

Executive Report

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

September 2024

Contracts Signed for €32 Million King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

€500,000 Capital Grant Secured for Grove Island Leisure Centre Upgrades

Opera Square is Shaping Up with Work on Sixth and Final Floor

Spend Time in Limerick with New Gift Card from Limerick City and County Council and Limerick Chamber

Ballynatty Rovers Champion the Council's 'Not Around Us' campaign to become Limerick's first smoke and vape free soccer club.

Culture Seekers' Delight at 2024 Limerick Culture Night

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Some highlights for the month of September were:

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- Attended the Mid-West Simon Community Annual Fundraising Ball: Supporting the Homeless Community
- Attended the contract Signing for King's Island Flood Relief Scheme with a speech and photoshoot
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- John Cooke from RTE Radio 1 shadowed The Mayor for the day
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- Limerick Cycling Campaign - Limerick Bike Campaign and King's Island Stakeholders cycle
- Attended Irish Architecture Foundation - New Life for Old Buildings and attended Culture Night events
- Courtesy Visit from the Austrian Ambassador, H.E. Melitta Schubert. Joined by Dr. Declan Downey
- Attended Askeaton Civic Trust - Celebrate "Askeaton 825" at Askeaton Castle and Franciscan Friary, Askeaton, Co. Limerick
- Attended Exhibition Opening - Continuum an art exhibition by Gerry O'Mahony at Limerick Museum, Henry Street, Limerick

Below is a summary of The Mayor's Diary for the month of September:

2nd September

- Early morning start to catch up on briefings
- Internal Meetings with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Minister James Lawless visited the Office of the Mayor
- Internal meeting on Finance Capital Budget Returns from Directorates
- Briefing from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2024
- Meeting with ISIF (Ireland Strategic Investment Fund)
- Launch of the Lime Tree Theatre / Belltable Autumn 2024 Season Programme
- Meeting with the Mayor's Special Advisor
- Reviewing emails and correspondence from the day

3rd September

- Meeting with internal Senior Executive Architect on the Living Cities Initiative
- Meeting with Councillor Peter Doyle
- Meeting with the chair of the University Hospital Limerick Medical Board
- Recording of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) video encouraging city dwellers to become EPA Citizen Scientists by Measuring Air Quality in Limerick City

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- The Brazilian Ambassador visited the Office of the Mayor
- Meeting with Colm Kincaid of the Central Bank on the impact on cost of living and distressed debt
- Meeting with head of communications in Limerick City and County Council
- Hosted members of the Southern Regional Assembly for an evening event
- Reviewed paper on Smart Homes

4th September

- The Lord Mayor of Cork visited the Office of the Mayor
- Meeting with Kathryn Meghen, Chief Executive Officer, The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and RIAI President, Seán Mahon.
- Southern Regional Assembly - Joint Members Workshop - Workshop to discuss Southern Regional Assembly submission to Draft Revised National Planning Framework (NPF)
- Internal staff meeting to discuss meeting Re: Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) Housing
- Review briefing papers and Mayoral Orders for signing

5th September

- Attended the International Office at TUS (Technological University of the Shannon) - International Student Orientation - to welcome the newcomers to Limerick.
- Attended The TUS Engineering Campus for Energy on the Estuary Event
- Meeting with Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (ONE)

- Meeting with Colin Varley and Mark Forrest of Ardstone Homes.
- Reviewing papers
- Attended Exhibition Opening - Continuum an art exhibition by Gerry O'Mahony at Limerick Museum, Henry Street, Limerick
- Mayoral Programme Work
- Courtesy Meet and Greet with director of a feature film looking to film in Limerick.

6th September

- Meeting with Mike Fitzpatrick, Dean of Limerick School of Art & Design and Director of Cultural Engagement
- Courtesy visit from the Romanian Ambassador, H.E. Laurențiu-Mihai Ștefan (The Ambassador was joined by Mrs. Georgeta Bratu, Deputy Head of Mission)
- Meeting with the Mayor of Onkaparinga - South Australia - Moira Were
- Photoshoot for the Launch of LEADER Programme 2023-2027
- Meeting relating to Christmas events in Limerick
- Councillor Tommy Hartigan visited the Office of the Mayor
- Lunch with departing colleagues in the office.

Saturday 7th September

- Worked on Mayoral Programme
- Review of 101 Actions

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Sunday 8th September

- Attended Askeaton Civic Trust - Celebrate "Askeaton 825" at Askeaton Castle and Franciscan Friary, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.
- Attended event to celebrate swimmers selected to represent Ireland at The Special Olympics in Monaco in Old Kildimo.

9th September

- Internal Meetings with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- High Level Action Groups Meeting
- Meeting with Festival and Events internal team to discuss Plans for Christmas
- Meeting with Brid Quinn, Ireland's representative on the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Second meeting of the Limerick Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Group
- Party Leaders' Meeting to discuss the Mayoral Programme
- Attended Limerick Jazz Festival Press Launch
- Meeting with Councillor Brigid Teevy after internal meeting with Director of Economic Development.
- Scheduling, speech preparation and emails

10th September

- Scheduling and speech preparation
- Attended Limerick City and County Council Regeneration - Employer Breakfast Briefing - in collaboration with Future Building Team, SOLAS and the Education & Training Boards at the Strand Hotel

- Breakfast Meeting with the World Health Organisation, Minister for Public Health, Colm Burke, Department of Health Officials and local stakeholders from Limerick and the Mid-West at the Strand Hotel

- Meeting with members of management from Marks & Spencer regarding potential store investment in Limerick
- Meeting with Director of Service Economic Development

- Meeting with Director of Service and Senior Engineer to walk the city identifying areas of attention
- Attended September's Local Community Development Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Ciara McCormack - Treaty United – Investment opportunities
- Meeting with Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
- Attended The World Suicide Prevention Day Candlelit Vigil at Arthur's Quay

11th September

- Meeting with Brian Leddin, TD regarding Irish Rail
- Integration Community Response Forum meeting
- Colbert Quarter monthly meeting including Land Development Agency, Limerick City and County Council and Córas Iompair Éireann
- Meeting with the Chairperson of Innovate Limerick DAC
- Meeting with the Chairperson of Discover Limerick DAC
- Phone call with Head of Marketing and Communications
- Interview with Limerick Leader Journalist

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- Preparation for Government budget ask
- Paperwork and signing of Mayoral Orders

12th September

- Invitation to Reception and formal event at Lilly Limerick with Eli Lilly and Company Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Dave Ricks
- Farm Walk - National Dairy Council and Kerrygold - Kerrygold Farm Open Day
- Visit to site of proposed Knockainey pre-school and after-school
- Review of Outcomes from the Land Development Agency meeting with internal Limerick City and County Council staff
- Courtesy Visit by John Driscoll, Member of the Limerick Spokane Sister Cities Association (Sister City Relationship with Spokane)
- Attended the Limerick City Gallery of Art for the formal opening of Limerick artist, Vivienne Bogan's solo exhibition
- Executive Dinner hosted by Covalen, part of the Cpl Group to commemorate the continuing success of its new Limerick location

13th September

- Southern Regional Assembly - Ordinary Meeting of the Regional Assembly in Waterford
- Dublin Economics Workshop Annual Economic Policy Conference 2024

14th September - Saturday

- Attended The Limerick Opera Festival - Operatic Aria

- Event at The People's Museum, Pery Square

- Attended Limerick Minor Hurling Reunion 1984 in Woodfield House Hotel, Ennis Road

15th September - Sunday

- Attended a play on Pery Square

16th September

- Meeting with Senator Maria Byrne
- Internal Meetings with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Meeting with Councillor Catherine Slattery regarding VPK Packaging Limerick
- Visited VPK Packaging Limerick Office, Galvone Industrial Estate with Councillor Catherine Slattery and Limerick City and County Council officials
- Attended the Corporate Policy Group Meeting
- Attended a Local Property Tax Workshop for Plenary Council
- Attended a Workshop on Standing Orders

17th September

- Meeting with Director General
- Internal meeting regarding Transport for Ireland - Rural Transport with TFI Local Link Limerick Clare
- Meeting with Richard O'Donoghue TD to discuss Mayoral Programme
- Limerick Market Trustees - Ordinary Meeting of Limerick Market Trustees
- Meeting with Director of Services Support Services Directorate
- Meeting with Live 95

