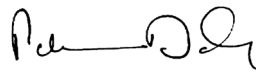


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Contained within this document are the Mayoral Report and the Director General's Management Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

It details the execution of executive duties over the past month, encompassing the enactment of policies or other directives issued by the Council as part of its reserved powers, as well as the Council's continued service delivery.



Director General



Mayor of Limerick

July 2024

Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy 2024 to Enhance Safety for All Road Users

Limerick City and County Council Reach 1.3m Users with Your Council Day Posts

Limerick Libraries Shine with Summer Stars Programme of Events

Over 600 Young People Enjoy Summer Camps with Limerick Sports Partnership

Podcast and Vodcast Studio Goes Live at ENGINE

Decommissioned Limerick Civil Defence Ambulances Donated to Ukraine

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Office of the Mayor

July was the first full month for the newly formed office of the Directly Elected Mayor. During this month, the Mayor was busy meeting with his new executive colleagues.

Some highlights of the month were:

- The Mayor met with An Taoiseach, Simon Harris
- The Mayor had a meeting with Jack Chambers, Minister for Finance
- The Mayor met with Daragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- The Mayor met with Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
- The Mayor met with Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health
- The Mayor met with Alan Dillon, Minister of State for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- The Mayor met with Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport
- Meeting with Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- Meeting with Senator Maria Byrne, Spokesperson on Finance
- Policing – The Mayor met with the Garda Superintendent and new Garda recruits in Limerick to discuss a greater focus on policing of our streets
- The Mayor attended the monthly meetings of each of the Municipal Districts
- We launched the Mayors 101 Actions in 101 Days

- The First Draft Mayoral Programme was shared confidentially with all members of Limerick City and County Council
- We had our first full meeting of the newly elected Limerick City and County Council
- We had a visit from members of Sligo County Council

Below is a summary of the Mayors diary for the month of July.

1st July

- Meeting with Cllr Sarah Beasley, Aontu
- Meeting with Brian Leddin, Green Party TD discuss developing a rail vision for Limerick
- Meeting with Garda Superintendent and new Garda recruits
- Welcoming visit from the British Ambassador to Ireland

2nd July

- Meeting with Limerick Chamber Strategic Partners
- Catch-up on correspondence from the day and work on the draft Mayoral Programme

3rd July

- Meeting with Alan Dillon, Minister of State for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Meeting with Daragh O'Brien, Minister of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
- Meeting with Land Development Agency

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- Meeting with Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate, Communications and Transport
- Catch-up on correspondence and work on the Draft Mayoral Programme

July 4th

- Internal meetings with executive colleagues in Merchants Quay
- Worked on staffing the Mayoral Office
- Attended opening of art exhibition by Elizabeth Cope at the Limerick Museum,

July 5th

- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Party Leaders
- Catch-up on correspondence and work on the Draft Mayoral Programme

July 6th

- Attended the Limerick Wild Geese Festival - Sarsfield Statue Gate Inauguration
- Attendance at the French Revolution Encampment & Living History Display
- Limerick Wild Geese Festival 2024 Banquet

July 7th

- Attendance at the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final

July 8th

- Attended the launch of AMPEiRE at University of Limerick- the National Rechargeable Battery Fabrication and & Test Facility

- Meeting with Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

- July Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

- Press Conference for the launch of "101 Actions in 101 Days"

July 9th

- Morning meeting with Mayoral Office team (Virtual)
- Meeting with representatives from National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Meeting with An Taoiseach at Government Buildings
- Catch-up on correspondence and briefings

July 10th

- Morning meeting with Mayoral Office team
- Internal meetings with executive colleagues
- Meeting with Senator Maria Byrne, Spokesperson on Finance
- Meeting with representatives of the Land Development Agency
- Internal meetings with executive colleagues
- Attended the book launch 'Taprooms, Taverns, & Alehouses: Limerick City Pubs, ca 1850-2024
- Catch-up on correspondence and work on the Draft Mayoral Programme

11th July

- Meeting with Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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- Meeting with Traders, Vintners Federation, Hotel Federation, Limerick Chamber and other business representatives relating to International Protection Agency relocations in Limerick
- Meeting with Limerick Milk Market Trustees Chairperson
- Internal meetings with executive colleagues
- Attended Art Exhibition launch at the Hunt Museum

July 12th

- Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Regional Assembly
- Post meeting discussions with members and staff of the SRE
- Meeting with colleagues to discuss modular housing projects and financing
- Catch-up on correspondence and work on the Draft Mayoral Programme

July 13th

- Attendance at the Royal British Legion in Ireland, Annual Commemoration & Wreath Laying Ceremony
- Meetings with Mayors of Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Derry and Waterford
- Catch-up on briefings and correspondence

July 14th

- Attendance at the National Day of Commemoration Ceremony 2024, Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
- Meeting with the Mayor of Belfast and the Mayor of Cork and various Government Ministers

July 15th

- Meeting with Principal Officer in Affordable Housing and Senior Advisor in Building Standards in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding Modular Housing
- Meeting with Uisce Eireann at Head Offices
- Meeting with Secretary General and Assistant Secretary for International Protection at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

- Attended the Bastille Day Celebrations at the Ambassador's Residence de France

July 16th (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team

July 17th (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team

July 18th (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team
- Catch-up on correspondence and work on Draft Mayoral Programme

19th July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team

22nd July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team
- Internal meetings with executive colleague (virtually)

23rd July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team
- Catch-up on correspondence, briefings and work on Draft Mayoral Programme

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24th July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team

25th July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team
- Meeting with Quimper – Limerick twinning committee (virtual)

26th July (Annual Leave)

- Virtual meeting with Mayoral Office Team

29th July

- Morning meeting with Mayoral Office team
- Internal Meetings with executive colleagues
- Meeting with members of Sligo County Council visiting Limerick

30th July

- Meeting with Jack Chambers, Minister for Finance
- Meeting with Department of Finance colleagues
- Attended Club Limerick Event, Woodlands Adare

31st July

- Meeting with Independent Councillors, Limerick City and County Council Councillors
- Live 95fm radio interview
- Sod Turning event for new Lidl store in Ballysimon, Limerick
- Meeting with Cllr Martin Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
- Attended meeting with members of the Bruff community
- Meeting of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee
- Catch-up on briefings and correspondence



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Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism

1. Trade and Investment

Ground Control have announced they will create five jobs locally as external maintenance and biodiversity experts in Limerick. Ground Control delivers a range of external maintenance and energy solutions services, including electric vehicle charging points installation, among other products and services. It is looking to set up partnerships with existing ground maintenance businesses to deliver a product which supports public and private sector clients on their decarbonisation journeys.

Night Time Economy

- The Night Time Economy (NTE) Advisor has been working closely with grantees of the Culture Night Late grants to establish events that are of cultural significance and that appeal to the wider community, with an aim of having high attendance at each of the events.
- Support was provided to one NTE stakeholder venue requesting to trial the closure of a laneway to enhance NTE activity and offerings over the summer period, with a successful outcome that will benefit surrounding businesses and add to vibrancy in the city centre.
- The NTE Advisor has been working collaboratively with the Festivals and Events team and the Mayor's Office to develop a programme of events for the summer period incorporating aspects of the NTE.
- The trial of a pop-up cinema to be held in three city centre venues is underway, with a request for quotation issued to event organisers and discussions with venue operators and film experts. While event planning and preparation have commenced, execution will take place over coming months and will be later evaluated to determine longer term sustainability.
- Consideration and planning is underway to support a series of night time food markets, which aim to support local food producers and with a music element incorporated.
- The NTE Advisor has been working on a joint safety campaign to be developed collaboratively by the nine NTE pilot locations (funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media) and rolled out nationally.
- The first phase of community engagement by way of a survey has been finalised (17 July 2024), with over 1,300 submissions received. These will be analysed, and priority issues will be determined for ongoing work and allocation of resources.

2. Digital Services

Successful Migration of Sugar CRM (Customer Relationship Management) to Microsoft Dynamics 365

- Went live on 01 July.
- Landmark achievement for Limerick's goal to become a leading-edge Local Authority.
- 18-month project involving the entire organisation.
- Culminated in a successful transition.
- Demonstrates commitment to digital excellence and citizen engagement.
- New CRM (customer relationship management) platform provides a springboard for implementing features to enhance service delivery quality.

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3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran an extensive and very successful summer training programme for 176 SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) across Limerick City and County which included:
 - Trading Online Voucher Grant Webinar
 - How to Promote your Business
 - Business Finance – One-to-One Advice Clinic
 - Start Your Own Business 6 Evening Online Course
 - Cyber Threats and Data Breaches: How to stay safe online.
 - Creating Instagram Reels for Beginners
 - Business Advice Clinic
 - Social Media Marketing Bootcamp
- Eight different SMEs availed of the LEO Limerick Trading online Voucher of up to €2,500 to help them develop and expand their online trading presence.
- The Green for Business Programme, to help businesses become more sustainable and to reduce their carbon footprint, was approved for two businesses in Limerick.
- The Summer LEAN for Business programmes were launched and three Limerick-based SMEs have signed up to participate in this programme which is about making businesses become more efficient and effective in their operations.
- Two Limerick-based businesses were approved for the Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grant. This grant provides LEO support of up to €2,500 for Limerick-based companies to attend overseas trade fairs to promote and sell the goods and services that they produce here in Limerick.
- Limerick Mental Health Association's family 5km fun run/walk along Limerick Greenway, commencing and finishing at Limerick Greenway Rathkeale Hub, on 28 July, with radio promotion on Live 95 ahead of the event, and inclusion on the Live 95 'Limerick Diary,' as well as an article in the Limerick Leader after the event on 30 July.
- Limerick Greenway featured on the Irish Times 'Looking for family activities for the summer? Here are some budget-friendly options' articles online and in print on 30 July, as well as a mention of same on Spirit Radio.

