on 19 June.
- The site has been secured and works commenced.
- Procurement got underway for a large volume of mechanical and electrical components for the project.

Mungret Housing

Phase 1 – 250 Units at Dromdarrig

- The Design Team was novated to the Land Development Agency. LTT has no further role on the Mungret development.

Expressions of Interest

Speakers Corner and Thomondgate

- LTT involvement concluded on this project.

Ballygrennan Phase 1 and Phase 2

- LTT continued to assist Limerick City and County Council with works at Ballygrennan, Phase 1 and Phase 2.

DCEDIY Emergency Accommodation Project

- In line with Limerick Twenty Thirty's Service Level Agreement with the Department of Children, Education, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), LTT continued its work project managing the delivery of modular accommodation on State-owned sites, aimed at expeditiously addressing the modular housing needs within DCEDIY for International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS).

Other Media Engagement

- The CEO of Limerick Twenty Thirty presented at The Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers 2024 Annual Business Conference in the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick, on 14 June.



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services Directorate

1. Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SCC)

- There were 55,053 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of June.
- A weekly average of 164 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2024.
- The June landlord payment run was €53.78 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of June was €3.076 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €78.49 million in differential rent to end of June.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of June was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,361 HAP debt reminder letters in June.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of callouts 01.06.2024 – 30.06.2024	54	51	105
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	75%	52%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	14%	37%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	11%	11%	

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	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications June	10	9	0	18	9
Disability Access Cert Applications June	10	9	0	11	9
Licensing Applications June	5	5			
Commencement Notice June	16	19	0	0	19
Completion Certificate June	12	12	0	0	12
Planning Referrals June	25				21

Fire and Emergency Training Events

- Six Snorkel instructors recertified.
- Firefighter completed his QQI Firefighting Skills on 28 June.
- Firefighter (LK16) started the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Firefighting Skills course in Galway on 24 June.
- Firefighter attended a Module 1 course in Cavan during week of 17 June.
- Firefighter completed Breathing Apparatus Refresher training with Clare Fire Service on 19-20 June in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in June:

- European School Chess Championships in University of Limerick - 10 days.
- Voting Count Medical Cover, Limerick - 3 days.
- Limerick Cycling Club covering a 15km cycle, Limerick - 1 day.
- Patient Transfer to and from Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) - 2 days.
- Search for Missing Person in Athea, Co. Limerick - 1 day.
- Inauguration Ceremony for new Mayor of Limerick, John Moran - Merchant's Quay, Limerick City - 1 day.
- Boat cover – Mayor at the “Admiral of the Shannon” event - 1 day.

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Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - May	June	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	5	1	6
Municipal Districts	15	0	15

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - May	June	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	27	10	37
Municipal Districts	22	3	25

3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action

- The Climate Action Team held its first two events for Síolta Glasa, a Creative Ireland funded project. The first event was an introductory workshop held on 13 June for the selected community groups and creatives to meet and to give an overview of the project. The second event was a Science workshop hosted by the Geography Department in Mary Immaculate College and was held on 27 June. Both events took place in the Citizen Innovation Lab.
- The Climate Action Team presented the Local Authority Climate Action Plan to the Staff Liaison Network.
- Members of the Climate Action Team delivered Climate Action Training to a group of primary school students in County Hall, Dooradoyle, on 05 June as part of the Junior Achievers' Initiative.

Citizen Innovation Lab

- The Citizen Innovation Lab hosted the Irish Green Buildings Councils Reducing Carbon Emissions through Compact Urban Growth workshop on 11 June. This workshop focused on the development of a carbon assessment tool for urban development.
- On 15 June, the Citizen Innovation Lab hosted a Lego Stopmotion and Virtual Reality Experience as part of the Cruinniú na nÓg festival, where children of all ages could join in to shoot their action with an animator in a specially made Lego setting.
- On 19 June, the SmartLabs projects hosted an event 'How Healthy are our Limerick Buildings?' to discuss early SMARTLAB findings. The event highlighted insights the SMARTLAB team have gathered on the buildings participating in our project, and invited participants to share their own discoveries from their building.

Energy Management Team

The Energy Management Team facilitated the procuring of three Building Energy Audits, with Merchant's Quay Audit started in June and contract in place to carry on audits at Lissanalta and Dooradoyle. These audits will generate a list of measures that can save energy and also outline different options for de-carbonising our buildings.

Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	28
No. of horses seized	8
No. of samples taken	4

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement (Litter, Waste, Air, Noise, Water/Waste Water and Public Health)

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
SUGAR CRM (Customer Relationship Management) cases received	207
Inspections undertaken CRM	492
Warnings issued	260
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	4
Statutory Notices issued	9
Prosecutions initiated	4
Fines issued	36
Authorisations issued/reviewed	2
DOMESTIC WASTE AND LITTER TEAM	
SUGAR CRM (Customer Relationship Management) cases received	113
Inspections undertaken CRM	446
Warnings issued	260
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory Notices issued	9
Prosecutions initiated	3
Fines issued	23

IBAL REPORT (Irish Business Against Litter)

This study is conducted by An Taisce on behalf of the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) and ranked out of a total of 40 towns and cities across Ireland. Limerick City Centre and Limerick South were marked as 'moderately littered,' and ranked at 33rd place for Limerick City Centre and 29th place for Limerick City South (Galvone), its best ever result on this year's IBAL litter survey list. This is an improvement from the previous IBAL report which was ranked 38th place for Limerick City Centre and 34th place for Limerick City South (Galvone). The report shows an overall improvement in litter and a significant decrease in plastic bottles and cans on the streets of Limerick. An Taisce commended Limerick City and County Council for its anti-litter action.

"City areas fared well compared to last year, with notable improvements in Limerick City, Mahon in Cork, Tallaght and North Dublin Inner City. Limerick South (Galvone) recorded its best ever result."

Clean Ups Anti-Dumping initiative

Two large clean-ups were completed in June.

- Alandale, Asbourne Avenue, Limerick.
- 113 Lenihan Avenue, Hyde Road, Limerick.

Cemeteries

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries during June

Mount St. Lawrence	7
Mount St. Oliver	15
Castlemungret	12
Kilmurry	0

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Biodiversity

Dragonfly Workshop 08 June

- 18 people attended the Dragonfly Workshop in Askeaton Community Centre with the field training in Curraghchase Forest Park. The workshop was facilitated by Geoff Hunt. This was a joint event between the National Biodiversity Data Centre and Limerick City and County Council.

Limerick Biodiversity Plan Update

- The consultation period is now closed on the Discussion Paper for the Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan 2024/5-2030.

Consultation Process and Submissions/ Observations Received

- Six presentations to Elected Members at Meetings of Limerick City and County Council Municipal Districts and Metropolitan District.
- Nine face-to-face presentations / drop-in sessions at nine separate locations in the city and county.
- Three online presentation/ information sessions for Tidy Towns Groups, Green Schools Coordinators and the general public.

Thirty-eight submissions/observation were received

- Nine from individuals, Four from Non-Governmental Organisations, Five from the Public Sector. The remaining were a mixture of stakeholders representing various rivers groups, Residents' Associations, Tidy Towns Groups, Natural Heritage Groups, Educational Establishments and the Farming Sector.

- 10 MyPoint
- 19 emails
- 8 Library Sessions
- 1 Group session

The Limerick Biodiversity Forum met to:

- review the finding of the consultation process and to provide initial input into the Local Biodiversity Action Plan's goals, objectives and key actions.
- Along with finalising the Forum's Terms of Reference.

It was agreed to meet to review the first Draft Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan prior to going to public consultation.

Environmental Awareness

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the following meetings/events:

- Meeting with Planning Development and other parties in relation to litter/waste management issues to be incorporated in the Event Licence for upcoming Summer Concert at TUS Gaelic Grounds.
- National Briefing on RE-love fashion sustainable fashion competition open to secondary school students. [Relove Fashion](#)
- MyWaste Adare Green Hub steering meeting in Adare and National Green Hubs review in Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
- Regional Environmental Awareness Officers' meeting in Limerick Junction and National online Briefing in relation to www.mywaste.ie ongoing development and the Paint Reuse Network. [Paint Reuse Network Ireland](#)
- Steering group meetings with LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and other local authority staff representatives in relation to the ongoing development of www.nemis.ie. (National Environmental Management Information System).
- Attended meeting regarding Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Together, Limerick project, together with other Limerick City and County Council Environment and Climate Action Staff.