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- Meeting with Councillor Maria Donoghue regarding the creation of new City Centre Steering Group
- Meeting with internal communications team regarding speeches
- Recorded the Limerick UNESCO Learning Cities video
- Silent Cinema Night

18th September

- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council staff regarding a request for a Mayoral Reception for IPB (Irish Public Bodies) Pride of Place Nominees
- Attended online meeting regarding Mid-West School for the Deaf in Limerick with the Deputy Ambassador from the Embassy of Ireland in Estonia Mr. Barry Barton Guihen
- Attended the Supply Network Shannon & Next Level Skillnet Exhibition and Conference, 'Overcoming Challenges' in the Radisson Hotel
- Internal team meeting regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Meeting with the team regarding diary management
- Meeting with Director and Senior Planner of Planning Directorate
- Attended an AIB Networking Dinner Event with Chief Executive Officer, Colin Hunt

19th September

- Attended the September Meeting of the Older Peoples' Executive
- Attended online workshop for the Elected Members of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District - Draft Mayoral Programme

- Meeting with internal staff and external stakeholders to discuss Opera Square
- Online Party Leaders Meeting followed by Protocol Committee Meeting
- Invite to the Hunt Museum

20th September

- Attended online workshop for Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick in relation to the Mayoral Programme
- Meeting with Director of Support Services in Limerick City and County Council
- Courtesy Visit from the Austrian Ambassador, H.E. Melitta Schubert. Joined by Dr. Declan Downey
- Limerick Civic Trust - Autumn Lunch and speech
- Meeting with Willie O'Dea, TD and Niall Collins, Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to discuss the Mayoral Programme
- Attended various events around Culture Night
- Attended Irish Architecture Foundation - New Life for Old Buildings and delivered a speech

22nd September - Sunday

- Limerick Cycling Campaign - Limerick Bike Campaign and King's Island Stakeholders cycle

23rd September

- Meeting with Maurice Quinlivan and Paul Gavan
- Internal Meetings with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Private Workshop on the Mayoral Programme
- Attended September Plenary Council Meeting

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24th September

- Attended Opening Ceremony of the “European Culture Club” Erasmus Project - Project aims to celebrate & share traditional music & dance across different cultures
- Meeting with Minister Patrick O’Donovan
- Meeting with Director of Housing Limerick City and County Council
- Attended a meeting to discuss the Austin Limerick Sister City Signing Ceremony and Delegation Visit 2025
- Weekly Diary meeting

25th September

- Meeting with Linda Ledger from St. Munchins community centre
- Meeting with internal staff to discuss the 101 actions for the next quarter
- Meeting with the Argentinian Ambassador
- John Cooke from RTE Radio 1 shadowed The Mayor for the day
- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Executive Architect regarding the SMART Programme
- Attended the first workshop on the Strategic Plan for Discovery Limerick
- Visit to St. Munchins Community Centre
- Call with John Coleman, Land Development Agency
- Invitation from the Football Association of Ireland - Cadbury’s Kick Fit Blitz in Moyross for a fun and non-competitive recreational social programme for women 18+

- Attended the Christian Brothers School open day

26th September

- City walkabout with the Limerick City and County Council Property Management Team to visit derelict sites within the Metropolitan area under council ownership
- Travelled to Dublin to attend the Chinese Embassy 75 years as a republic celebrations
- Attended a Fine Grain Property event - Interactive Discussion, Corporate Sustainability: A Collaborative Community Approach to Sustainability

27th September

- Call between Health Service Executive Mid-West Regional Executive Officer and Mayor Moran
- Attended meetings in Dublin with Ministers to lobby for funding in the budget
- Meeting with Emer Higgins, Minister of State for Business, Employment & Retail at the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment in Dublin
- Meeting regarding SMART Homes
- Meeting the Mayor’s Special Advisor
- Meeting with Cyril Roux
- Travel to the Alex Hotel for meeting

28th September - Saturday

- Invitation to the launch of Coastal Watch Limerick. “Keeping Drugs at Bay” (Members of An Garda Siochana, Irish Naval Service and Customs (Revenue) - Multi agency launch of a coastal alert scheme
- Attended the Mid-West Simon Community Annual Fundraising Ball: Supporting the Homeless Community

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- Attended a performance of Figaro in Limerick City
- Meeting at EVA International Offices
- Attended events relating to the Polish Arts Festival

29th September - Sunday

- Attended the Relaunch Campaign of - We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick in Kilmallock Library
- Milk Market Antique Fair
- Mungret GAA under 16's

30th September

- Attended the contract Signing for King's Island Flood Relief Scheme with a speech and photoshoot required
- Attended a Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board meeting
- Attended the Colbert Quarter Steering Oversight Group meeting
- Meeting with Deputy Violet Ann Wynne of Clare County Council
- Attended the Management Board Meeting
- Meeting with the Special Adviser and the Office Manager
- Dinner with JP McManus
- SMART Housing Meeting



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Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism

1. Trade and Investment

- **ELI Lilly** announced a \$1bn expansion of Limerick facility, doubling the firm's investment in Raheen and creating 150 new jobs. The announcement brings Lilly's total Limerick investment to \$2bn. As a part of this expansion, Lilly will create another 150 jobs for highly skilled workers in Limerick such as engineers, scientists, quality assurance professionals and operations personnel, for a total of 450 employees.
- **WHOOP**, the wearable health and fitness manufacturers, has officially opened a new office at the Gardens International site. WHOOP is based out of Boston, Massachusetts, and produces technology that tracks science-backed metrics that matter, including heart rate variability, resting heart rate, and respiratory rate. Valued at approximately \$3.6 billion, WHOOP already has a strong Irish contingent across their teams, including Assistant Vice-President of Membership Services, Tina Stokes. Developed by Limerick Twenty Thirty, a special purpose vehicle of Limerick City and County Council, the multi-award winning Gardens International in the heart of Limerick City on Henry Street, the new base offers easy access to public transportation, dining, and other amenities for the WHOOP team.
- **Night Time Economy**: Limerick City and County Council held a Stakeholder Engagement Event on 26 September to hear views from businesses and stakeholders about what is required for a vibrant night-time economy in Limerick City, one which is accessible and workable for all citizens, businesses, visitors and those who work at night. The event incorporated information exchanges, insights from the recent Night Time Economy surveys and brainstorming sessions.

- **The Limerick Gift Card**: Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with Limerick Chamber, has unveiled plans to introduce a new gift card to encourage shop local in association with local businesses. The Gift Card initiative was published in September with the aim of driving footfall and spend in the city and surrounding towns, including Newcastle West, Adare, Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock and Rathkeale. The forthcoming Limerick Gift Card will be available as either a digital or physical gift card, with multiple benefits over paper gift vouchers, including security, friction-less redemptions and quick payment for merchants accepting the cards. The new Limerick gift card will provide tangible investment into a number of sectors including retail, hospitality, leisure and services, benefiting both the day and night time economy. Limerick businesses are encouraged to take part in the programme, which offers a no commission basis.

2. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- **Trading Online Voucher** – Eight Businesses in Limerick were approved for the Trading Online Voucher grant of up to €2,500 towards the development of their business website.
- **Energy Efficiency Grant** – One Business in West Limerick was approved a grant of €10,000 to upgrade equipment in their business which is more energy efficient and will reduce their costs and carbon footprint.
- **Green for Business** – Two Limerick-based businesses were approved for Green for Business supports in September to help them on their sustainability journey.
- **Grow Digital** – This new support for enterprises to implement digitalisation measure in their business was announced in September and provides financial support of up to €5,000.

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- The National Ploughing Championships took place in Rathangan, Co. Laois, and Lisnagry-based enterprise, Room Outdoors, represented Limerick in the Local Enterprise Village. Agri Tech company and LEO Limerick client from Abbeyfeale, Cotter AgriTech, were also represented at the Ploughing Championships where they displayed their Cotter Crate product to those in attendance.
- During September, LEO Limerick ran 11 different training programmes for 181 Limerick-based businesses to assist them on their business journey. One of the LEO's flagship training programme, the 15-week Advanced Management Development Programme, targeted at established businesses seeking to grow and expand, was launched on 18 September in Adare, with 15 Limerick businesses in attendance.
- The Minister of State with responsibility for Business, Employment and Retail in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Emer Higgins, TD, visited the Local Enterprise Office Limerick on 23 September. The Minister met with the LEO staff to discuss some of the challenges facing business owners in Limerick and she also met with some LEO clients as part of her visit.