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

- A post highlighting the opening hours of Limerick Greenway carparks for the month of July, on 02 July.
- Business Spotlight Posts for July which included: The Dunraven Arms; The Mustard Seed; and The Devon Inn.
- Hub/Town Spotlight Posts for July which included: Mary Leonard's Riding School and Lough Gur.
- A post encouraging the public to head out to Limerick Greenway when visiting Limerick City to blow off those cobwebs with a leisurely stroll or cycle; have something to eat or even try a spot of pottery.
- A post encouraging Limerick Greenway users to do Limerick Greenway their way and to share their experiences by tagging the Facebook and Instagram pages and their experiences would be reshared on the pages.
- A post encouraging Limerick Greenway users to enjoy Limerick Greenway any evening over the summer.
- Social Media competition which ran from 19 to 25 July.
- A post on 19 July encouraging the public to participate in the Fáilte Ireland and O'Herlihy Access Consultancy (OHAC) national survey on trying to better understand

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- The Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting of the Local Enterprise Office Limerick took place on 23 July in ENGINE to consider three Feasibility Grant applications and two applications for Business Expansion Grant, with total grant funding requested of €82,552.

4. Tourism

Tourism General

International Rugby Experience joined the Discover Limerick PASS as an attraction in July and the PASS now also has a discounts/offers feature as of the start of July.

Limerick Greenway

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

- Limerick Greenway featured in the July edition of VIP Magazine on 01 July as a 'Go Off Road' experience must-do.
- Photos feature in the Weekly Observer, on 03 July, of Limerick Mental Health Association, Flexitime and Cardio Flourish's Family 5km Fun Run/Walk on Limerick Greenway.
- An article on Limerick Greenway in the Irish Examiner on 05 July promoting Limerick Greenway and its surrounding businesses for this tourism season.
- An article on Limerick Greenway in the Limerick Post on 06 July encouraging readers to do Limerick Greenway their way this summer, be it walk, run, cycle, or wheel.
- Influencer Trip with Influencer, and Limerick City and County Council Co-Op student, Clíodhna Twomey, and two other Co-Op Students, on 08 July, on Limerick Greenway between Abbeyfeale and Barnagh.
- Influencer Trip with Influencer, Niamh Webb-O'Rourke, on 27 July.

the experiences, challenges, and needs of people with disabilities and older people when undertaking water and mountain biking outdoor facilities. The results will aid the development of creating fully accessible and inclusive visitor experiences across Ireland.

- Various posts promoting Limerick Mental Health Association's family 5km fun run/walk along Limerick Greenway on 28 July, commencing and finishing at Limerick Greenway Rathkeale Hub.

Limerick Greenway Statistics

Social Media Statistics

Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01/07/2024 – 31/07/2024

	Facebook	Instagram
Reach	124,000	39,600
Profile Visits	1,800	1,026
New Page Followers	66	327

Social Media Ads (Facebook and Instagram advertising statistics combined)

- Accounts reached: 137,400
- Post Engagements: 35,192
- Link clicks to the website: 2,023

Google Ads

01/07/2024 – 31/07/2024

Impressions	15,300
Ad Clicks	2,730

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Festivals and Events

Limerick Bastille Day Wild Geese Festival

The festival took place over the weekend of 06 - 07 July. The Wild Geese festival celebrates the long-lasting friendship between Ireland and France. The People's Museum hosted a weekend of the Wild Geese Museum which told the History of the Wild Geese Soldiers who went abroad to serve in various countries armies since the 17th century. The Hunt Museum hosted the Annual Pétanque Tournament, followed by the 1798 En Garde Living History Camp which saw historical re-enactments by En Garde - the society for franco-Irish history. There was also live music by The Limerick School of Music, Dance by Scoil Uí Ruairc and a Stick Fighting Demo by Brian Moloney.

The Wild Geese Banquet took place at the historical Georgian 97 O'Connell Street building. The black-tie event saw fantastic food prepared by Chef, George Casey, and entertainment from Soprano, Eve Stafford. The Sunday Parade commenced from King John's Castle and ended at Saint Mary's Cathedral, which was a joyful procession containing the Limerick Pipe Band, Conradh na Gaeilge, Craobh Chathair Luimnigh, Foras na Gaeilge, and led by Reenactors from En Garde. The parade stopped at the United Nations Peace Garden, Saint Mary's Cathedral, where for the fifth consecutive year, a ceremony took place to commemorate the Flight of the Wild Geese, supported by the Defence Forces. This was followed by performances in Saint Mary's Cathedral by The Lorcán Mac Mathúna Trio - Brightness of Brightness, as well as the music and life of Aogán Ó Rathaille, and Zoé Basha - a French-American Musician and Composer. The weekend concluded at the Curraghbour Boat Club when reenactors from En Garde bid farewell to the Wild Geese and Patrick Sarsfield.

Limerick Pride

Limerick LGBT Pride is an organisation comprising of volunteers who work together and with other organisations to promote LGBT pride and equality for the people of Limerick city and county. The annual Limerick Pride took place from 08 to 14 July with the iconic parade

taking place on 13 July. The parade ran from City Hall to the Hunt Museum with celebrations including a gathering at the Hunt Museum grounds. There was a host of onsite activities including family friendly events such as face-painting, live performances and music by DJs from The George, Dublin, hosted by Paul Ryder and Eddie McGuinness. The parade participants included Limerick City Pipe Band, Limerick Treaty Suicide Prevention, North Side Family Resource Centre, Sarsfield Rugby Club and Grand Marshals, GOSHH.

5. Innovate Limerick DAC

On 17 July, a podcast and vodcast studio service located at ENGINE was launched.

6. Discover Limerick DAC

King John's Castle

Paul Weller concert took place on 03 July, "Live at the Castle" - this sold-out concert was much anticipated by a loyal fan base and did not disappoint, attracting a fantastic response on our social media channels.

King John's Castle hosted an Archaeology Camp for kids in the Castle courtyard, whereby children got to learn about ancient crafts, participate in a Viking house excavation, try their hand at archery and other fun filled activities.

Lough Gur

Lough Gur held Summer camps during July - appealing to primary school kids, they covered areas such as water sports/kayaking and nature activities such as pond-dipping, bird watching and a scavenger hunt. These camps were very well received and feedback from participants was very positive.

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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

Visit to Vision Ireland Wayfinding Centre

A number of staff from Limerick City and County Council, including Engineers, Planners and Architects, recently travelled to Dublin to visit the Vision Ireland Wayfinding Centre in Glasnevin. During this visit, there was an opportunity to meet with Chris White, the CEO of Vision Ireland Group. Mr. White provided an in-depth presentation about the centre, emphasising its mission to enhance the accessibility of public transport for all individuals, particularly those with disabilities. The Vision Ireland Wayfinding Centre plays a crucial role in helping people with disabilities become familiar with various public transport systems, thereby promoting independence and confidence in their mobility. Additionally, the centre offers comprehensive training and resources to public authorities, guiding them in the design and implementation of more accessible and inclusive spaces and services.

Traffic Calming Policy

At the July Council Meeting, Members adopted the 'Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy 2024.' This policy document is designed to enhance safety for all road users by implementing measures to control speed in accordance with the activities occurring on each road. Key objectives include increasing driver awareness of vulnerable road users, improving comfort and accessibility for public transport, cyclists, and pedestrians, and safeguarding investments in infrastructure. Additionally, the policy focuses on environmental enhancement, reducing noise, and minimising disturbance and anxiety for residents. A significant aspect of this policy is its commitment to providing a consistent and uniform approach to the implementation of traffic calming measures across both the city and county.

Meeting with The Coach Tourism & Transport Council of Ireland

A meeting was held with representatives from The Coach Tourism & Transport Council of Ireland to discuss tourism in Limerick city and county. The meeting provided valuable feedback on how the Council can support the tourism sector in bringing coach groups to Limerick with improved coach drop off areas, turning spaces, coach parking and welfare facilities.

Limerick City Centre Transport Plan Survey

The pre-draft survey for the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan (LCCTP) closed in July. 877 submissions were received. Limerick City and County Council published the survey 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.

2. Active Travel

Projects on Site

Rósmor, Old Cork Road, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Footpaths and road pavement works were completed, with some minor works outstanding.

Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Installation of new traffic signals on Plassey Park Road. Drainage installation was finalised.

Father Russell Road, Raheen, Limerick: Installation of pedestrian crossing lights was completed. Snagging works continued throughout the scheme.

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Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Surfacing to shared path has been laid at the Northern section of the works. Junction tightening works progressing at the Northern section of Siúl na hAbhann, Meadowbrook and Silverbrook.

Childers Road (Greenpark to Roxboro Road Roundabout), Limerick: Minor snagging works ongoing.

R510 Quinn's Cross to Raheen: Works continued to progress on site. Concrete for footpaths was poured. Preparatory works for the new bus shelter occurred. Installation of public lighting ducting took place.

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 completed and under review.