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- Attended Newcastle West Show in conjunction with the Biodiversity Officer and Newcastle West Tidy Towns at which 300 household food waste caddys were distributed free-of-charge to the public. Some beautiful Biodiversity booklets and other information including dog fouling bags, domestic waste water treatment systems information and household battery bags were also distributed.
- The 2024 Launch of Limerick Going for Gold Environmental competition took place at the Millennium Centre in Caherconlish in conjunction with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, the McManus Charitable Foundation, Caherconlish Tidy Towns, Elected Members from the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock and staff of the Environment and Climate Action Department.
- Attended the Rediscovery Centre, supported ECCO Recreate Café Event, at the Urban Co-Op, Eastway Business Park at the request of Tait House Enterprise Centre, Southill. [Empowering Communities with Circular Opportunities \(ECCO\) – The Rediscovery Centre](#)

Environment Strategy

Activity Tracker for June

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
Farm Re-Inspections	5	Follow-up to see programmed works completed and silage pits
Sugar CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Complaints	8	Respond / Follow-up to Complaints from members of Public
Invasive Species	7	Follow-up on queries received and four site visits to ensure landowners carried out control measures; and visit to Bruree to identify new areas of invasive species. Reports received from public were confirmed and recorded on invasive species mapping Web-Page.
Planning Files	21	Review agricultural Planning applications and comment back to planning.
Forestry	6	Desktop – review applications received from Forest Service
Local Catchment Assessments	25	River Monitoring – Mulkear River catchment.
Farm File Reviews	25	Review farm files, Farmyard Management Plans and write out advisory/warning letters accordingly.
Conference	5 Days	4 days Environmental Protection Agency Water Conference (Online) and 1-day South West Regional Operational Committee Meeting in-person in Killarney.

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Support Services Directorate

1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2024	
As at 30 June 2024	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	4,949,138
Accruals €	64,127,829 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	262,898
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,635,320
Total for Collection €	66,178,749
Amount Collected €	44,672,929
Arrears €	21,505,820
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	1,160,064
% Collected	68.7%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 June 2024	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	295,007
Accruals €	811,007 *
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	1,106,014
Receipts €	945,571
Arrears €	160,443
% Collected	85%

* Accruals for June 2024 not processed

** The Date for Making the 2024 Rate was 02 February 2024

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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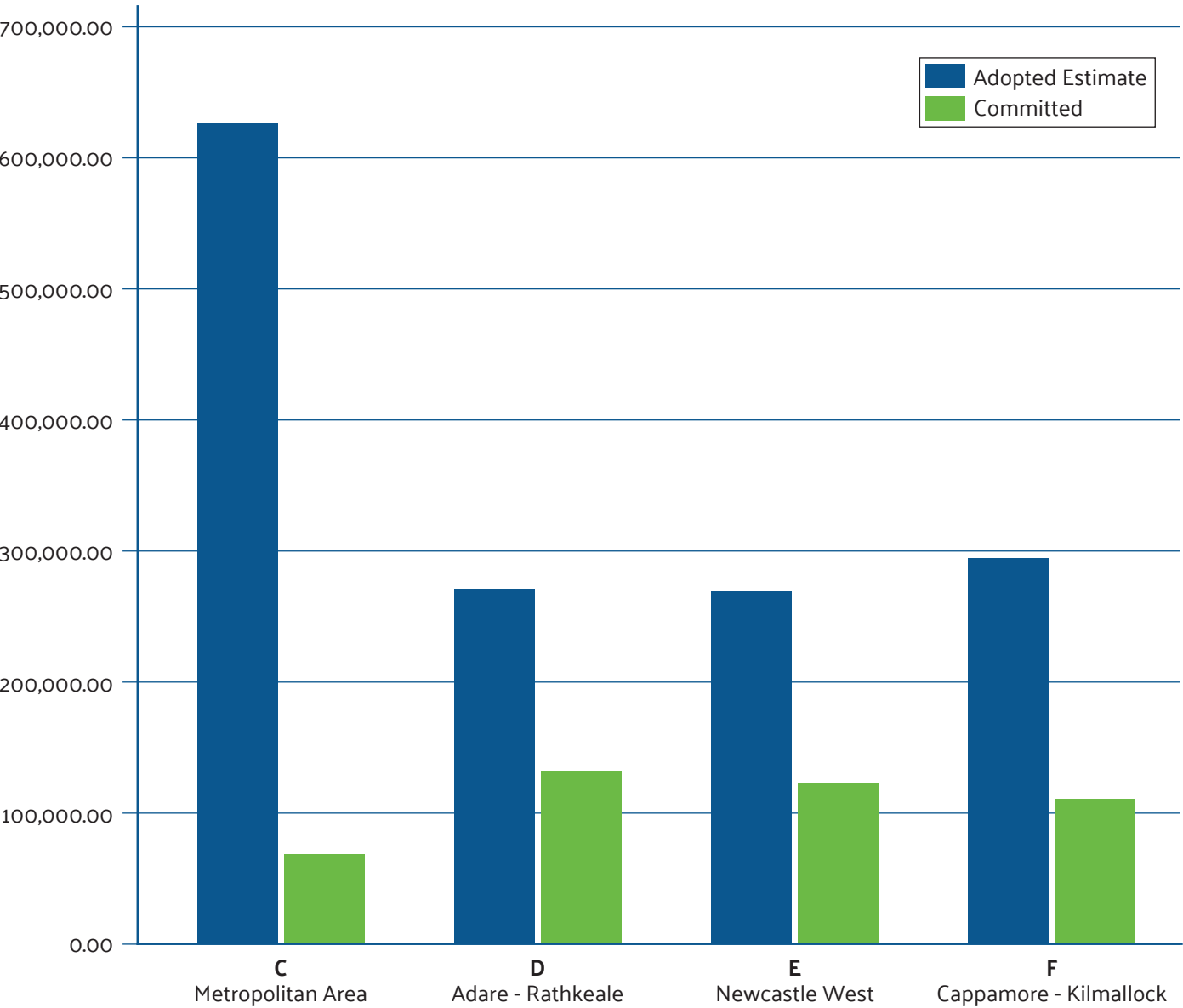