3. Tourism

Tourism General

In preparation for the formation of a new Tourism Strategy for Limerick, a Community Tourism Survey went live on 16 September asking the public a series of questions and providing an opportunity for any commentary/feedback in order to help shape the future of Limerick's Tourism offering. A Media Release was sent out on the survey on 16 September, with information and reminder posts on Limerick City and County Council's social media channels and Media Articles in relation to same on Live95 on 16 September, the Weekly Observer on 18 September, the Limerick Leader; Vale Star and Mallow Star on 19 September, as well as adverts on Live95 radio regularly over a three-week timeframe.

Limerick Greenway

- On World Tourism Day on 27 September, which coincided with International Week of the Deaf, Councillor Jerome Scanlan, who attended the event on behalf of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran – along with Limerick City and County Council Tourism, Festival and Events Department colleagues, and those involved directly in the project - launched two U-Turn Units at Barnagh Viewing Point and Tullig Wood along Limerick Greenway which, when operated, can play local pieces of music and narratives in relation to different wildlife in the West Limerick region. Also, a QR Code on the mounting pole of each U-Turn unit can, when scanned on one's mobile device, take the person to a video of the local pieces of music and narratives being translated in the Irish Sign Language. A Photo story and Media Release were issued after the event with articles in many of the various local media outlets.
- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout September and included the following:
 - An excerpt in the Irish Examiner's Lifestyle Loves publication on 02 September and a full publication in the Irish Examiner's three big family days out on 07 September, following the Familiarisation Trip with Deirdre McArdle, Acting Lifestyle Editor with the Irish Examiner.
 - The Rising 2024, a fundraising event by charity A Lust For Life, which included cycling the full length of Limerick Greenway on their 158km cycle from Limerick city to Killarney, on 14 September.
 - Familiarisation Trip with Ben Haugh, Editor, Business Plus Magazine, on 27, 28 and 29 September.
 - Walk for Brú Charity 10km Walk, organised by Limerick man, Kevin Quaid, in aid of charity Brú Columbanus, in Cork, on 28 September, from Newcastle West Greenway Hub carpark to Barnagh Greenway Hub, with an article in the Limerick Post on 09 September promoting the event in advance.

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- 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 September on 03 September.
 - Business Spotlight Posts for September which included: Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, Roots Shop and Café, Greenway Café 1709 and The Coffee Pot.
 - A post encouraging Limerick Greenway users to do Limerick Greenway their way and to share their experiences by tagging the Facebook and Instagram pages, with their experiences being reshared on the pages.
 - A post on 17 September promoting Limerick Greenway as a must-do during European Mobility Week.
 - A post on 19 September, ahead of World Car Free Day on 22 September, encouraging the public to leave the car keys down and cycle/walk/wheel Limerick Greenway for the day, all while remembering to use one's bicycle bell when cycling and overtaking others on Limerick Greenway.
 - A post on 24 September with three recommended short itineraries for those attending another event or doing something else in Limerick which can also include using Limerick Greenway beforehand or afterwards.
 - Limerick Greenway September Competition Post on 25 September.
 - A post celebrating World Tourism Day on 27 September, encouraging tourists to do Limerick Greenway as part of their tourism excursions and celebrations on the day.

Limerick Greenway Statistics

Social Media Statistics

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01.09.2024 – 30.09.2024

	Facebook	Instagram
Reach	50,226	16,313
Profile Visits	824	581
New Page Followers	40	205

Social Media Ads (Facebook and Instagram advertising statistics combined)

Accounts reached: 39,228
Post Engagements: 913
Link clicks to the website: 706

Google Ads

01.09.2024 – 30.09.2024

Impressions	15,500
Ad Clicks	2,110

TOURISM INDUSTRY TRADE EVENTS

Staff from the Tourism Department of Limerick City and County Council attended the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC) 2024 Conference on 25 September at the Dublin Royal Convention Centre.

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FESTIVAL AND EVENTS

Polish Arts Festival (PAF)

The Polish Arts Festival, PAF, is the only festival of its kind in Ireland and now in its 17th year, ran between 26 and 29 September. The Festival began in the Limerick City Gallery of Art, where Olga Anacka's solo exhibition, "Patching Femininity," was debuted with live music from Dora Gola and JaYne. 27 September saw events such as The Peasants/ Chłopi being shown at the Belltable. 28 September had Hip Hop, Family Fabric Workshop, interactive music experience for children, and the Belltable hosted the film screening of Kaytek the Wizard and a Polish group of female singers. Other events included music from Seven Nun-Sins, DUB Intruda and DJ MANC at the Commercial Bar's Record Room on the Sunday and singing circle promoting community.

Hospital Arts and Culture Festival

From 18 to 22 September, the Annual Hospital Arts and Culture Festival took place. The Festival began at the Family Resource Centre where the following awards were presented: the Knight Award for Community Spirit and the Poetry and Photography Art awards followed by music from Kevin Sheehy and friends. Over the weekend, events included workshops in guitar maintenance and art. The local National School hosted an exploration dome and talks and performances were held on the third day of the festival with author, Christina Hardy, and actor and comedian, Seamus O'Rourke. The fourth day of the festival had a mix of events such as the Seamus O'Toole Memorial Tournament, poetry and music including African drumming workshop. The final day had a market, Theatre in the Tent, all ending in a festival Lantern Parade.

Limerick Jazz Festival

The Limerick Jazz Festival ran between 26 and 28 September. Aleka and Oxygen Thief with Romanian folk melodies with elements of Jazz started the festival, followed by a more traditional Jazz offering with elements of math rock and electronica. Events on the Friday included performances from Benjamin Boone Confluence Band at Dolans and Emma Rawicz, a critically acclaimed Saxophonist, performed at the Belltable. The final day

included a Jazz trail with free events across the city, taking in a Jazz workshop at the George Hotel and performance from the Markus Kraeber Trio at Steamboat Music. The Final performance was a Brazilian music night with the Kasia Eilasz Band.

Pigtown Culture and Food Series

Pigtown Culture and Food Series took place from 20 to 22 September in the Milk Market. Friday evening saw Little Pigtown take place as part of Culture Night. Some activities on the night were a pet farm, live music, harp and candle making workshops. Demonstrations on the night showcased a blacksmith's workshop and there was also an antique craft display. Cooking demonstrations on the Saturday included Chef, George Casey, and on the Sunday, the Art of Pigtown Fair saw thirty-five local artists and crafters sell their products.

4. Innovate Limerick DAC

- 01 September: The Head of Innovate attended the 20-Year Anniversary of the Butterfly Club at Rathkeale Enterprise Centre.
- 20 September: The BITA (British Irish Trading Alliance) Limerick chapter was launched at ENGINE, sponsored by Innovate Limerick and Limerick LEO.
- 23 September: Minister of State for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Emer Higgins, TD, visited ENGINE with presentations by the Head of Innovate and Paul Ryan, Film Commissioner.
- 26 September: Limerick City and County Council Night Time Economy Workshop hosted at ENGINE, Innovate Limerick.
- 28 September: VFX Film Talent Academy workshop hosted at ENGINE.

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5. Discover Limerick DAC

Adare Heritage Centre

A public display event for the proposed remodelling and expansion of the Adare Heritage Centre Complex took place in Adare Village Hall on 05 September. The public was invited to view proposed plans to remodel and expand the complex. Part 8 application was submitted on 06 September. The Council has allocated funding to advance the detailed design of the project in order to ensure that the timeline of having the work completed in time for the Ryder Cup is achieved, subject to Government funding.

King John's Castle

Culture Night took place on 20 September and the Castle hosted the SIONNA music and arts festival – a free music festival showcasing five different artists, providing a platform for up-and-coming artists to showcase their talents.

A story-telling event called “The Storytelling Street” took place on Nicholas Street on Culture Night also, with local storytellers and animators from King John’s Castle bringing the area’s rich history to life. They recounted stories of the local characters who lived in the buildings on Nicholas Street and gave insights into their colourful past lives. This event was very popular and all three sessions were well attended on the day.

Industry Events

Discover Limerick DAC was represented at the Fáilte Ireland run Great Britain Coach Workshop that took place in the Radisson Hotel in Limerick on 12 September. The Marketing Manager of Discover Limerick DAC met with Tour Operators and Coach Owners showcasing the DAC sites to potential new customers, some of whom had never been to Limerick before.