Bus Shelters: Works completed on the construction of new bus shelters and associated footpaths at Blackthorn Drive, Caherdavin.



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Rural, Community and Culture Development

1. Rural Development

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023

The Department of Rural and Community Development announced the successful applications under Measures 2 and 3 of the 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). Limerick City and County Council was successful in securing funding of €595,191 for two projects, one under each Measure. The projects selected for funding were:

- Measure 2: New Trail between the villages of Ashford and Raheenagh to link up with Killeedy Eco Park and the established Broadford Ashford trails network - €195,208.
- Measure 3: The Manor Fields Eco Trail - €399,983.

2. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee

- The first meeting of the Local Community Development Committee since the Local Elections was held on 31 July.
- Presentations were given on the SICAP Mid-Year Review 2024 and the LEADER Programme 2014-2022.

SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme)

The new SICAP Programme, funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development and the EU, for the period 2024-2028, began earlier this year. The Local Community Development Committee oversees the programme.

The 2024 Mid-Year Reviews of the three Limerick LOTS were approved at the July meeting of the LCDC as follows:

- LOT 21-1 Limerick West Rural where West Limerick Resources CLG implements the programme.
- LOT 21-2 Limerick Urban where the PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG implements the programme.
- LOT 21-3 Limerick East Rural where Ballyhoura Development CLG implements the programme.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Membership of PPN Limerick continued to grow and stands at 228. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN [website](#) and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.

- The Secretariat continued to fulfil its functions with regular scheduled meetings.
- PPNL continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- Pilates for Chronic Pain and Arthritis took place on 10 and 17 July in Tait Community Centre.
- Painting for Wellness took place on 03 July in Moyross Hub.

Healthy Limerick

We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick: Six repousse art and craft workshops took place with breastfeeding families across the City and County throughout July; one in Castletroy, two in the Tait Community Centre, one in Kilmallock, one in Abbeyfeale and one in Newcastle West.

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Migrant Health and Wellbeing: Art and Craft Classes at the Hunt Museum took place on Thursdays throughout the month of July (18 and 25 July). Our migrant communities are very much welcomed at these workshops. This is collaboration between Healthy Limerick, the Hunt Museum and the newly established Local Authority Integration Team.

Play Week took place in Limerick across the week of 13 and 21 July (inclusive) with three play events scheduled in public parks, Lough Gur (15 July), O'Brien Park (18 July) and the People's Park (19 July). The theme for National Play Week 2024 was 'Time to Play!' The aim of National Play Week was to promote play and recreation opportunities for children and young people.

Bin Waivers Scheme

Applications: The Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme received two applications under change of circumstances during July.

Audit 2024: An audit of the 2024 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals concluded in July. Outcomes and recommendations following audit were reviewed and approved.

Community Playgrounds

- Community Playground groups continued to action the recommendations on the Q2 Inspection Reports during July.
- Twenty community playgrounds currently availing of the Scheme of Assistance for Community Playgrounds.

IPB Pride of Place Competition

- Limerick City and County Council's Pride of Place team continued to provide guidance and support throughout July to the four groups outlined below who are entered in the following categories for this year's All Island IPB Pride of Place Competition.

- Age Friendly – Dromcollogher and District Care Centres and Housing for Older Persons.
- Urban Neighbourhood under 3,000 – Johnsgate Residents' Association, Limerick.
- Population 300 – 1,000 – Rockhill Brurea Community Council.
- Inclusive Communities – The Butterfly Club, Rathkeale.

Site visits on preparatory work for presentations and walkabout in advance of judging days were completed on 02, 04, 17 and 30 July.

Age Friendly

Colbert Station in Limerick has been chosen as one of ten railway stations to be given World Health Organisation recognition. Initial meetings between the Programme Managers were held in July.

The first Strategic Oversight Group meeting was held on 30 July with representatives from Iarnród Éireann, Bus Éireann, Limerick City and County Council, Local Link, the National Transport Authority and the Gardaí. The setting up of this strategic oversight group is one of the steps required as part of Stage 1 of the four-stage process to achieve World Health Organisation recognition under Engage and Understand.

3. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum, and Arts Office

Summer Stars attracted large numbers to libraries in July to participate in reading challenges, attend events and enter draws for family passes to Limerick's finest attractions.

City Library at Barrow House

- Highest monthly footfall recorded for this location with almost 10,000 visits in July.

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- DEIS School Literacy Summer Camps continued their library visits with groups from Corpus Christi, St. Michael's Infant School, St. John's, Scoil Iosagáin, and Presentation Primary.
- Weekly Parent and Toddler storytime on Wednesday mornings was particularly popular with over forty people, parents, toddlers and siblings in attendance at the 24 July session.
- Specially trained staff hosted and mentored a Fighting Words Creative Writing Workshop for local children. This marked a change from the usual model where school classes attend these workshops and was a huge success as 18 children worked collaboratively to write their own imaginative tale.
- Summer Stars summer activities for children included an arts and crafts session for 19 children and a special two-day workshop, led by Music Generation Limerick City. A group of 10 children had great fun learning about the art of songwriting and composing their own songs.
- Fortnightly meetings of Meditation and Yoga classes continued with good numbers in attendance at each meeting.
- The Limerick Migrant Integration Forum held a meeting of their committee members at the Library on the evening of 25 July.
- TLC Limerick (Trans Limerick Community) held a peer support group meeting at the library on the evening of 16 July.
- Caherelly National School brought 18 of their pupils to a special session of stories, crafting and games on 17 July.
- Music Generation Limerick County hosted a three-day workshop from 16 to 18 July with 12 juvenile members to hone their skills at a free "Creative Song-Writing Camp". The children composed a song by writing lyrics, deciding on the melody and instruments with a recording of their work to take home.
- Kilmallock Library's Irish Conversation Circle met on 02, 16 and 30 July from 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
- 24 July from 2pm – 4pm, a Writing Workshop, led by Fighting Words, invited children aged 7 – 12 years to explore their imaginations in this collaborative workshop with 22 children.
- Our Little Readers inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chat met on 24 July with 29 participants.
- The annual summer exhibition titled Cruinniú continued. This exhibition features local artistic talent through a selection of painting, print and mixed media items.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued on each Thursday morning with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving, with an average of 12 crafters at each session.

Kilmallock Library

- Summer Stars continued with over 200 children taking up the challenge.
- Summer Programme participants from Scoil Mocheallóg visited on 02 and 03 July for some lively games and crafts sessions after book browsing and reading. Thirty-four children ranging from Second to Fourth class eagerly took part in all activities.

Newcastle West Library

- Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 13 continued to meet in the library on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Ongoing use of Sensory Space.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Headway Ireland meeting every Friday morning 10am to 11am.

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- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- Healthy Ireland at your Library event. "Nutrition for Healthy Wellbeing" with Aoife McDonald on 11 July.
- Summer Stars event: Music Generation Limerick County Songwriting Workshop - 16 and 17 July.
- Summer Stars event: Tallest Smallest Circus, with Aaron Towers, on 24 July.

Dooradoyle Library

- Twenty-five children from Our Lady of Lourdes Summer Camp visited the library on 02 July for a range of activities, including a book hunt, story-time and arts and crafts session.
- On 11 July, Dooradoyle held its first Pop-Up Book Club where members discussed 'The Great Alone,' by Kristin Hannah. Dooradoyle Library's monthly book club met on the last Thursday of the month.
- Helium Arts, the national children's art and health charity, held a three-day 'Summer Art Workshop' from 16 – 18 July. These creative art workshops are free for children aged 6-12 years and were led by artist, Emma Fisher. Crafty Wednesdays, summer arts and crafts took place on 24 July for children aged 7-10 years.
- On 25 July, 'Fighting Words' held a workshop for 20 children aged 7-12 years.
- The weekly evening Himalayan Meditation class met four times throughout the month.
- Dooradoyle Library's knitting group, 'Close-Knit Friends,' continued to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings.

Watch House Cross Library

- The Summer Stars programme was packed with engaging activities for children of all ages throughout July. Included were weekly art and craft sessions, young adult art workshops, children's movies shown every Tuesday afternoon, free Lego play every Thursday, Storytime, every Wednesday and Thursday, and Parent and Toddler Group every Friday. Music Generation Limerick City held a two-day workshop for children aged 8- 12, and library staff facilitated two Fighting Words workshops. Tallest Smallest Theatre presented Tallest Smallest Circus on 24 July; the hapless Ringmaster had plenty of volunteer jugglers, magicians and stunt artists with an audience of over 120 on the day.
- The library welcomed several Summer Programme school camps during July, including Mary Queen of Ireland Primary, Our Lady Queen of Peace National School, and Gaelscoil Sairséal. Children enjoyed storytime, craft and treasure hunts. The library welcomed teachers with children participating in the programme, also known as the July Provision summer programme for children with complex special educational needs. Children from Autism Spectrum Disorder classes from Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Michael's Infant School, and St. Connaire's School also participated.
- Crafty Saturdays popularity continued to grow with 78 children participating during the month.
- A Tai Chi Taster class with 14 participants was held on 24 July.
- Sahaja Yoga Meditation continued with bi-weekly classes on Tuesday evenings.
- The sensory room had 110 bookings in July with 350 users

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Local Studies

- There were 66 onsite visits by researchers to the Local Studies Department in July, comprising research sessions on the newspaper archives and material from the Local Studies and Archives collections, and advice sessions on family history research.
- There were 42 remote queries.
- Work on Limerick in the 1920s: A Documentary History, the Department's 'Centenaries' project for 2024, was progressed and several new acquisitions were added to stock.