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General Municipal Allocation 2024 Adopted Estimate €1.463 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 30 June 2024



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	628,000.00	67,283
D Adare - Rathkeale	269,500.00	132,341
E Newcastle West	270,500.00	122,643
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	295,000.00	110,005
	1,463,000.00	

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2. Business Improvement

- Staff Liaison Network Meeting held on 12 June.
- Business Improvement worked closely with Trade and Investment to launch two surveys on MyPoint for the “Night Time Economy Development.” One survey is aimed at the General Public, while the other survey is intended for Businesses, Traders and Organisations.
- Business Improvement assisted Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation to roll out a Section 179A consultation on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement partnered with Travel and Transport Strategy to launch two consultations on MyPoint – “Car Clubs Bye-Laws” and “Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Limerick.
- 920 active users now live on the Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 699.
- 459 capital projects now managed through Cora, our cloud-based project management system.

3. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Corporate Services

Corporate Services managed and co-ordinated all activities associated with the Local Elections 2024 for the six Electoral Areas of Limerick City and County and the Limerick Mayoral Election.

Functions carried out were as follows:

- 105 nominations were received and processed.
- Ballot papers for each Electoral Area for Local Elections 2024 and the Limerick Mayoral Election were designed and produced.
- A Freephone number was set up to assist members of the public, particularly visually impaired voters.
- Notice of Poll was advertised at our offices at Merchant's Quay, in local media and our website.
- Distribution, receipting and opening of Postal Voters Ballot Boxes.
- Arrange layout of suitable count centre and all necessary equipment for the count.
- Supply of all stationery equipment and passes for the count centre.

Corporate Services organised and managed a series of mock counts, which contributed to the overall success of the counts in each Electoral Area for the Local Elections 2024 and the Limerick Mayoral Election.

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Directly Elected Mayor

John Moran was elected Mayor of Limerick and took up office on 14 June, 2024.

The Mayor will be the executive head of Limerick City and County Council, taking on many of the responsibilities of the Chief Executive.

The Mayor will represent Limerick locally, nationally and internationally, taking on the role the Cathaoirleach currently has outside of the council chamber.

The Mayor will also be a Member of the Council.