The Fáilte Ireland led Canada and US Agents’ Workshop took place in Dublin on 24 September and the Marketing Manager of Discover Limerick DAC attended on behalf of Discover Limerick DAC. Meeting over 20 travel agents and buyers during face-to-face appointments, it was a fantastic way to pitch the DAC sites to a new audience, most of whom had never been to Ireland before. Feedback on Discover Limerick DAC sites was very positive on the day.



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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

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

At the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 16 September, the Members adopted the Limerick City and County Council Metropolitan District of Limerick Control of Car Clubs Bye-Laws 2024, in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The purpose of these Bye-Laws is to allow for the licensing and operation of a car club scheme in the Metropolitan Area.

European Mobility Week

European Mobility Week took place from 16-22 September and is an initiative aimed at promoting sustainable and active modes of transport. During this week-long campaign, the Council committed to raising awareness about sustainable mobility and inspiring behavioural change towards active and sustainable travel methods, including walking, cycling, carpooling, and public transport.

2. Active Travel

Projects on site

Rósmor, Old Cork Road, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Snagging and landscaping works continued. Planting newly installed at Donoughmore National School.

Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site.

Father Russell Road, Raheen, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Snagging and landscaping works continued.

R510 Quinn's Cross to Raheen, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Construction of cycle lane and footpath through Courtfields Shopping Centre ongoing. Kerbing and concrete works also continued.

Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Footpath works between Laurelville and Spring Grove being finalised. Area being prepared for surfacing.

Other Projects

Childers Road (Greenpark to Roxboro Road Roundabout), Limerick: Final snagging being completed.

TUS to City Centre, Moylish, Limerick: Construction tender issued to market.

Abbeyfeale Greenway Connection, Abbeyfeale, Limerick: Non-statutory public consultation report published.

Wickham Street to Clare Street, Limerick: Economic Assessment Report published.



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Rural, Community and Culture Development

1. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee

- Meetings of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) were held on 03 and 10 September.
- A presentation was given on LEADER 2023-2027 on Programme Timelines.

SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme)

- SICAP staff from the Local Authority attended a workshop that was delivered by Pobal and the Department of Rural and Community Development on the new SICAP 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 a meeting held in September.
- PPN Limerick continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

Integration

During the month of September, the Integration Support Team continued its regular visits to accommodation centres to meet with residents, offering information support clinics to address queries and provide guidance on accessing services and resources.

- Assessment of Needs:** Conducting initial and ongoing assessments to determine the individual or family's needs.

- Referral to Services:** Connecting clients with relevant services such as housing authorities, healthcare providers, schools, social welfare, NGOs (non-governmental organisations) etc.
- Community Engagement:** Encouraging and supporting migrants in participation in local community activities, to accelerate integration and reduce isolation.
- Ongoing Case Management:** Maintaining regular contact with clients to monitor their progress, address new issues, and adjust support as necessary.
- Collaboration with Stakeholders:** Working closely with government agencies, NGOs and local communities to coordinate support services.
- Documentation and Reporting:** Maintaining accurate records of interactions, and services provided to ensure proper case management.

Healthy Limerick

- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, met with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director for the European Healthy Cities Network and Minister Colm Burke, Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy, as well as officials from the Department of Health, Limerick City and County Council and the HSE's Regional Executive Officer, on 10 September.
- The work of the Healthy Cities and Counties Programme, including Limerick City and County attaining WHO accreditation within the European Healthy Cities Network and the more focused Local Government piece in relation to the Healthy Ireland Local Government programmes, was the focus for the one-hour meeting. Following this meeting, the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, Minister Burke and the WHO Advisor provided inputs to a wider audience, which included Healthy Ireland Local Government staff from

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31 local authorities and local stakeholders working in the migrant health and wellbeing space. The focus in the afternoon turned to food security with site visits to Tait Community Kitchen and Tait House.

- Ballynatty Rovers has become Limerick's first smoke and vape free soccer club. The club is championing the 'Not Around Us' campaign, aiming to create a healthier environment for their community and beyond. The 'Not Around Us' initiative promotes spaces where it is easier for smokers and vapers to quit, and stay that way, while also helping to de-normalise smoking for the next generation. This health promotion campaign is led by Limerick City and County Council's Healthy Limerick, in partnership with the HSE and various community and youth organisations. 'Not Around Us' signs are available for any public or outdoor space where children and young people are likely to gather, reducing their exposure to smoking and vaping.
- The 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick' campaign was relaunched by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, in Kilmallock Library on 29 September. As part of this event, a collection of individual repoussé pieces created at previous workshops by Limerick mums was exhibited on the day. The 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick' campaign is now seeking more breastfeeding friendly businesses, organisations, communities and workplaces to join the initiative.
- Three Social Health and Education programmes started in County Limerick in September, two "Introduction to Personal Development through music" programmes with Mulcair Men's Shed, and one "Introduction to Personal Development" programme in Kilfinane.

Healthy Communities

Limerick Growing Communities

- Autumn gardening programme launched, focusing on seasonal growing, planning, and engaging communities in sustainable food practices.

King's Island Gardening Activities

- Verdant Crescent Residents' Planting Day on 22 September to enhance green spaces and encouragement of community involvement.
- Weekly King's Island Allotment Gardening Mornings every Wednesday, supporting local residents in sustainable gardening practices.

Venture Out

- Wellbeing through Art Programme took place throughout September, promoting mental health and wellbeing through community-based art workshops through Social Prescribing.

Seed 2024 Projects approved and in progress

- ADAPT Wellbeing Cabin: Establishing an outdoor wellbeing cabin for women and children experiencing domestic abuse (partner: ADAPT).
- Oak Lodge Community Kitchen: Developing a community kitchen and wellness programmes for homeless residents (partner: Mid-West Simon Community).
- Garryowen Community Project: Organising a Community Fair and day trips for older residents to enhance social inclusion (partner: Garryowen Community Development Project).
- Citizen Research Community Project: Facilitating community-led workshops addressing local health and wellbeing needs (partner: Mental Health Ireland).
- Learning and Exploring Through Natural Play and Horticulture: Creating an outdoor learning space for children and the community (partner: St. John the Baptist Boys' School).

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Clean Air Together Campaign

- Continued support for the public's involvement in air quality monitoring as part of Limerick's commitment to environmental and public health.

MoveWell Programme

- Pilates for Chronic Pain and Arthritis: Sessions began on 25 September at Tait Community Centre.
- Aqua Move for Breast Cancer Recovery: Weekly sessions every Thursday at St. Gabriel's Hydrotherapy Pool.
- Aqua Move for Chronic Pain and Arthritis: Weekly sessions every Thursday at St. Gabriel's Hydrotherapy Pool.

Community Playgrounds

- Community Playground groups received the Annual Inspection Reports recommendation during September.
- 20 community playgrounds currently availing of the Scheme of Assistance for Community Playgrounds.

Age Friendly

National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024

- Under the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024, the 'Think before you park' campaign was shortlisted under the Transport category.
- It was submitted by Step Forward Disability Group who, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council and the Gardaí, brought this initiative to fruition. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness amongst motorists about the consequences of their parking choices which frequently cause obstructions and safety hazards for others who use wheelchairs, walking aids, those with limited sight and parents walking with their children in buggies.

- The judges were busy visiting all the incredible projects shortlisted around the country and on 12 September came to meet the dedicated team behind this inspiring initiative, the Step Forward Disability Group in Hospital Family Resource Centre.

Colbert Station Walkability Audit - World Health Organisation (WHO) Accreditation

- Colbert Station is one of 10 stations around the country selected for achieving WHO accreditation once it becomes an Age Friendly Station. To achieve it involves going through a four-step process as outlined by the WHO. One of the steps is to carry out a Walkability audit to see what improvements are required to bring it up to a standard to enable less abled/vulnerable people to have accessible transport at the bus/rail station.
- On 13 September, the audit was conducted. The Age Friendly Ireland technical advisor, Age Friendly Programme Manager Limerick, representatives from Irish Rail, Bus Éireann, Dementia, Irish wheelchair Association, Visually impaired people and members from Age Friendly Older People's Executive all met. Photos were taken as issues were raised to capture same, as an agreed route was followed to check ticketing, signage, toilets, parking etc. and the immediate area surrounding the train station. This was followed by a round table discussion in the boardroom of Irish Rail to allow for those with impairments and the elderly who had taken part in the walkability audit to elaborate further on improvements required to make the station more user-friendly for that profile of people.