Other Branches

- Abbeyfeale Library Craft Group met on the third Wednesday of July, Summer Stars weekly family board games continued every Saturday morning and local visual artist, Joe Bentley, exhibited a new art piece.
- Rathkeale Library welcomed pupils from St. Anne's Primary School on 02 July and 16 July as part of the DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) Summer Camp programme. Over 50 children attended.
- Glin Library hosted three Book Club meetings, three Tai Chi classes and two sessions of Community Singing with 80 attendees.
- Adare Library hosted a two-day song-writing workshop facilitated by Music Generation Limerick County, and the weekly Parent and Toddler group continued with large numbers.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Last Act by Marie Hanlon and Rhona Clarke, a three channel video installation commissioned by LCGA, continued through July. This work presents the climate crisis as something both real and abstract and reflects the human response to a changing earth. Shell/ter, a collective of five artists: Diana Copperwhite, Niamh McGuinne, Sharon Murphy, Alyson Keehan and

Geraldine O'Neill also continued throughout July. A talk with the five members of the Collective with writer and broadcaster, Cristín Leach, was held on 18 July. An exhibition guide, with a critical essay by Leach, was launched at the talk.

- 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.
- Two artists, Gala Tomasso and Diarmuid Heffernan, commenced their residency in TEST Space on 08 July. Both artists are neuro-divergent and will design and deliver a series of workshops for people who are neuro-divergent while also engaging with visitors to the Gallery. They will also do some training with staff members on autism awareness.
- Two works by Sarah Purser are on loan to the Hugh Lane Gallery for the major exhibition, More Power to You.
- LCGA is also reviewing a request to loan artworks by Walter Osborne to Raclin Murphy Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, in the United States.
- Research and meetings continued with the 2024/25 programme participants, including site visits by artists and curators.
- LCGA hosted a meeting with the Limerick Cultural Network on 04 July.

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Limerick Museum

- On 04 July, the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, performed the official opening of Etchings, an art exhibition by Elizabeth Cope, in Limerick Museum. Elizabeth Cope has exhibited in galleries and museums all over the world for the past 40 years and her work is found in many important public and private collections, including the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin and the National Self-Portrait Collection, University of Limerick.
- The pop-up exhibition, Objects of the Revolution in East Limerick, continued in the Museum throughout July.
- Limerick Museum collaborated with the Hunt Museum on its latest exhibition, Creepy Crawlies: Love/Hate, which examines the role of insects in the Irish ecosystem, by lending three large trays of insects from its collection. These trays form a central part of the Creepy Crawlies Exhibition, which opened on 11 July.
- In July, the Museum put on display a 140-million year old ammonite (similar to an octopus and squid) from the Jurassic Period; a desk belonging to Sean Wall (1882-1921), Chairman of Limerick County Council and prominent leader during the War of Independence; and a factory time register from Clune's Tobacco Factory, Denmark Street, Limerick, which was made in U.S.A. and used by staff to clock in and out of work.
- On 23 July, the Curator gave a well-attended tour to a party of international students from the University of Limerick Language Centre. They were from Spain, Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong.
- On 06 July, the Curator represented the Culture Department at the Wild Geese Banquet in the great hall of the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association premises on O'Connell Street.

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 maximising the leverage of funding into Limerick from national and international sources, which in turn helps support a vibrant creative culture. In July, four strategic grants, with a total value of €7,500, which assisted in leveraging grants to the value of €75,000, were approved at the July Council Meeting. A further 10 letters of support were issued.

Decade of Centenaries

- An Open Call was held for proposals from artists for a grant of €5,000 under the Decade of Centenaries Award from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Tourism. An independent panel assessed proposals on 02 July. Following selection, writer and producer Ella Daly, and Aeronautical Engineer, Ruth Bagnell, will work with young women in the Newcastle West area on a creative writing project based on the life of athlete and aviatrix Lady Mary Heath.

ARTS COUNCIL

- Ballyhoura Development celebrated its Creative Places Research and Development Award from the Arts Council for Kilfinane. Limerick Arts Office is a strategic partner in this project, and is delighted to support Limerick's first Creative Places Awardee.

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4. Property Management

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	128
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	27
Derelict Sites Cases opened	12
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	20
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	11
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	1
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	9



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

1. Regeneration and Sports

Regeneration

Economic Regeneration

Community Mentor Network Outreach to Employment Programme

The Outreach to Employment Programme funds community mentors to work with unemployed persons within disadvantaged areas of the City. The programme is bespoke to the individual's needs and is designed to encourage people into training or employment. It focuses on pre-employment initiatives and relationship building with the mentors. Mentors cover both the Northside and Southside of the city and continue to work closely with their target groups, local employers and training boards in their areas.

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) Update

- All five sub-committees have met under the five themes to assess all eligible applications.
- 197 applications are being recommended for final approval.

Community Activities

King's Island

The Kings Island Community Centre continued to support residents throughout the month of July. Activities undertaken included:

- Delivery of 300 dry food bags (on behalf of Mid-West Simon) to residents in the area.

- 1,200 meals-on-wheels.
- Four sessions of Bingo took place in the King's Island Community Centre, with over 352 attendees.
- Four Adult Classes were held with over 100 people participating.
- Limerick Youth Service hosted a summer barbeque in the King's Island Community Centre.
- Meetings of the following groups were supported - Belles of Limerick, Over 55 Club, Women's Group, Parent Support Group, Music Group, Book Club and Drama Group.
- Celebrations, including birthday parties and dance classes, were hosted at the centre throughout the month.

Moyross

- Exercise programmes, including Good2Go, Boxercise and Functional Fit continued under the stewardship of Laura O'Neill, Limerick Sports Partnership, in the Moyross Community Centre.
- The research collaboration with the University of Limerick's MedX programme advanced throughout July. This programme focuses on delivering movement and exercise programmes to those living with chronic medical conditions.
- The Smile Completion Project hosted structured and subsidised summer programmes throughout July, catering for a maximum of 160 young individuals from Junior Infants to second-year students. Attendees included students from Moyross, Ballynanty and the surrounding areas of Limerick City, with prioritisation given to children residing or attending school in the local community.

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Southill

- Children from the Southill Afterschool's Club donated their first harvest of vegetables and salads from the poly tunnel to the head chef, Bernard, in the Southill Hub. This project was funded by the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) in conjunction with the Southill Family Resource Centre. Local residents were invited to taste the fresh flavours of the "After Schools Summer Salad" whilst dining in the Hill Cafe. The children shared the results of their efforts with people living in their community.
- Tait House held the Limerick Growing Communities Community Cook Out event on 05 July. Local produce was cooked for those in attendance.
- Tait House school service ran its summer camps, including visits to the UL Sport Arena and Factory Southside Youth Space, throughout the month.
- Tait House collaborated with Southill Tidy Towns and Friends volunteers in the installation of their recently built flower planter boxes in the local estates. The planters can be seen in front of the Southill Hub, at the entrance of Kincora and John Carew Park, the walkway in Keyes Park and the Bawnmore entrance to O'Malley Park.
- Tait House hosted a summer camp called Project Fashion, which enabled children to learn sewing and textile skills.
- Tait House continued to welcome service users from Enable Ireland for gardening activities.
- The Family Resource Centre, in collaboration with the Body Tree Clinic, continued to host holistic therapy sessions on Tuesdays in the Southill Men's Shed. Treatments can be booked locally and are available at a very affordable rate.
- The Mental Health Association held their drop-in clinic at the Southill Family Resource Centre on 03 July. Residents were invited to call to the clinic from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The West End Youth Centre (WEYC) embarked on its second exchange trip to Denmark. In collaboration with Southill Hub, 12 young people and four leaders went to Denmark for one week - completing both educational and social placements.
- Throughout July, WEYC ran summer camps for those aged 7-20 on-site, including adventure centres, farms and overnight camping trips.
- Throughout July, the young people put great energy into designing and painting a mural, incorporating aspects of their own community and things they enjoy. This work was undertaken in collaboration with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.
- The Early Years Service kicked off a series of "Get to Know Us" events. The event was well attended by parents and children to showcase the support offered to families while attending Our Lady of Lourdes Crèche. This event was inclusive and offered parents the opportunity to meet and greet the Early Childhood Care and Education Practitioners, Family Support Worker and Employment Mentor, all of whom are based within the community centre.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Design Consultants for M. Fitzgibbon Contractors Ltd. advanced the detailed design for the 24 housing units. Works are being provided in Carew Park, Southill, Delmege Park, Moyross and Hartigan Villas, Moyross.
- Construction work continued for the remaining 27 units in Dalgaish Park.
- Construction works on the Sheep Street Development, comprising of eight social housing units, continued.
- Works ongoing for 37 housing units at Churchfield, Southill (Phase 2).

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Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) - nearing completion.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) advanced throughout July.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary's Park). The appointed contractor, Henry Connolly, has mobilised to undertake the works.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill). Snagging works being undertaken in a number of houses.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 127 (12 houses in Ballinacurra Weston). Snagging works being undertaken in a number of houses.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) - The appointed contractor, Henry Connolly, has mobilised to commence the works.