40 Members were duly elected and are listed hereunder as per each Electoral Area:

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2024	
Limerick City East	
Doyle, Peter	Fine Gael
Gavan, Ursula	Sinn Féin
Hartigan, Seán	Green Party / Comhaontas Glas
Kiely, Sarah	Fine Gael
Pond, Joe	Fianna Fáil
Secas, Elena	The Labour Party
Slattery, Catherine	Fianna Fáil
Limerick City North	
Beasley, Sarah	Aontú
Benson, Sharon	Sinn Féin
Daly, Frankie	Non-Party
Hickey-O'Mara, Shane	Social Democrats
O'Hanlon, Kieran	Fianna Fáil
O'Sullivan, Olivia	Fine Gael
Sheehan, Conor	The Labour Party

Limerick City West	
Butler, Daniel	Fine Gael
Donoghue, Maria	Non-Party
Kilcoyne, Fergus	Fianna Fáil
Leddin, Joe	The Labour Party
McSweeney, Dan	Fine Gael
O'Donovan, Elisa	Social Democrats
Talukder, Abul Kalam Azad	Fianna Fáil
Adare-Rathkeale	
Collins, Bridie	Fianna Fáil
Hartigan, Tommy	Independent Ireland
Keary, Stephen	Fine Gael
O'Donoghue, John	Independent Ireland
Teskey, Adam	Fine Gael
Ward, Ger	Fianna Fáil
Cappamore-Kilmallock	
Carey, P.J.	Sinn Féin
Conway, Gregory	Fine Gael
O'Sullivan, Tommy	Fine Gael
Ryan, Eddie	Non-Party
Ryan, Martin	Fianna Fáil
Stokes, Noreen	Fine Gael
Teefy, Brigid	Non-Party
Newcastle West	
Collins, Michael	Fianna Fáil
Foley, Francis	Fianna Fáil
Galvin, Liam	Fine Gael
Ruddle, Tom	Fine Gael
Scanlan, Jerome	Non-Party
Sheahan, John	Fine Gael

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Members were appointed as follows:

Príomh Chomhairleoir	Councillor Dan McSweeney
Leas-Phríomh Chomhairleoir	Councillor Noreen Stokes
Cathaoirleach Metropolitan District	Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon
Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Councillor Adam Teskey
Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	Councillor Martin Ryan
Cathaoirleach Municipal District of Newcastle West	Councillor Liam Galvin

Mayoral Receptions were held for the following:

Milford Care Centre

- In recognition and appreciation of the outstanding dedication, care and support provided by the staff of Milford Care Centre to patients, residents, clients and families who require specialist care at the most vulnerable time in their life.

St. John's Hospital

- In recognition and appreciation of their achievement in delivering outstanding care to the people of Limerick and the Midwest, living out the hospital's vision to be a leading provider of healthcare where innovation and excellence are at the heart of the patient experience.

The Office of the Mayor coordinated and arranged for the Mayor to attend the following functions/ events during the month:

- Limerick School of Art and Design Graduation Show and Exhibition titled 'Coalescence' at Limerick School of Art and Design, Clare Street, Limerick.
- Munster .V. Ulster Rugby Match in Thomond Park.
- International Youth Exchange with Limerick Youth Service and Group of Young People from Budapest, Hungary, in Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.
- Raising of Pride Flag at Merchant's Quay, Limerick.
- LGBTQ Limerick Pride Press Launch 2024 in the Garden Gallery of the Hunt Museum.
- Visit from Thomas McMahon, World Muay Thai Champion, in the Mayor's Office, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.
- Official Opening of 'Four Winds,' Art Exhibition by Julie Brazil, in Limerick Museum, Henry Street, Limerick.
- IDA Ireland Jobs Announcement in Gardens International, Henry Street, Limerick.
- Visit of Choir Group from Quimper in Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.
- University of Limerick Summer Conferring Ceremonies in University Concert Hall.
- Meeting with Members of URBACT-BiodiverCITY Project in the Absolute Hotel, Limerick.
- United Rugby Championship Semi Final – Munster .V. Glasgow Warriors, in Thomond Park.
- Launch of Exhibition to celebrate Refugee Week 2024 entitled 'This Place: A Ukrainian Story in West Limerick' in the Garden Gallery, The Hunt Museum, Limerick.