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2. Culture

Library

City Library at Barrow House

- Minister Patrick O'Donovan visited the City Library on 06 September to mark International Literacy Day with the launch of a new e-learning course. This new literacy initiative under the Government's Adult Literacy for All Strategy is supported by SOLAS in partnership with Local Education and Training Boards, Libraries, National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) and Media Literacy Ireland.
- Limerick Mental Health Association held a workshop entitled 'Mastering the Job Interview and Presentation Skills' on 10 September.
- Mid West ARIES (Advancing Recovery in Ireland Education Service) convened a Journaling for Wellbeing Workshop on 17 September.
- Living Our Best ND (Neuro Divergent) Life, a neuro-affirmative parent wellbeing group, met on 10 and 24 September.
- The University of the Third Age's (U3A) Irish Language Conversation Group continued its meetings every second Friday throughout the month, while the U3A Crafting Group held its monthly meeting at the library on 18 September.
- Emerging Limerick Film Makers held a meeting on 21 September, and the Writepace Writers' Group met on 28 September.
- There were 10 book club meetings in September for adults, teenagers and children.
- Student Campus paid two visits to the Library on 03 September bringing groups of new English language students to join the Library and learn about the many services available.

- Limerick Senior College nursing students visited on 23 September to join the Library and get an introduction to the range of services.
- 14 September saw the City Library reward all the children who took part in the annual Summer Stars reading challenge with a big party day. 140 children attended to accept their medals and certificates, which brought great excitement and fun to the library floor.
- Also for children, the City Library hosted a special Fighting Words workshop with Fifth Class from Scoil Iosagáin, CBS Sexton Street, on 26 September.
- Class visits returned with Second, Third and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) classes from Scoil Iosagáin and an ASD class from St. John the Baptist School.
- Author, Roisin Meaney, held her monthly story session on 21 September.
- Weekly toddler story times continued.
- Finally, on 28 September, the City Library marked National Public Libraries Open Day with a special toddler story time followed by a drop-in advice clinic to guide people, on a one-to-one basis, through the suite of Library apps such as Borrow Box which offers e-books, e-audio and e-newspapers and magazines.

Kilmallock Library

- Kilmallock Library's Irish Conversation Circle met in the evening on 10 and 24 September.
- "Walk and Talk" group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library each Wednesday morning during September with an average of 28 participants.
- 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 18 crafters at each session.

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- A special toddler storytime with author, Roisin Meaney, took place on 27 September.
- Kilmallock Library hosted the official Mayoral launch of a stunning art exhibition created by Limerick Mums to mark the “Re-Launch of We’re Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick” on 29 September. This family-friendly event allowed all the participating partners to meet with the artists while the children enjoyed an interactive Music Generation session, board games, colouring and browsing books with refreshments available.

Newcastle West Library

- Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 13 continued to meet 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.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- Health Service Executive Seminar on Mental Health on 11 September – 20 attended.
- Roisin Meaney Storytime – 28 September – 63 attended.

Dooradoyle Library

- On 05 September, the Library hosted an information stand from Southill Family Resource Centre.
- Summer Stars Awards Day was held on 07 September. Over 850 children took part in the 2024 challenge in Dooradoyle Library.

- On 12 September, local author, Karen Fitzgibbon, visited the library to discuss her debut novel ‘The World’s End,’ followed by a Question and Answer session.
- The latest ArtUa Limerick exhibition of works from The Redemptorists Church Art Studio was unveiled at Dooradoyle Library on 19 September.
- On 20 September, the library hosted its annual Culture Night event - a bilingual poetry reading and live accompaniment of newly composed score with Emer O’Flaherty and Joanne Callinan.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group held its monthly meeting on 20 September.
- International Sign Language Day was celebrated on 24 September. Third class pupils from Scoil Mháthair Dé attended a workshop where they learned to sign their name and the alphabet using Irish Sign Language (ISL).
- Dooradoyle Book Club held its monthly meeting on the last Thursday of the month.
- Weekly Himalayan meditation sessions continued on Friday evenings.

Watch House Cross Library

- Classes resumed at Watch House Cross Library: Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board English Language classes twice weekly for International Protection Applicants from the Knockalisheen Accommodation Centre, a Literacy through Computers class every Tuesday morning, and a Driver Theory class on Fridays.
- Age Action Ireland started teaching digital skills on Thursday morning on a one-to-one tutoring model with seven tutors and seven students attending a five-week programme.
- ABC Startright parenting programme commenced, offering workshops on nutrition, weaning, baby massage and yoga.

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- Weekly Storytime, Parent and Toddler Morning, and Crafty Saturdays continued. Local author, Roisin Meaney, facilitated the last Parent and Toddler morning for September. 210 people of all ages attended children's activities during the month.
- Three Fighting Words workshops were held in the library with Corpus Christi Second Class, Thomond Fifth and Sixth Classes, and seventy children enjoyed creating their own stories and seeing them illustrated.
- Class visits were welcomed from Corpus Christi, Thomond Primary and Red Hill School. The pre-school class at Northside Family Resource Centre visited the library and enjoyed a storytime with colouring.
- As part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme, a talk on "Parenting While Separated" was held in the library on 26 September.
- Both adult book clubs returned on 26 and 27 September, reading Country Girl, a memoir by Edna O'Brien, and Factory Girls by Michelle Gallen, with both titles giving rise to lively discussions.
- The Sensory Room received 60 bookings and 170 users in September.

Local Studies

- There were 49 onsite visits by researchers to the Local Studies Department in September and 24 remote queries. Work on Limerick 1924-1929: A Documentary History, the Department's 'Centenaries' project for 2024, was progressed and several new acquisitions were added to stock.

Abbeyfeale

- Abbeyfeale Library Craft Group met on the third Wednesday.
- A meeting to launch a new Choral Group in Abbeyfeale, with support from the Arts Office, marked Culture Night.

- The Summer Stars Programme ended with an award ceremony for all participants.

Adare

- Class visits from Our Lady's Abbey National School.
- Parent, Baby, and Toddler Group meetings every Thursday morning with 20 parents and children.
- Summer Stars Reading Programme participants collected their certificates. Over 200 children participated.
- The 2020 Book Club resumed after the summer break.
- Library staff spoke on the "Did You Meet Anyone" radio show on Live95. The Show was broadcast on 13 September.

Other Branches

- Glin Library continued to welcome the community singing group, craft circle and book clubs throughout the month. On 13 September, it started a weekly family board games afternoon.
- Rathkeale Library commenced a weekly storytime for toddlers taking place every second Wednesday morning.
- Library staff attended the first two meetings of the Library Literacy Champions' initiative on 18 and 25 September. This initiative, funded by the Collaboration and Innovation Fund, is part of the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy. Limerick Library Service, Clare Libraries and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board are all partners, with Clare Libraries being the lead partner.

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Outreach Services

- On 23 September, Limerick Libraries facilitated a Library information workshop for a Ladies Probus Group at the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick. 24 participants learned how to use the Borrow Box app and other library online resources.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, officially opened Vivienne Bogan's exhibition, Spontaneous Self, on 12 September. Bogan was born in Limerick and this exhibition of her work spans over 30 years but this is her first exhibition in LCGA. Opening at the same time was 'Odysseys of Self' exhibition by Tina O'Connell – a recent graduate from LSAD. A very large number of people (over 200) attended the openings.
- The Polish Arts Festival launched an exhibition of work by Olga Anacka titled Patching Femininity on 26 September. Councillor Elisa O'Donovan, in the presence of Patrick O'Sullivan, Honorary Consul for Poland in Limerick, officially launched the exhibition. There was strong representation from the Polish community in Limerick at the opening.
- LCGA continued to exhibit a selection of works from the Permanent Collection on a rotation basis expanding the use of separate exhibition galleries within the building. The exhibitions from the Permanent Collection display recent works donated and acquired, as well as works which are firm favourites to local and international visitors.
- LCGA hosted a performance by local Polish musicians on 29 September as part of the 2024 festival.
- Helium Arts held a one-day workshop in the Gallery on 21 September. The workshop was aimed at children with long-term illnesses.
- The University of the Third Age resumed its fortnightly meetings at LCGA on 17 September.