House Demolitions

- 466 and 467 Roseview Drive, O'Malley Park, were demolished during July.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments – Nine Properties

Lot 4a Scheme 1 (3 houses)

- one unit reached substantial completion and is available for letting.
- Significant progress was made on the refurbishment works on the two additional units.

Lot 4a Scheme 2 & 3 (6 houses)

- advanced 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.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) - currently awaiting Stage 4 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- 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 have been completed and are awaiting new tenants.
- Five properties have the appointed contractors onsite, who are continuing to undertake the approved refurbishment works.
- Six properties are at various stages of the public procurement tendering process.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- The date for Part 8 planning application submissions closed on 25 July.

Southside Boxing Academy

- PBC Ltd., the appointed contractor, continued to deliver the improvement works to the building throughout July.

Moyross Avenue

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

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Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Detailed design works continued for this sporting facility in Moyross.

Colivet Court Apartments

- Q3 Security Group commenced works on the existing intercom system at Colivet Court, Carew Park.

King's Island Community Centre

- The Design Team continued to assimilate the feedback received from the Council and the Working Group. This feedback will inform the detailed design and project delivery cost estimates.

Environmental Works

- Environmental clean-up works were undertaken in St. Mary's Park to enable the grass cutting contractor to increase the areas of ground that could be included in the current contract. A significant volume of material was removed to make the green areas more accessible for the community.
- Planning for similar works was undertaken in July to identify areas for additional attention in Ballinacurra Weston and Moyross.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- July was an extremely busy month for Limerick Sports Partnership as it is the key month for Summer Camp Provision across all key Target Groups. Over 600 young people across Limerick engaged in the camps ranging from ages 4 to 16. The activities included site visits to Adventure World Multi-Sports Camps in the UL arena, with participants actively engaged in Kayaking, Climbing Wall, Mountain Biking, Swimming, Games on the Green, and creative play. A drop-In Camp was hosted by the LSP every Monday and Friday at John's Pavilion in Limerick City. 40 young (4-12) people attended weekly from all communities.

- The LSP hosted three "Let's Play" programmes at three parks in the City and County; Lough Gur, Clare Street and the Demesne in Newcastle West. These sessions introduced children to the concepts around how to engage in activities and play in their local parks.

- For more information on programmes and activities, visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The facility recorded 116 individual users on the track for the month of July.
- 28 new users signed up during the calendar month.
- West Limerick Athletics Club 80 Juvenile Members and 60 Adults continued to train weekly.
- St. Mary's Athletics Club 80 Juvenile Members continued training weekly.

Rathbane Golf Course

- 3,565 rounds of golf were recorded between members and green-fees in July.
- Throughout the month, a number of volunteer days were held on the course to promote a sense of ownership and community.
- July also saw the start of a golf participation programme with grandparents being encouraged to play golf with their grandchildren.

Swimming Pool

Grove Island Leisure Centre, Corbally

- The Leisure Centre had a total of 2,198 "pay as you go" visitors and 7,008 membership visits in the month of July. These visits included the use of the gym, pool, aqua classes or fitness classes.

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- Children's Swim Academy, Swim Baby/Tots, Rookie and Adult swim lessons continued to be delivered.
- Mulcair Swim Club continued to train at the centre throughout the month.
- On 11 July, Grove Island staff attended an Aura Group Fitness Master class in DKIT Sport, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The Fitness Master Class provides for the Operator's Team to share and promote best fitness practices. Two keynote speakers addressed the gathering.
- Grove Island participated in an initiative set up by the LSP to deliver an autism hour in the Leisure Centre. The uptake has been very positive thus far.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Martins Construction Ltd. continued the refurbishment works to the Pool and Leisure Centre, with the first key milestones being achieved before the end of July.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,892
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	416

Closed Housing Applications

	July	Year to Date
Closed Applications	63	429

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 July	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	1	7
Newcastle West	4	16
Metropolitan District	26	155
Cappamore-Kilmallock	8	31
Total	39	209

Refusals

	No. of Units July	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	4	17
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	8
Total	4	25

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2024 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
161	87	65	9

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	660
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	579
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	1
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	10

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,985 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	15
No. of Amendments	514
No. of Cessations	51

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€6,731,013	€12,581,564	€19,312,577	€11,627,040	€7,685,537	61 %

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Home Improvement Schemes

July 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	3	0	3
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€14,050.00	€2,300.00	€16,350.00
	No. Paid	0	0	3	1	4
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	6	7	6	6	25
	HAG Expenditure	€38,287.50	€52,809.45	€190,622.06	€30,357.00	€312,076.01
	No. Paid	6	7	25	4	42
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	18	21	6	17	62
	HOP Expenditure	€54,320.00	€67,675.50	€209,361.85	€27,067.50	€358,424.85
	No. Paid	10	16	60	6	92
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€9,443.50	€0.00	€10,669.00	€20,112.50
	No. Paid	0	1	0	1	2

Total No. Approved	90
Total Monies Paid	€706,963.36
Total No. Paid	140

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - July 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	3	24	2	34
	MAG Expenditure	€22,579.00	€12,150.00	€60,521.43	€5,806.48	€101,056.91
	No. Paid	7	5	17	2	31
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	30	47	142	21	240
	HAG Expenditure	€175,221.37	€250,537.76	€1,125,720.75	€223,273.80	€1,774,753.68
	No. Paid	21	34	114	29	198
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	59	93	236	59	447
	HOP Expenditure	€184,782.76	€361,156.96	€885,575.11	€174,688.24	€1,606,203.07
	No. Paid	44	83	212	41	380
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€12,978.73	€12,581.78	€244,283.57	€42,153.90	€311,997.98
	No. Paid	2	2	15	4	23

YTD Total No. Approved	721
YTD Total Monies Paid	€3,794,011.64
YTD Total No. Paid	632

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	July	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	21	184

House Visits

	July	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	445	1,999

Sugar CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Cases

	July	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	356	356
Cases closed during month	65	495

Repossessions

	July	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	11	75

Garda Checks

	July	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	118	736

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

Date: 05.07.2024		
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	64
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	6
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	54
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		197

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	109	127	67
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	12	14	9
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		127	149	82

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	July	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	2	50
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	5	32
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	5	45
Loan Applications: No. approved	2	16
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	13	116
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	6	35
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	3	20
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	2	31
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	8	80
Title Rectifications Received	1	5
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	328	1,975

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	3
Ombudsman Query Cases	6
Data Access Requests	2

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation *

No. of Units offered July	2
Year to Date	12

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

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals / Visits July	33
Year to Date	152

3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns July	
Total	9

House Returns July By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	0
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	6
Total	9

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During July, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of 0 houses returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, three in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, 0 in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and six in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme

	Completed in July	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Major Refurbishments	3	73
Tenant in Situ Works	1	32
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	12	105
Regeneration Team		
Major Refurbishments	1	18
Minor Refurbishments	1	23
Total	18	251
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	23

In July, work on four properties was completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, work on 12 properties was completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and Work on two properties was completed by the Regeneration Team.

There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of July, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 105 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 105 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 41 properties.

Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 23 properties.

Project Updates

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at two properties in Newcastle West and Askeaton
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Collins Park, Abbeyfeale.
- Consultant appointed as assigned certifier for four units at new housing development in Mountcollins.
- Consulting Engineers appointed for refurbishment works at two units at new development at Clancy Strand and property in Glasgow Park.
- Stage 3 approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 24 units at new housing development in Barnakyle, Patrickswell.
- Stage 1 approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for six units at new housing development on Bawnmore Road, Kennedy Park.
- Stage 4 approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at two properties on Clare Street.
- Revised Single Stage submission submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for two units at Crawford Street, Bruff.
- Fire Consultant appointed for works at housing development on New Road, Thomondgate.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €1,112,402 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Complaints dealt with during July

Housing Maintenance Cases - July	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.07.2024
Metropolitan District of Limerick	756	857	1,392
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	68	57	336
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	93	86	364
Municipal District of Newcastle West	104	97	526
TOTAL	1,021	1,097	2,618

Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	1	4
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	21	0	20	42
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	31	0	8	39
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	5	3	0	9
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	2	60	3	29	94

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	2	5
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	8	19
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	26	1	14	41
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	1	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	41	1	25	67

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

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	5	0	2	7
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	9	18
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	1	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	15	0	12	27

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

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	8	0	2	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	15	0	9	24
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	2	4
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	25	0	13	38

HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - July - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	1
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	3
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	1
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	5
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	11

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered July	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) July	3
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	2
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	28

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4. Strategy & Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2024

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.07.2024 is as follows:

As at 31.07.2024 (01.01.2024 – 31.07.2024)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2024 Delivery Target
Build	44	325	369	513
Buy *	60	77	137	100
Lease	11	14	25	44
TOTAL	115	416	531	

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

Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in July	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	2	5
Proposals being reviewed	4	36
Sale Agreed	7	51
Purchase Completed	11	104
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	14	380
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	45
Income above Social Housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ) – referred to Housing Agency	7	53
Grand Total	45	674

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Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Delivery Stream	Proposal Updates for July	District
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Approval for the leasing of one unit in Limerick City	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey Approval for 30 units at The Mills, Castletroy – Circle Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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

Delivery Stream	Proposal Updates for July	District
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Submission for the leasing of one unit in Limerick City	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Submission for the Acquisition of one unit on North Circular Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Submission for the Acquisition of one unit in Avondale, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Acquisition of six units at Cecil Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Turnkey Acquisition of one unit at Garryowen, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Affordable Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

Delivery Stream	Proposal Updates in July	District
Affordable Housing – For Sale	Affordable Housing Fund application submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the delivery of four affordable units in Knocklong	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Alternative layouts for access and tree retention underway. 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 July. 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.
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	The winning consultant teams were appointed to move the project forward to preplanning stage. 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.
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.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
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 July. Site investigations took place to prepare for construction phase.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	22	This project was approved by An Bord Pleanála in July.
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 July. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July. Limerick City and County Council awaiting Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency every two weeks.
Adare	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase Self-build plots	8	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick city	25	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout July for the 25-unit Brú na Gruadán, 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 July.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July 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 July for Phase 1 and 2 (42 units) of the Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West, Affordable Purchase Scheme.
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 July.
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 July. 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 July. Application for Affordable Housing Fund was made in July.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy	36	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July. It involves an apartment scheme, and costs being examined to ascertain suitability for Affordable Sale. Quantity Surveyor appointments and Valuations underway.

