



16th October, 2024.

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To: The Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on **Monday, 21st October, 2024 at 9.45am in the Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay, Limerick and Online via Microsoft Teams.**

The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

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Mark Leahy,
Meetings Administrator.

AGENDA

1. Support Services Directorate

Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 – General Municipal Allocation

To consider and adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 General Municipal Allocation for the Metropolitan District of Limerick in accordance with Section 102 (4) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

(Report Enclosed).

2. Minutes

To adopt Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 16th September, 2024.

(Copy Enclosed).

3. Declaration of Interest

4. Disposal of Land

To note proposal for the disposal of land as follows :

- (a) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 21 Sean Heuston Place, Limerick.
- (b) Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 9 Casement Avenue, Janesboro, Limerick.

General Disposals

- (c) Disposal of 0.012 Hectares of Land at Baunacloka, Mungret, Limerick.
- (d) Disposal of 2a Meat Market Lane, Limerick (Regeneration).
- (e) Disposal of 0.03 Acres/0.013 Hectares of Land at Baunacloka, Mungret, Limerick.

Derelict Disposals

- (f) Disposal of Property at 3 Kileely Villas, Thomondgate, Limerick.

(Reports Enclosed)

5. Transportation and Mobility Directorate

(a) Part 8 Amendment - Atlas Avenue, Dock Road, Limerick

To consider a minor amendment to previously approved Part 8 for Atlas Avenue, Dock Road, Limerick.

(Report Enclosed).

(b) Limerick City and County Council Control of Stationless On-Street Shared E-Scooter Hire Services Draft Bye-Laws 2024

To consider approving the Limerick City and County Council Control of Stationless On-Street Shared E-Scooter Hire Services Draft Bye-Laws 2024 to go on public display in accordance with the requirements of Section 200(1) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

Report Enclosed).

6. Regeneration, Sports and Recreation Directorate

Part 8 – Southside Connectivity Project

To consider the Mayor's Report pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the Southside Connectivity Project.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate

Taking in Charge of Estates - Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

To consider the Taking in Charge of Danesfort, Corbally, Limerick, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

(Report Enclosed).

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress report/starting date for the South Circular Road active travel scheme that was passed in February 2023.

9. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for information on horses grazing on LCCC owned land in the Groody Valley. Is there lease agreements in place with the owners of the animals, if not what efforts have LCCC made to prevent animals entering the land, what efforts have LCCC made to remove animals from the land and what efforts have LCCC made to prevent animals straying onto the public road, paths, cycle paths and estates & posing a danger to the public.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council clarify the deep cleaning schedule for the recently completed public realm works on O'Connell Street and why the pedestrian surface remains badly stained.

11. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, as of October 2024, how many local authority houses are boarded-up.

12. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, as of October 2024, how many people are on the Limerick City and County Council social housing list.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what is the annual revenue generated from legal dog breeding establishments that are required to pay an annual registration fee to the local authority. Timeframe: from 2019 to the present.

14. Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

1. Will licences be issued to all parties discharging to Loughmore Canal for surface water both inside and outside Raheen Industrial Estate.
2. Will Council be issuing a new agreement with landowners now that the new licence goes against the original agreement.
3. The IDA previously carried out maintenance of Loughmore Canal. What impact on the handover to LCCC and our agreement with IDA was replaced without consultation with landowners.
4. Can the Council share all results / report done to show that the work under new licence will not interfere with the hazardous chemicals and put any danger to us landowners / animals / anyone working on the grounds of canal etc.

15. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the membership and terms for same of the Community Liaison Committee to administer funds on behalf of Irish Cement.

16. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from Irish Water on the Trihalomethane (THM) levels in Limerick City water.

17. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if there are any plans to add to the existing bike schemes in Limerick, trikes for people with disabilities.

18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans if any the Council are proposing for the development of the 40 plus acres, they purchased at the Mackey Roundabout in Lisnagry.

19. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what proposals the Council are considering for the development of the site that was purchased at Annacotty Roundabout.

20. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has actively engaged with property owners of vacant shop fronts on Connell Street and William Street to allow the vacant properties be used as pop up shops in the run up to Christmas.

21. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, following on from the release of numbers that over 100 dogs were put down in Limerick and as LCCC does not have a veterinary office can LCCC confirm who is euthanizing these animals as the drug can only be administered by a qualified vet.

22. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick why the Council's emergency out of hours number went unanswered on the night of October 6th and if the Council is aware of any other dates where the emergency line was not covered.

23. Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on emergency accommodation bed capacity and winter bed protocol, following on from September's meeting.

24. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the status of the purchase of Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre as I have been advised funding to renovate the building was applied for and granted to the Council.

25. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can solar speed signs be erected on the approach to Donoughmore Cross R512 to tackle speeding in the area.

26. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the discussions between the NTA and Limerick City and County Council on the expansion of the dockless bike scheme beyond Castletroy into other suburbs such as Corbally.

27. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of unauthorised developments that have had to be removed/demolished between 2019 and 2024.

28. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a detailed update on the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan including a date for completion and implementation and the amount spent to date on compiling the plan.

29. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full update on plans for the proposed Garryowen Community Centre.

30. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for Limerick Dog Shelter to supply a full breakdown of:

- The number of dogs rehomed by the shelter over the past five years.
- The number of dogs voluntarily surrendered to the shelter over the past five years.

31. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed Ennis Road to City Centre bus route and whether such a proposed route will serve Ashbrook, Fortmary Park and the North Circular Road.

32. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many staff are directly employed by the Council for a) tourism b) festivals and events c) the Arts Office and what role does each staff member hold.

33. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the total arts and culture funds applied for and drawn down, by Limerick City and County Council from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for 2023 and 2024 to date.

34. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Active Travel Department explain what is happening with the green area by the Moylish roundabout opposite TUS, where the planting resulted in driver visibility issues and had to be cut back. Will this green now be returned to the Parks Department and re-entered into the grass cutting schedule going forward.

35. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Festival & Events Department to establish if, with the focus on DAC-led cultural institutions and tourism attractions

in the tourism survey and other marketing materials, will there be similar avenues of support for non-DAC attractions to access over the coming months / years, ahead of the new tourism strategy being introduced.

36. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Festival & Events Department to set out the structure of funding given to events providers and performers and specifically what measures are being put in place to mitigate an overdependence on voluntary festival committees, which has played a part in the decline in festival offerings in Limerick in recent years.

37. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the projected Per Cent for Art Budget is that is generated by the various capital project underway in each of the following departments: Housing; Roads; Active Travel; Regeneration.

NOTICES OF MOTION

38. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council amend our traffic calming policy to allow the delivery of traffic calming measures where an elected member provides the funding and the necessary petition is signed and submitted by residents.

39. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council agree to source more hostel beds for individual homeless people.

40. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council writes to Irish Rail asking for compensation for homes within the Metropolitan District which are currently experiencing rodent infestation due to works completed along the Limerick to Foynes railway line.

41. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a green roof be incorporated into bus shelters in Limerick City.

42. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council would present to city centre retailers at no cost parking ticket books in January

2025 provided the retailers have paid their 2024 rates in full. I would suggest large retailers who pay more than €20K in rates receive a 100 book of tickets and all other retailers 25 books of tickets to distribute free parking tickets to their customers in Limerick City centre. A provision for such a scheme should also be included in the Councils 2025 Budget process.

43. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Mayor and the Director General liaise with UL and An Garda Síochána, to set up and chair a taskforce to address car parking problems in residential areas around the University of Limerick.

44. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick requesting that the Local Authority liaises with the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and the Department of Transport to explore the option of constructing temporary rail platforms for passenger travelling between Foynes and Limerick for the duration of the 2027 Ryder Cup event at all population centres along the route, such as Adare, Patrickswell and Rosbrien / Dooradoyle.

45. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council lead the way to Limerick City and County becoming an advocate for a Mental Health Initiative known as the Buddy Bench. This initiative is to highlight existing benches along the river as a breathing space which would incorporate a positive quote placed on the bench with a QR code which provides local helpline numbers to assist anyone potentially in distress.

46. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the tree policy be changed to allow trees to be topped and pruned in housing estates.

47. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we contact Waterways Ireland and ask them to attend a meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to explain why they have not lodged a promised planning application to put in place a comprehensive maintenance plan for the Guinness Canal.

48. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Arts Office establish an online directory of Limerick based professional artists from across all artistic disciplines akin to Clare Arts Office's online directory at clarearts.ie.

49. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council facilitate temporary pop-up galleries to showcase the work of local artists in Council owned properties and vacant spaces in the city centre in the run up to the Christmas season.

50. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to the Minister for Education in support of Dyslexia Ireland's call for young people with dyslexia and other learning difficulties to be given extra time in state exams.

51. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Junction 1 of the M20 is revised to include a direct route into the City Centre at Roxborough to help reduce congestion at Greenfields Road and the junction with the Childers Road.

52. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that an update be provided on the Mary Street Garda Station site and any other projects / schemes that have been delayed due to reviews by the Mayor including but not limited to housing and property disposals.

53. Correspondence

(Copy of Correspondence Enclosed).