- LCGA participated in Culture Night 2024 with a performance by Brendan Markham's band, with an attendance of around 150 people.
- Two works by Sarah Purser from LCGA Permanent Collections are on loan to the Hugh Lane Gallery for the major exhibition, More Power to You.
- LCGA continued to negotiate the loan of artworks by Walter Osborne to Raclin Murphy Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, in the United States.

Limerick Museum

- On 05 September, the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, performed the official opening of Continuum, an art exhibition by Gerry O'Mahony, a graduate of Limerick School of Art and Design. Gerry O'Mahony is a member of James Street Studios, Limerick and VAI (Visual Artists Ireland). He is also a member of ArtCan, a UK-based international art network. Continuum is a collection of recent artworks using a variety of materials and marks, it draws from very dark and very light spaces.
- On 10 September, the Museum received a large donation of Limerick lace and ancillary objects from the family of Veronica Rowe, whose grandmother, Florence Vere O'Brien, was a major figure in the history of Limerick lace. As a result, the Museum is now in possession of the entire Florence Vere O'Brien Collection.
- On Culture Night, 20 September, Limerick Museum remained open late and received a large number of visitors. The Museum hosted two special events on the night: an exhibition of photographs by Limerick Camera Club and a short film on Limerick lace, which had been made by the Friends of Lace Limerick and was shown continuously on a loop all evening.
- The Limerick Museum exhibition 200 Years of Achievement: The Dunraven Family and Limerick, continued in Saint Mary's Cathedral throughout September.

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- The pop-up exhibition, Objects of the Revolution in East Limerick, continued in the Museum throughout September.

Limerick Arts Office

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2024

- The Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts was developed by Limerick City and County Council to facilitate culture and arts organisations and practitioners in leveraging funds from national and international sources. The percentage available from the Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts is 10% of the successful national or international award, to a maximum of €5,000, to fund elements of the projects specific to Limerick. In September, four strategic grants with a total value of €8,700, which assisted in leveraging grants to the value of €197,000, were awarded.

Call-Out for Applications - Artists' Residential Apartments, John's Square Limerick.

Limerick Arts Office's Artists' Apartments recognise cultural practitioners, across all art forms, by providing subsidised residential apartments in John's Square, Limerick. A competitive Open Call closed on 18 September. 20 applications were received for two available apartments. The Artists' Apartments create conditions for affordable living spaces for individual artists, attracting and keeping artists living and working in Limerick City, by encouraging living and working within the urban context. The apartments provide subsidised living spaces in recognition that artists and many individuals working in the arts are on modest income levels.

Studios

A competitive Open Call for one studio at James' Street Studios closed on 18 September. This is one in a complex of eight studios provided by Limerick City and County Council, at subsidised rental to professional artists, to support them in their careers and to enable them to work in Limerick City. A total of 11 applications were received.

Tyrone Guthrie Bursary

Limerick Arts Office Open Call for two Bursaries for the Tyrone Guthrie Centre closed on 18 September. The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig is a residential workplace and residency programme in Ireland for artists of all disciplines. This Open Call to recognised cultural practitioners, across all art forms, residing within Limerick City and County, allows successful applicants to undertake a short residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, the artist's workplace in Co. Monaghan. These bursaries cover all board and lodging expenses for one week, plus the use of a studio if necessary. Eight applications were received.

Open Call for Drama Facilitator

An Open Call for a Drama Facilitator to work in Limerick City closed on 11 September. Limerick Arts Office, working in collaboration with Limerick Youth Diversion Project, King's Island, is seeking a person experienced in script writing, production, stage management and socially engaged practice, who is comfortable working with harder to reach young people.

CREATIVE IRELAND

Síolta Glasá

The Creative Climate Action Project, Síolta Glasá, currently being delivered by Creative Ireland Limerick, in partnership with Climate Action, held the first of its storytelling workshops for participating creatives and communities on 26 September. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Fergal Quinn and the University of Limerick School of English, Irish and Communication.

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Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series (2024)

A fully live programme of enchanting and beautiful music returned to All Saints Church in Castleconnell this Autumn. Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series is programmed by Limerick Arts Office, with financial support from the Arts Council and Creative Ireland. The concerts are presented in partnership with Love Castleconnell. The second concert took place on 24 September with pianist, Rowel Friers. It was recorded for a future broadcast on RTE Lyric FM - The Full Score Programme, with Liz Nolan.

Culture Night 2024

20 September saw over 60 free events take place across Limerick City and County for Culture Night. This national celebration invites people to participate and explore the many different cultural offerings. Limerick people enjoyed dance, music, street art, theatre, parade, printmaking, exhibitions, talks and tours with events running from 4pm until 2am.

This year, Limerick was successful in two Culture Night Late awards. Limerick Arts Office led on Sionna Festival at King John's Castle, while Top 8 and Dance Limerick presented an evening of Hip Hop. Three late night events were supported through the Night Time Economy, comprising Opera in Wickham Way, Sean-nós and story telling in Mother Macs, and a celebration of food in Treaty City Brewery. Limerick Libraries held talks with designers in the City library, bi-lingual poetry in Dooradoyle library, and a choral meet-up in Abbeyfeale library. County Limerick had hubs of activity in Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Hospital, Croom, Glenbrohane, and Knockainey.

3. Property Management

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	129
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	19
Derelict Sites Cases opened	6
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	30
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	10
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	1
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	7
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	4
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	9



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

1. Regeneration and Sports

Regeneration

Economic Regeneration

Limerick City and County Council Regeneration Directorate, in partnership with Intreo (the Public Employment Service), held an Employer Roadshow which took place on 10 September in the Strand Hotel, Limerick. Guest speakers from Intreo, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), Technological University of the Shannon Midwest (TUS) and the Council briefed many local businesses in the construction industry about the supports and services available to them. This event was well attended and was a learning and networking opportunity taken by many of the Small/Medium Enterprise owners in Limerick.

Guests were also given a presentation on the Outreach to Employment programme which is a multi-agency partnership led by Limerick City and County Council to tackle the unemployment blackspots. Community mentors, funded through the Outreach to Employment programme, are assisting young people and the long term unemployed in the northside and southside of the city to avail of training, education and employment opportunities.

Social Regeneration

Community Activities

King's Island

The King's Island Community Centre continued to support residents throughout the month of September. Activities undertaken included:

- Culture Night, held on 20 September, saw local storytellers taking to Nicholas Street. Three performances took place with an estimated 40 people attending each performance.

- 'Car Free Day' – local stakeholders came together to convene at King's Island Community Centre for bike repair and refreshments before taking part in a cycle around St Mary's Park, Assumpta Park and Lee Estate, finishing at Nicholas Street. Here participants enjoyed storytelling about the buildings and residents of the area over the past 100 years.
- Crafty Monday returned to the Community Centre on 30 September.
- Community Engagement Students from University of Limerick were hosted on 18 September for a presentation about the 'Empowering Communities' programme in King's Island.
- 25 September saw the Hunt Museum host the Creepy Crawlies Clay Modelling workshop.
- Boxercise returned to its twice-a-week schedule held in the community centre.
- Bingo continued to be well attended on each Monday night.
- Freestyle Dancing proving popular, and held each Tuesday and Thursday.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) now hosts a women's personal development group that runs three days a week.
- The 'Good to Go' group continued to meet every Thursday, with over 20 people attending. This is targeted at older individuals in the area.
- The Health Service Executive 'Living Well' programme was run from the MCEC. 15-20 people partake in this programme.

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- The 'Friends and Neighbours' group is back running every Wednesday with up to 30 locals attending.
- The MCEC has developed a new meeting room, where Regeneration will host clinics. This room is also used for community counselling sessions.
- A variety of Adult Education groups met during the weekdays in MCEC.
- Bingo took place each Tuesday and has proved popular each week.