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totalling €6,566,736 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totalling €4,040,929 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences, Workshops and Launches

- Housing Steering Disability Group (HSDG) meeting was held on 09 July. A number of items were discussed, including a review of the Terms of Reference and Expressions of Interest for Persons with Lived Experience is to be advertised by the members of the HSDG group. An update was provided on the Pipeline Delivery along with data reporting from Housing Support Services on numbers of the Housing Waiting List, Allocations and Grants based on medical needs.
- Representatives from Housing Support Services attended the CCMA (County and City Management Agency) Homeless Regional Lead meeting on 31 July.
- Application deadline for New Build Incremental Purchase Scheme for Dalgaish Park, Moyross, was extended to 24 July to allow applicants to get necessary paperwork and mortgage approvals in principle in place.

5. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meetings

- The July Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 15 July.

Briefings/Workshops

Briefings/Workshops were held during July for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District on:

- Briefing on proposed property disposals;
- Workshops on the Mayoral Programme.

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

Description of project: R525 Montpellier towards Castleconnell Road Reconstruction (Complete)

Location: R525 Montpellier towards Castleconnell
Cost of project: €210,000
Contractor: LCCC Road Operations team & Colas Contracting Ltd

Description of project: Castle Street Bus Stop, Castleconnell

Location: Castle Street, Castleconnell
Cost of project: €25,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: L1145 South Liberties to Bushy Island Junction Surface Dressing (Complete)

Location: L1145 Ballysheedy
Cost of project: €27,225
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: L5010 Ballyvarra Boreen Surface Dressing (Complete)

Location: L5010 Ballyvarra, Lisnagry
Cost of project: €46,200
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

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Description of project: L8048 Harty Road Surface Dressing (Complete)

Location: L8048 Harty Road, Clarina

Cost of project: €28,600

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: L5144 Mill Road Surface Dressing (Complete)

Location: L5144 Mill Road, Ballyclough

Cost of project: €15,400

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: L8043 Corcamore Surface Dressing (Complete)

Location: L8043 Corcamore, Clarina

Cost of project: €42,417

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: R527 Shannon Street Road Restoration Improvement

Location: R527 Shannon Street, City Centre

Cost of project: €122,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: L10206 St. Patrick's Road Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: L10206 St. Patrick's Road, Singland

Cost of project: €98,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: L1144 The Fairways Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: The Fairways, Monaleen

Cost of project: €94,500

Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited

Description of project: L5159 Kilbane Road Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: Kilbane, Golf Links Road

Cost of project: €162,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: L10528 Hillcroft Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: Hillcroft, Singland

Cost of project: €94,500

Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited

Description of project: L80781 Galtee Close Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: Galtee Close, Caherdavin

Cost of project: €75,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: L-10485 College Park Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: College Park, Corbally

Cost of project: €35,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: L9018 Vartry Avenue Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: Vartry Avenue, Raheen

Cost of project: €150,000

Contractor: Roadstone

Description of project: R526 Former National Road Restoration Improvement (Complete)

Location: R526 Patrickswell

Cost of project: €290,000

Contractor: Lagan

Description of project: Ballyclough Climate Adaptation Scheme

Location: Ballyclough

Cost of project: €60,000

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: Newgarden Drainage Scheme

Location: Lisnagry

Cost of project: €35,000

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

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Description of project: College Road – Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvement Scheme (Complete)

Location: College Road, Castletroy

Cost of project: €25,000

Contractor: Traffic Solutions

Description of project: Active Travel Low Cost Permeability Measures - College Court, Castletroy (Complete)

Location: College Court, Castletroy

Cost of project: €25,000

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team

Description of project: Active Travel New Footpath Scheme - Castleconnell National School to Village

Location: Castleconnell

Cost of project: €75,000

Contractor: Neville Civil Works

Description of project: New Arch Entrance Replacement at Ballysimon Crescent (Complete)

Location: Ballysimon Crescent, Singland

Cost of project: €8,500

Contractor: Tallybrooke

Description of project: Bedford Row and City Centre Footpath Pavement Repairs

Location: City Centre

Cost of project: €10,000

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The July Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 09 July in Áras Seán Finn, Rathkeale.

Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams.

- 68 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 85 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Surface Dressing Works

Surface Dressing works completed at following locations:

- Beabus Adare, Knockdromin Croagh, Chawkes Cross to Ballygrennan Granagh, Carrigeen Croom, Honeypound Croom, Caherguillamore Meanus, Rathmore, Manister, Jockeyhall Creora, Stoneman Road, Rathkeale, Tiermore, Shanagolden, Bruff, Ballyneety.

Road Reconstruction Works

Road Reconstruction Works at following locations:

- R512 Grange to Skoolhill, Fedamore.
- R519 Cahills Cross, Ballingarry.

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Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

July Municipal District Meeting

The July Municipal District Meeting was held on 18 July at 3pm.

Housing and Road Maintenance

- 68 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 71 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Housing Grants

- 10 Private housing grants were paid in July, totalling €52,025. 19 private housing grants were approved.
- 41 initial inspections, one re-inspection and 25 final inspections were undertaken in relation to Private Housing Grants.
- Three Disabled Persons Grants were completed.

Road Works

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

Restoration Maintenance

- R512 - Ardpatrik, Baunmore Road.
- R516 - Ardykeohane, Bruff Road.
- R517 - Laurencetown, Kilfinane Road.
- L1513 - Ballinamona, Garryspillane Road.
- L51505 - Ballincolly, Charleville Road.
- L1501 - Patrickswell Lough Gur Road.
- L1511 - Kilfinane to Garryspillane Road.

Restoration Improvement

- R512 - Grange, Kilmallock.
- R513 - Killeen Ballylanders.
- R515 - Thomastown, Kilmallock.
- R516 - Ardykeohane, Bruff.
- R663 - Ardnamoher Galbally.
- L1501 - Patrickswell Lough Gur.
- L1504 - Baggotstown, Bruff.
- L1504 - Bawntard, Bulgaden, Kilmallock.
- L1511 - Cush, Martinstown, Kilmallock.
- L1513 - Duntryleague Galbally.
- L1523 - Knockaunbrack, Galbally.
- L1547 - Howardstown, Bruree.
- L1572 - Ballyroe, Kilfinane.
- L51505 - Ballincolly, Charleville.
- L8502 - Killeely Road, Hospital.
- L8507 - Knockbrack, Patrickswell, Lough Gur.
- L8534 - Kilglass, Angelsboro.
- L8549 - Black Road, Ardpatrik.
- L8553 - Coolfree, Ballyorgan.
- L8560 - Bosnetstown, Kilfinane.
- L8563 - Martinstown, Kilmallock.
- L8571 - Effin Cross, Kilmallock.
- L85715 - Mountblakeney, Kilmallock.
- L8573 - Tobernea, Effin, Kilmallock.
- L8576 - Kilbreedy, Kilmallock.
- L8578 - Tankardstown, Kilmallock.
- L8639 - Bog Road, Ballylanders.
- L8644 - Ballingarry, Glenbrohane.

Drainage Schemes

- R512 - Uregare, Bruff Drainage Scheme.
- R505 - Doon, Toomaline.

Former National Roads Funding

- R639 - Kilbehenny.

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Community Involvement Schemes

- R513 - Coolaclough, Hospital.
- L8609 - Dromin, Kilmallock.
- L51507 - Ballinvana, Elton.

National Transport Authority Active Travel Scheme Works

- Ardpatrik Village Footpath Works.
- Athlacca Junction Footpath Works.

General Municipal Allocation Works Projects

- St. Brigid's Church, Templebraden - resurfacing section of road.

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 03 July - Mayoral Programme Workshop.
- 03 July - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Housing Grants

- 28 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €149,826.40.
- Payments of €67,675.50 were made to 16 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €52,809.45 were made to seven applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.

Housing Maintenance

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

Transportation and Mobility

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

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,309 routine transactions, generating an income of €232,079.



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Planning & Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Public Realm

- A topographical and street elevation survey was tendered and survey completed of Nicholas Street, as part of the King’s Island Thrive Application.

Archaeology

- Tenders were issued and received for the works to the City Wall off Island Road, Englishtown, funded under the Irish Walled Towns Network Capital Grant Scheme under the aegis of the Heritage Council.
- Tenders were issued for the Capital Works Phase 1 to Galbally Church, funded under the Community Monuments Fund.
- Additional works to the City Wall were completed at Grattan Court, Irishtown.
- Work continued on the Visualising Heritage Project in Kilmallock in partnership with the Archaeology Departments of Bradford University and University College Cork.