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- Presentation of STEM Awards at St. Paul's National School, Dooradoyle, Limerick.
- Dinner to mark the retirement of Professor Eugene Wall from Mary Immaculate College in Plassey House, University of Limerick.
- Breakfast at St. Mary's Community Centre, Limerick.
- Inauguration Ceremony for Mayor of Limerick in St. Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick.
- Launch of Limerick Going for Gold in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.
- Symbolic Dart Throwing Ceremony on the River Shannon. The Royal Charter granted by King James 1 to Limerick in 1765, invested the Mayor with the title and authority of the Admiral of The Shannon by the dropping of the 'dart' made of hazelwood, into the river.
- Retirement Celebration for Paddy Flannery at Moyross Community Centre CLG, Moyross, Limerick.
- O'Malley Clan Rally / Gathering 2024 in Hayes Bar, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, and Concert in St. John's Church, Murroe, Co. Limerick.
- The Ireland-U.S. Council Midsummer Gala Dinner in Saint Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.
- Release of 300 trout into the Guinness Canal, Corbally, Limerick.

Procurement Department

Staff in the Procurement Department are responsible for setting up and extending existing procurement references on request from all Departments within the Council.

The following shows the number of Procurement References dealt with during the month of June:

New Procurement References set up	30
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	11

The Unit continued to work with staff of all Departments to ensure procurement to pay cycle was adhered to within the Council through the validation of all requisitions for approval or rejection via the Requisitions Oversight Unit.

Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Council and the Unit provides a segregation of duties to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The following statistics applied for June:

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
June	1,207	160	1,367

- Approved requisitions accounted for 88% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 12% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

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The Top five requisition rejection reasons for June were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	June
Procurement Reference omitted/incorrect	43
Memo – Requisition not raised in advance – omitted/insufficient detail	35
Approved Officer's Order omitted / incorrect	20
Award Notice – omitted/incorrect copy provided	18
Quotes – omitted/incorrect copy provided	13
Quotation Form – omitted/incomplete	13

Register of Electors

Staff from the Register of Electors Team processed the following during the month:

- Additions to the Electoral Register – 559.
- Deletions from the Electoral Register – 67.
- Modifications to the Electoral Register – 464.

Health and Safety Training

The Health and Safety Training Team organised the following courses during the month:

Course Name	Numbers Trained
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) Signing, Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks	8
CSCS Site Dumper 1-Day Assessment	3
Dealing with Aggressive Customers	60
Drivers' CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	2
First Aid	5
Safe Pass	14
Total Staff Trained	92

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Schedule of Meetings for June

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Annual Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	21/06/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Municipal District of		
Adare-Rathkeale Annual Meeting	25/06/2024	Rathkeale and Online
Newcastle West Annual Meeting	26/06/2024	Newcastle West and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Annual Meeting	27/06/2024	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Annual Meeting	28/06/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Meeting with the Mayor and Party Leaders	20/06/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Meeting of Discover Limerick DAC	26/06/2024	King John's Castle

Access to Information

	June	2024 (January to June)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	14	130
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	4	10
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	2	19
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	13

Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support customers and Public Representatives at first point of contact by answering queries via telephone, email, MyLimerick and social media. Case creation, payments processing and generally facilitating applications for all Council services also continued throughout the month.

The following figures highlight the activity within the Contact Centre throughout the month of June:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,874 calls. This represents an average of 519 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 604. A total of 77% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,472 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.

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- 2,641 cases were created on Sugar CRM (customer relationship management) system, with 657 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. 2,994 cases were closed, with 860 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- Of the 2,641 cases created, 81% were logged by the Customer Services team.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 271 cases being logged. Of these, 215 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests, and throughout June, 98% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Limerick Metropolitan District were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay offices.
- A total of 68 out-of- hours cases were created.
- Customer Services continued to provide other frontline services to the general public, such as processing applications for Residential Parking Permits, of which 106 were applied for and 78 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,170 customers at the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

4. Marketing & Communications

Marketing

Limerick: A Different Kind of Energy Summer Tourism Campaign

- Continued promotion of Limerick's new and compelling visitor experiences across events and festivals, sport and recreation, dining and nightlife, creative and culture and outdoor and adventure themed pillars.
- The multi-platform summer tourism campaign ran for initial four-weeks but was extended by a further two, to increase engagement. Channels used in the promotion of the campaign, included:
 - A 'Limerick: A Different Kind of Energy' TV ad, which ran across the Sky portfolio of TV channels across late May and into June, including premium spots on the PGA Championship 2024.
 - The creation of a 'Limerick: A Different Kind of Energy Spotify Playlist,' which celebrated a mix of local Limerick musical talent to provide the visitor to Limerick with an immersive experience on their next trip to Limerick.
 - The creation and promotion of a range of fresh, new content across social media and on our digital hub, Limerick.ie
 - Collaborations with three, high-profile social media influencers to increase reach and target new audiences. These collaborations included a family friendly visit, taking in the Shannon Estuary Way and Limerick City with Emma O'Leary, a showcase of the Great Outdoors in Ballyhoura with Trisha Lewis and a Taste of Limerick, celebrating some of Limerick's fantastic food and drink offering with Daragh Curran.