Southill

- Training for Community Employment workers in bricklaying, construction, and development of new raised beds, through QQI-accredited modules took place in conjunction with Tait House.
- Tait House welcomed the return of the school-aged childcare service, including the collection of children from three local national schools each school day.
- The gardening and craft classes, in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, recommenced in Tait House.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group held a Family Fun Day on 06 September. Local volunteers across all age groups worked alongside the community to set up the balloon displays and decorate the centre's grounds.
- On 28 September, the community centre youth services hosted the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Youth initiative of "Pizza on the Pitch." The evening allowed young people and their families to enjoy a Family Movie night on the astro pitch and enjoy the community-led event.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- The contractor has mobilised for the 24-unit rapid build housing developments at Carew Park, Southill, and Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Construction works progressing towards completion of 27 units at Dalgaish Park, Moyross.
- Construction works on the Sheep Street Development, comprising of eight social housing units, progressing towards completion with snagging ongoing in September.
- Block 1 (11 units) at Churchfields, Southill (Phase 2) were handed over to tenants.
- Works continued with Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield, Southill (Phase 2).
- Design works progressed towards lodgement of a S179A application for a Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development in Moyross comprising 20 units.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) nearing completion with snagging in progress.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 house in St. Mary's Park) progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) nearing completion with snagging in progress.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 127 (12 houses in Ballinacurra Weston) reached substantial completion in September.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) progressing on site.

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House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments - Nine Properties

- Lot 4a Scheme 1 (three houses) nearing completion. The final house, 11 Aster Court, reached the Substantial Completion stage during the month.
- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 (six houses) progressed towards completion.

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments - 11 Properties

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 1 (three houses) - contract awarded to Dolmen Contracting Ltd. and works have commenced on site.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five house) - contract awarded to Dolmen Contracting Ltd.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 3 (three houses) currently awaiting Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Minor Refurbishments

- Contractors currently on site at six properties at various stages of refurbishment works.
- Contractors appointed and awaiting a start date for 31 St. Brendan's Street, St. Mary's Park.
- The tendering process continued for refurbishment works on four additional properties.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants commenced the detailed design of the scheme.

Southside Boxing Academy

- Following completion of the upgrade works, the Academy commenced activities once again in the building. The first training session was held on 09 September.

Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Detailed design works continued for enhancements to the boundary of this sporting facility in Moyross.

Colivet Court Apartments

- Q3 Security Group continued with works on the telecom system upgrade.

King's Island Community Centre

- Consultation with the Working Group ongoing with design proposals to incorporate feedback being progressed.

Environmental Works

- Removal of redundant hard-standing pavement was undertaken at Aster Court, with the area being reinstated with topsoil and seed.
- Various road and footpath repairs were completed within St. Mary's Park.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick Sports Partnership secured an allocation from Dormant Accounts to the value of €423,000 to support a key number of initiatives delivered by the Sports Partnership. This funding was awarded under the following programmes:
 - Moyross Community Sports Hub Phase 4 - €30,000.00.
 - Garryowen Community Sports Hub - €33,000.00.
 - Active Cities - €165,000.00, Current €60,000.00 in Capital. Totalling €225,000.00.

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- 'Her Moves Teenage Girls' physical activity initiatives - €10,000.00.
- The Evaluation of Sport Ireland's Investment into the Disability Programme (SIDP) - €40,000.00.
- Volunteer Supports for sports clubs - €40,000.00.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Educational supports - €25,000.00.
- Training and Education - €20,000.00.
- The Boxing Clever Programme, supporting individuals through addictions, had another nine candidates proceed to graduation. This provides the participants with a QQI Level 5 in Health-Related Fitness and QQI Level 5 in Community Addiction Studies.
- Our SPORT (Supporting Positives Outcomes in Recovery Together) initiative was selected as one of 15 EU projects to present at the EU Sport4All Innovation Summit in Paris. After the final round of presentations, the LSP SPORT programme was deemed the overall Winner. The associated phone app, 'Tus Nua,' was central to the success of the project. This success will result in funding and professional supports for the initiative. There is a budget of €200,000.
- The BoxUp statistics for Clare Street Park are impressive as it is now the highest performing BoxUp in the country. The age range of users is 12-70 years, with 360 rentals of equipment per month.
 - Total registered user profiles: 852
 - Total rentals overall: 3254
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- During September, 131 individual users visited the facility.
- 41 new users registered to use the facility on the Sportkey Platform.
- Four primary schools, five secondary schools and three clubs used the track during the month.
- West Limerick Athletics Club continued to use the facility for their club training, with an estimated 80 Juvenile Members and 60 Adults training weekly.
- Rathkeale-based St. Mary's Athletics Club continued their training with 80 Juvenile Members training at the venue.
- An estimated 100 people turned up for the opening session of the latest Couch to 5k, which started on 26 September.

Rathbane Golf Course

- 2,852 rounds of golf were played by members during September.
- Several 9-hole and 18-hole competitions were held during the month, for male and female members.
- Green fees accounted for 1,158 rounds of golf, with 25% of these being students.
- Mack Golf, in partnership with Limerick Sports Partnership, held a "free" taster session during the national ageing positive week.
- There were 273 participants at the Course Classic, with 62 teams taking part.

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Grove Island Leisure Centre

- The operator's licence agreement was signed during the month. This agreement provided for the appointment of Aura Leisure Ltd. as the approved operator for the centre for the next 10 years.
- Grove Island has received an allocation of €500,000 from the Community Sport Facilities Fund (formerly Sports Capital and Equipment Programme) to assist the Council in funding a €1.85 Million investment within the Leisure Centre.
- September saw collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership in the delivery of chair yoga and functional fitness programmes for the elderly.

Other Sporting Facilities

- Limerick City and County Council received confirmation of Community Sport Facilities Fund (formerly Sports Capital and Equipment Programme), in late September. Projects receiving grant aid support include:
 - The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Hospital, Co. Limerick, which received €122,092 towards its refurbishment.
 - Kennedy Park sports pitch in Limerick City received €55,583 towards the provision of energy efficient LED floodlighting.
 - The sports pitch at Mungret Park, Mungret, has been allocated €39,943, for an upgrade.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

Askeaton Pool and Leisure

Martins Construction Ltd. continued to advance the civil engineering and mechanical and electrical upgrade works.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,899
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	425

Closed Housing Applications

	September	Year to Date
Closed Applications	77	542

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 September	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	1	11
Newcastle West	8	24
Metropolitan District	27	209
Cappamore-Kilmallock	1	38
Total	37	282

Refusals

	No. of Units September	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	1	22
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	8
Total	1	30

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2024 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
202	120	68	14

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	646
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	593
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	16

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,963 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	17
No. of Amendments	190
No. of Cessations	26

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€6,731,013	€16,581,541	€23,312,554	€15,199,542	€8,113,012	66%

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Home Improvement Schemes

September 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	6	0	6
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€2,300.00	€33,800.00	€0.00	€36,100.00
	No. Paid	0	1	7	0	8
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	4	3	4	4	15
	HAG Expenditure	€42,026.50	€60,189.00	€38,992.47	€16,698.50	€157,906.47
	No. Paid	7	9	7	3	26
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	20	15	4	4	43
	HOP Expenditure	€46,938.25	€51,166.90	€100,122.96	€29,848.40	€228,076.51
	No. Paid	12	11	29	5	57
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€6,356.00	€0.00	€59,661.28	€11,164.43	€77,181.71
	No. Paid	1	0	3	1	5

Total No. Approved	64
Total Monies Paid	€499,264.69
Total No. Paid	96

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - September 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	7	5	31	3	46
	MAG Expenditure	€24,879.00	€14,450.00	€100,221.43	€14,106.48	€153,656.91
	No. Paid	8	6	26	4	44
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	46	55	162	27	290
	HAG Expenditure	€224,610.37	€355,109.26	€1,461,280.67	€294,753.38	€2,335,753.68
	No. Paid	29	49	155	38	271
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	103	125	253	73	554
	HOP Expenditure	€261,457.51	€466,356.04	€1,096,828.57	€273,211.14	€2,097,853.26
	No. Paid	64	108	274	61	507
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€19,334.73	€12,581.78	€324,374.85	€63,987.33	€420,278.69
	No. Paid	3	2	19	6	30

YTD Total No. Approved	890
YTD Total Monies Paid	€5,007,542.54
YTD Total No. Paid	852

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	September	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	36	247

Repossessions

	September	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	11	92

House Visits

	September	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	293	2,455

Garda Checks

	September	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	95	941

Dynamics CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Cases

	September	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	376	376
Cases closed during month	94	671

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

Date: 13.09.2024		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	33
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	67
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	12
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		214

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	125	135	79
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	16	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		142	159	95

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	September	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	10	63
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	0	36
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	2	52
Loan Applications: No. approved	1	17
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	19	153
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	5	47
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	8	30
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	3	39
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	15	106
Title Rectifications Received	2	7
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	174	3,062

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	4
Ombudsman Query Cases	2
Data Access Requests	0

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

Traveller Accommodation *

No. of Units offered September	3
Year to Date	18

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

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals / Visits September	20
Year to Date	194

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns September	
Total	10

House Returns September By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	1
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	8
Total	10

- During September, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of one house returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, one in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, 0 in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and eight in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in September	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Major Refurbishments	0	70
Tenant in Situ Works	3	41
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	3	114
Regeneration Team		
Major Refurbishments	11	17
Minor Refurbishments	0	25
Total	17	267
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	15

- In September, work on three properties was completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, work on three properties was completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and work on 11 properties was completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of September, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 111 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 114 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 42 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process – 15 properties.