2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 114 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	0
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	82
Agricultural Developments	7
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	9
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	9
Other Developments	5

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of an additional 18 residential units at Mungret Gate, Baunacloka, Mungret.
- Construction of 25 apartments in a two and three-storey height block at Rhebogue Road, Drominbeg Road, Rhebogue.

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Place-Making

Limerick Wayfinding and Orientation Signage Project

- P&D Lydon constructed the remaining 35 sign foundations in locations throughout the city. Fabrication of signs and sign-off on text continued. 18 route markers were installed.

Cruises Street Meanwhile Uses

- Letter of Intent issued for the installation and maintenance of lighting on Cruises Street, Todd's Bow and Chapel Street.
- Slip Resistance Tests carried out on sample of ground mural painted on Chapel Street, which passed successfully.
- Painting of ground mural commenced on Chapel Street.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- 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.
- Trial pits and investigation works on site completed.

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.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrade

- Purchase Order issued for Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys to be carried out.
- Project Supervisor Design Process Letter of Intent issued.
- Preliminary Design of Road Layout Options advanced.
- Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Consultant Request for Quote issued.
- DRAFT Suitability Assessment Questionnaire developed for Civil – Structural Led Framework for an Integrated Design Team.

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. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) DAC

Opera Square

Project Update

- One Opera Square – Rising elements (lift, stairs, structural walls/columns) commenced for fourth floor. Façade framing and brickwork commenced on lower levels.
- Remainder of Basement - Public Realm podium slab concrete pours progressed. Parcel 4 basement slab completed and basement rising elements commenced. Progress under slab drainage.
- ESB Works on Rutland Street and Patrick Street commenced at the start of July. The Executive engaged with Sisk, Limerick City and County Council and business owners to minimise impact.
- Existing Buildings – Remedial works to the damage in 1 Patrick Street progressed. This will allow the remainder of the works in proximity to progress i.e. capping beam and remaining excavation.

Project Media Engagement

- A media event was held at Opera Square where members of local media received a progress update and site visit to Opera Square.
- A post was uploaded to LTT social media promoting the article written by the Limerick Leader following their visit which received positive engagement.
- A post promoting Irish Strategic Investment Fund's (ISIF) investment in One Opera Square in the category "Impacting Investor of the Year" at the GRI Europe awards was shared on social media.

- LTT, SISK and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board had the opportunity to host students and teachers from Jugendsiedlung Berufliche Schulen Traunreut at Opera Square. They received a presentation on Opera Square and a site visit.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Project Update

- The Design Team continued with Stage 2A Outline Sketch designs. A consultation meeting with statutory stakeholders took place in July.
- Environmental Impact Assessment – The Executive issued a tender for the role of EIAR (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) Coordinator for the full Cleeves Riverside Quarter site and the contract was awarded in July.

Heritage Works

- The Design Team and Conservation Architect commenced initial design for the conservation works to the Flaxmill building.

TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter Campus

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

Project Media Engagement

- A post promoting the Cleeves Riverside Quarter Chimney, which was lit up in the pride colours to celebrate Limerick Pride Week, was shared on social media platforms.

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Gardens International

- Letting of the Fifth Floor Gardens Central and Fourth Floor Number 19 of Gardens International completed.

Project Media Engagement

- A social media post was shared further promoting The Limerick School of Art and Design final year BA Fashion Design students' fashion exhibition.
- LTT shared Cushman and Wakefield promotion of the Gardens International on social media.
- Sligo County Council and elected members visited Gardens International for a tour of the building and received a presentation by LTT on their work to date.

Other Projects

Progress Update

Askeaton Pool Update

- LTT continued to project manage the construction works on behalf of Limerick City and County Council/Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC.

Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Ballygrennan Phase 1 and Phase 2

- LTT's role on this development concluded.

Thomondgate

- Full planning was received for the Thomondgate Development following an appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

Planning was achieved in all three EOI sites:

- Speakers Corner - 36 residential units.
- Thomondgate - 47 residential units.
- Ballygrennan - 118 residential units, 95-bed nursing home, 100-bed day hospital.

Department of Children, Education, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) Emergency Accommodation Project

- In line with LTT's Service Level Agreement with the Department of Children, Education, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), LTT continued work to project manage 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).

Steering Group

- Steering Group meeting between Limerick City and County Council and LTT took place on 18 July.



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 54,860 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SCC at the end of July.
- A weekly average of 164 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2024.
- The July landlord payment run was €53.632 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of July was €3.084 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SCC collected a total of €91.65 million in differential rent to end of July.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of July was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,497 HAP debt reminder letters in July.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of callouts 01.07.2024 – 31.07.2024	53	86	139
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	44%	62%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	37%	29%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	19%	9%	

	No. Received/Assigned	No. Validated/Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications July	14	7	1	20	
Disability Access Cert Applications July	10	9	0	16	
Licensing Applications July	33				4
Commencement Notice July	44	38	5	0	
Completion Certificate July	20	20	0	0	
Planning Referrals July	34	31	0		

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

- A Firefighter from Cappamore Fire Station completed his Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Firefighting Skills course in Galway.
- Retained station completed their manual handling and abrasive wheels training.
- On-station training ongoing.

Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in July:

- Thurles Music Festival (Riverbank and Medical cover), Tipperary - (1 day)
- Patient Transfer (Limerick residence to Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) and returned to residence) - (2 days)
- National Day of Commemoration, Merchant's Quay, Limerick (Medical cover) - (1 day)
- Patient Transfer (Limerick residence to Beaumont Hospital, Dublin) - (1 day)
- Transfer of ambulances to Dublin for transfer to the Ukraine - (1 day)

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - June	July	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	6	0	6
Municipal Districts	15	1	16

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - June	July	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	37	1	38
Municipal Districts	25	5	30

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action

- The Climate Action Team provided its monthly update to the Senior Form.

Community Climate Action Programme

- A total of 19 offers have been made to communities throughout Limerick City and County to fully fund their Climate Action projects. The Community Climate Action Officer began site visits to all the selected projects now that they are in the contracting phase.

Síolta Glasa

- The selected communities and creatives continued to work to develop this creative Climate Action projects through meetings and workshops.

Citizen Innovation Lab

- On 16 July, the Citizen Innovation Lab hosted Laois County Council Climate Action Team to explore citizen engagement and digital tools.

Energy Management Team

- The Energy Management Team published a tender for the procurement of a single party framework for the completion of energy audits across the organisation. Energy audits will generate a list of measures that can save energy and also outline different options for decarbonising our buildings.

Veterinary Services

- Following the announcement by the Minister for Rural and Community Affairs on the introduction of a ban on XL bully dogs, Veterinary Services announced a waiver of the surrender fees for restricted dog breeds to the Dog Shelter. This action was taken with the support of the Gardaí and in the interest of public safety following a worrying increase in dog attacks in the city and county.

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	25
No. of horses seized	4
No. of Food Safety samples taken	12

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

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
SUGAR CRM (Customer Relationship Management) cases received	156
Inspections undertaken CRM	218
Warnings issued	7
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory Notices issued	28
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	12
Authorisations issued/reviewed	2

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DOMESTIC WASTE AND LITTER TEAM

SUGAR CRM (Customer Relationship Management) cases received	104
Inspections undertaken CRM	152
Warnings issued	5
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	2
Statutory Notices issued	21
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	12

Clean-Ups Anti-Dumping Initiative

The following were subject to large-scale clean-ups during the month of July:

- Ballynanty, Co. Limerick.
- Mungret, Co. Limerick.
- Oliver Plunkett Terrace, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick.
- Fencing to combat illegal dumping completed in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Cemeteries

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries during July

Mount St. Lawrence	10
Mount St. Oliver	13
Castlemungret	12
Kilmurry	3

Environmental Awareness

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the following meetings/events:

- MyWaste Adare Green Hub meetings and business visit in Adare.
- Steering Group meeting 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.

Environment Strategy

Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

A template for Invasive Species signs was completed in July for display in contaminated areas throughout Limerick. The signage enables data collection to input into planning of interventions for IAS control.

Farm Booklet

The booklet *Introducing Sustainability* into your Farm System was updated in July. This booklet is designed to assist farmers at the time of inspection and contains farm and environment related information.

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Activity Tracker for July

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
Farm Re-Inspections	10	Follow-up to see programmed works completed.
Sugar (Customer Relationship Management) Complaints	16	Respond / follow-up to complaints from members of public.
Planning Files	9	Review agricultural planning applications and comment back to Planning.
Forestry referrals	11	Desktop – review applications received from Forest Service.
Forestry Inspections	2	Ongoing following application process
Other Referrals	3	Referral of water quality issues to Water Services and Tipperary County Council.
Local Catchment Assessments	3.5	Days spent river monitoring, including river walk on the Arra River through Newcastle West looking for misconnections and taking samples.
Farm File Reviews	8	Review farm files, Farmyard Management Plans and write out advisory/warning letters accordingly.
Poultry Books	1	Posted poultry litter receipt books to one of our licensed transporters.