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- Marketing also ran two, week-long competitions on national radio stations Today FM (on Louise Cantillon's lunchtime show) and on Classic Hits FM (on Colm and Lucy's Breakfast Show), with the support of local Limerick stakeholders. Prizes included luxurious hotel stays at the Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, The Great National South Court Hotel, The Savoy Hotel Limerick, the Limerick Strand Hotel, The Clayton Hotel and the Bedford Townhouse Hotel. Each prize recipient also won a Discover Limerick Pass to allow them explore Limerick's top experiences and attractions for themselves.

Other Activity

- Considerable level of engaging, new content created specifically for digital and social channels including reels, statics and b-roll.
- Marketing secured a feature in a Wild Atlantic Gateway special supplement in The Irish Times on 29 June. The piece, which featured new ad artwork incorporating Brand Limerick's new positioning 'A Different Kind of Energy,' also included editorial promoting Limerick's visitor offer with the Head of Marketing and Communications.
- Continuing progress with asset preparation for upcoming Invest Limerick campaign.
- Continuing preparation for upcoming Limerick Student City campaign.
- Provided support and sponsorship to the ACIS (American Conference for Irish Studies) at Mary Immaculate College, under the Limerick Student City brand.

Social Media

- Management of Marketing & Communications' 14 social media channels including Limerick.ie and Limerick City and County Council accounts, to engage with citizens and promote Limerick to locals, visitors, students, and the business community.
- Followers across our six main social media platforms are now as follows:
 - Limerick.ie Facebook: 35,051
 - Limerick.ie X: 21,595
 - Limerick.ie Instagram: 31,748
 - Limerick.ie TikTok: 1,985
 - Limerick City and County Council X: 18,761
 - Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 12,726
 - Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 739

Limerick.ie

In June, there were 505,100 unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 42 % increase on the same period in 2023. (*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in June were:

- www.limerick.ie
- <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/your-council/voting-and-elections/local-elections>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/count/mayor-of-limerick-election-results>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/count>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/council/newsroom/news/15-candidates-in-race-for-historic-mayor-of-limerick-role-as-90-hopefuls-seek>

Content Report: 106 articles and 237 events were added to Limerick.ie in June.

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Communications

- Issued 29 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote seven speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 279 times on Limerick City and County Council's X account, @limerickcouncil, with total followers now 18,761. Our tweets earned 638,400 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Celebration of the 10-year amalgamation of Limerick City and County Council on 06 June.
- Communications management for the Local and Directly Elected Mayoral Elections from 04 – 12 June: full social media campaign across four social media accounts (Limerick County Facebook, Limerick City and County Council X, Instagram and LinkedIn) before, during and after the count. Worked side-by-side with the Web Content team to announce results from the Racecourse, as well as creating video content, liaising with media and issuing Press Releases.
- Worked with Corporate Services in organising the Mayoral Inauguration on 21 June, including social media capturing for entire event.
- Worked with Corporate Services to organise the 'Dropping of the Dart' ceremony with the Mayor of Limerick on 28 June.
- Began preparation for Your Council Day. Emails sent to all staff notifying them of same.
- Social media campaign for promotion of the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan Survey.
- Social media campaign for promotion of the Limerick Night Time Economy Survey.
- Series of social media posts for the new housing scheme in Dalgaish Park, Moyross.
- Posted four Limerick City and County Council Career Opportunities for the Human Resources Department.
- Handled all media queries, which come into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

5. National Mobilisation and Communication System / Munster Regional Communications Centre (NMACS/MRCC)

	No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	Other Calls	Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	Total No. of calls in June
No. of callouts 01.06.2024 – 30.06.2024	1,090	255	95.00	1,345