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Support Services

1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2024	
As at 31st July 2024	
Opening Balance - 01 Jan €	4,949,138
Accruals €	64,089,802 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	291,658
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,717,255
Total for Collection €	66,030,027
Amount Collected €	49,092,983
Arrears €	16,937,044
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	1,006,214
% Collected	75.5%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31st July 2024	
Opening Balance - 01 Jan €	295,007
Accruals €	964,554 *
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	1,259,561
Receipts €	1,260,379
Arrears €	-818
% Collected	100%

* Accruals for July 2024 not processed

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

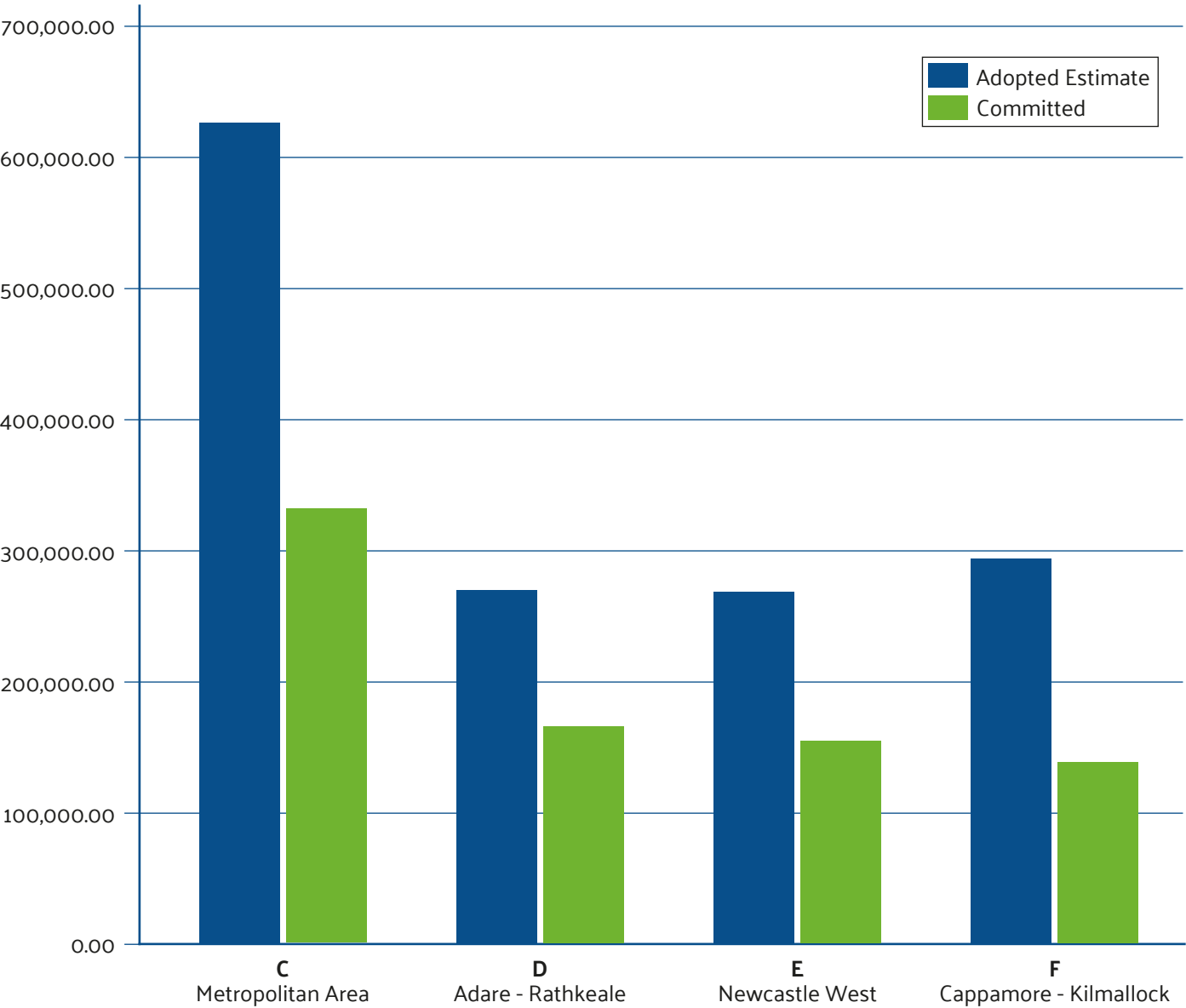
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General Municipal Allocation 2024 Adopted Estimate €1.463 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31st July 2024



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	628,000.00	331,142
D Adare - Rathkeale	269,500.00	167,959
E Newcastle West	270,500.00	156,019
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	295,000.00	139,047
	1,463,000.00	

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2. Business Improvement

- Business Improvement assisted Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation Section to launch the “Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029” Consultation Form on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement worked with the Travel and Transport Strategy Section to obtain the results of its recent “Travel and Transport Strategy” survey.
- MyPoint Consultation training was held on 23 July.
- A total of 926 active users are now live on the Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 699.
- Cora, our cloud based project management system, was closed in preparation for the move to the new system ‘CAPGOV.’

3. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

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 July:

New Procurement References set up	37
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 July:

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
July	1,487	216	1,703

- Approved requisitions accounted for 87% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 13% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

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

Rejection Reason	July
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – omitted/insufficient detail	47
Procurement Reference omitted/incorrect	30
Justification for Supplier Selection – omitted/insufficient detail	30
Quotes – omitted/incorrect copy provided	25
Sole Supplier Form – omitted/incorrect	23

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Register of Electors

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

- Additions to the Electoral Register – 707
- Deletions from the Electoral Register – 90
- Modifications to the Electoral Register – 534

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Driver's CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	8
Fire Warden	23
First Aid	6
Manual Handling	38
Safe Pass	21
Total Staff Trained	96

Access to Information

	July	2024 (January to July)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	15	145
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	0	10
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	2
Total Ombudsman Requests	11	30
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	14

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Schedule of Meetings for July

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	08/07/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to agree the conferring of a Civic Reception	22/07/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to consider proposed material contraventions of the Croom Local Area Plan 2020-2026	22/07/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Municipal District of		
Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	03/07/2024	Newcastle West and Online
Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	09/07/2024	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	18/07/2024	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	15/07/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	01/07/2024	Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	05/07/2024 12/07/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online Online
Party Leaders' Meeting	05/07/2024 19/07/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	31/07/2024	Dooradoyle and Online

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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. This month also saw the roll-out of the new Dynamics CRM (Customer Relationship Management) platform for case creation.

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 11,803 calls. This represents an average of 513 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 628. A total of 77% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 4,276 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.
- 2,981 cases were created on Sugar CRM (Customer Relationship Management), with 791 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. 2,614 cases were closed, with 637 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- Of the 2,981 cases created, 74% were logged by the Customer Services Team.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 13 cases being logged. Of these, nine were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests and, throughout July, 99% 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 104 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 98 were applied for and 83 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,647 customers at the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

4. Marketing & Communications

Marketing

Limerick Student City

- Focus groups conducted with Limerick Third Level students to inform our continued Limerick Student City marketing activations and initiatives.
- Continuing engagement and collaboration with our Third Level partners.
- Updates to content creation for a digital and print version of the Limerick Student City z-card map and guide.
- Limerick Student City merchandise designed and procured for attendance at student open days and on-campus visits.

Other Marketing Activity

- Secured an advertising opportunity on national and regional radio stations, Today FM and Spin SW, to further promote 'A Different Kind of Energy' in conjunction with the upcoming 'Big Day Out' gigs in the city. Limerick.ie will also receive mentions across social posts, print ads, paid digital and social and in event branding.
- Progress ongoing in the preparation of Invest Limerick assets and collateral and support provided to our Trade and Invest colleagues in the preparation of a Future City asset.

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- Support provided to our Tourism colleagues in the preparation of a Limerick tourism brochure for distribution at the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2024.
- Branded merchandise and collateral support provided to Mary Immaculate College (incoming international students) and to the Aples Adventure Moto Festival in Barcelonnette, France.

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 five main social media platforms are now as follows:

- Limerick.ie Facebook: 35,155
- Limerick.ie X: 21,607
- Limerick.ie Instagram: 32,118
- Limerick.ie TikTok: 2,212
- Limerick City and County Council X: 18,786
- Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 12,966

Limerick.ie

In July, there were 366,600 unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 5% decrease on the same period in 2023. (*Fathom Analytics).

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

1. <https://www.limerick.ie>
2. <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning>
3. <https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on>
4. <https://www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs>
5. <https://www.limerick.ie/greenway>

Content Report: 76 articles, 176 events and 12 new amenities were added to Limerick.ie

Communications

- Issued 17 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote six speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Posted 154 times on Limerick City and County Council's X account, @limerickcouncil, with total followers now 18,786. Our X posts earned 113,400 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- YourCouncilDay took place on 05 July highlighting a wide variety of work that the Council is involved in. 74 posts on X for #YourCouncilDay 2024 reached 1.3m users.
- Leave no Trace national campaign throughout July - emphasising the importance of correct disposal of pet waste along with littering.
- Regular posts for Housing's Turnkey Acquisitions Campaign.
- Series of posts for the public consultation on CCTV Cameras in Public Areas.
- Independent Living national campaign - highlighting independent living for disabled people.
- Series of posts for the Starter Home Campaign in Dalgaish Park, Moyross, Limerick.
- 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.

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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 July
No. of callouts 01.07.2024 – 31.07.2024	1,000	189	98.00	1,189