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Project Updates

- Multi-Party Consultancy Framework for Affordable and Social Housing Project under €5 million has been established.
- The initial Call-off Contract, as part of the Framework, was Ros Mór Social Housing and the Successful Consultants for the project have been identified – Architects, Civil and Structural Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Mechanical and Electrical Consultants have all been appointed.
- Stage 1 application for three units at Wolfe Tone Street, Kilmallock, was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Stage 1 to 3 application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property in Corrigg, Foynes.

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at three properties in Monaleen, John Carew Park and Wickham Street.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Bridge Terrace, Knocklong.
- A Capital appraisal report for 12 units at Thomond Park Gate has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €426,755 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Complaints dealt with during September

Housing Maintenance Cases - September	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.09.2024
Metropolitan District of Limerick	818	888	1,304
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	105	114	404
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	165	167	408
Municipal District of Newcastle West	113	71	614
TOTAL	1,201	1,240	2,730

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Grants Inspections

Metropolitan District of Limerick - Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations - September

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	13	0	6	19
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	27	0	4	31
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	5	2	8	15
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	46	2	18	66

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

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	10	0	6	16
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	15	1	7	23
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	1	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	26	1	14	41

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

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	1	0	6	7
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	22	0	5	27
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	0	1
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	24	0	11	35

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

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	1	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	11	12
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	18	0	12	30
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	0	1
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	20	0	24	44

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HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - September - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 - minor repairs needed	0
Cat 2 - moderate repairs needed	2
Cat 3 - substantial repairs needed	3
Cat 4 - major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	5
Received for Inspection	6
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	13

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered September	4
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) September	4
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	2
Applications - Damage Threshold Met	4
Remediation Option Grant Approved	8
Remediation Option Grant Refused	3
Total Applications Registered - Year to Date	35

4. Strategy & Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2024

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.09.2024 is as follows:

As at 30.09.2024 (01.01.2024 – 30.09.2024)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2024 Delivery Target
Build	53	340	393	513
Buy *	79	77	156	100
Lease	12	9	21	44
TOTAL	144	426	570	

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

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Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in September	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	6	11
Proposals being reviewed	6	56
Sale Agreed	3	50
Purchase Completed	7	118
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	5	392
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	46
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	3	55
Grand Total	30	728

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Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Construction revised approval for 17 units at Turagh Close, Cappamore – CLÚID Housing Association	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey approval for 13 units at New Link Road, Shanabooly, Caherdavin – Focus Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey approval for 30 units at Broad Street/Curry Lane – Focus Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Approval for the leasing of three units in various locations in Limerick City	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Approval for the Acquisition of one unit in New Westfields, North Circular Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Approval for the Acquisition of one unit in Avondale, Greystones, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Approval for the Acquisition of one unit in Dooradoyle Park, Dooradoyle, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Approval for the Acquisition of one unit in Hartstonge Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
SHIP (Social Housing Investment Programme) Turnkey	Approval for the Acquisition of one unit in Johnsgate, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
SHIP (Social Housing Investment Programme) Turnkey	Approval for the Acquisition of two units in Brú na Grádán, Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick



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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey submission for nine units at Bridge Street, Newcastle West – CLÚID Housing Association	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey submission for 24 units at Castle Place, Churchtown, Newcastle West – CLÚID Housing Association	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Submission for the leasing of three units in various locations in Limerick City	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Notice to Quit (NTQ)	Submission for the Acquisition of one unit in Blackthorns, Church Road, Raheen, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Part V	Submission for the Acquisition of two units in Adare, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Turnkey delivery of three units at Roches Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Turnkey delivery of nine units at Bourke Avenue, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Turnkey delivery of 19 units at Clare Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Alternative layouts for access and tree retention continued. A draft masterplan for the second phase was further developed to show the impact of tree retention.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	116 (Phases 2-4)	Site and brief development were agreed for inclusion in the National Development Finance Agency Public Private Partnership tender. A draft masterplan for the second phase was further developed and issued as part of the briefing materials for the National Development Finance Agency design team procurement process. Ecology reports were completed – to include the habitat, invasive species and bat surveys.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	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	15	Justification test was advanced throughout September.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Design Team meetings held and ongoing.</p> <p>Environmental Impact Assessment /Appropriate Assessment screening procurement completed and appointed. Additional site surveys under procurement, to include extended Fosse area.</p> <p>Archaeological digital survey completed. Draft report complete and under review.</p> <p>Site investigation procurement tender completed and under evaluation to appoint winning tender.</p> <p>Viability study design under review by multidisciplinary design team in pre-planning design phase.</p> <p>Conceptual work for the community functions and public realm for the “Fosse” linear park was advanced. Meetings held regarding possible EU funding sources.</p>
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the pre-planning design, meeting held with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and inputs being integrated into a planning application. Team reviewing the extent of the public community facilities in the scheme with the possibility of extending to public roofscape. Fire and access strategy under review.
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 September. Site investigations took place to prepare for the construction phase.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	22	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
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 September. 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 September. Limerick City and County Council is waiting for the Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from the 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 September.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout September for the 25-unit Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy, Affordable Purchase Scheme.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September with 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	21	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout September for Phase 1 (21 units) of the Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West, Affordable Purchase Scheme.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September. Limerick City and County Council awaiting Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	9	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September with valuations and Quantity Surveyor costings.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 7	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase in Knocklong	3	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September. Limerick City and County Council awaiting Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy	36	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September with Quantity Surveyor costings.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Castlecourt, Killmallock, Co. Limerick	5	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during September.

Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €4,679,465 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in September.
- Claims totaling €7,447,160 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in September.

Conferences and Workshops

Members of Housing Strategy and Non Local Authority Construction attended a seminar on the Revenue Commissioners 'Help to Buy' Scheme.

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5. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meetings

The September Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 16 September.

Briefings/Workshops

Briefings/Workshops were held for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as follows:

- Workshop on Proposed Property Disposals;
- Workshop on Mayoral Programme;
- Briefing on Arthur's Quay Framework Options Report.

Operational Area Briefings

Operational Area Briefings were also held for the Elected Members in early September.

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

Description of project: L10099 Lee Estate Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: L10099 Lee Estate, King's Island.

Cost of project: €150,000.

Contractor: Roadstone.

Description of project: R526 O'Connell Street Restoration Improvement

Location: R526 O'Connell Street, Priors Land.

Cost of project: €225,000.

Contractor: Roadstone.

Description of project: R526 Quinlan Street to O'Connell Avenue Restoration Improvement

Location: R526 Quinlan Street to O'Connell Avenue, Priors Land.

Cost of project: €130,000.

Contractor: Roadstone.

Description of project: L10381 Barrington Street Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: L10381 Barrington Street, Priors Land.

Cost of project: €142,000.

Contractor: Roadstone.

Description of project: L1003/L1002 Shanabooly Road and Cloncannane Road Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: L1003/L1002 Shanabooly Road and Cloncannane Road, Ballynancy.

Cost of project: €350,000.

Contractor: Roadstone.

Description of project: L10236 O'Donoughue Avenue, Road Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: L10236 O'Donoughue Avenue, Rathbane.

Cost of project: €55,000.

Contractor: Lynkeo.

Description of project: L10238 Willmount Estate, Road Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: L10238 Willmount Estate, Janesboro.

Cost of project: €68,400.

Contractor: Lynkeo.

Description of project: R445 Dublin Road - Former National Road Restoration Improvement (complete)

Location: R445 Dublin Road, Annacotty.

Cost of project: €250,000.

Contractor: Lagan.

Description of project: Ballyclough Climate Adaptation scheme (complete)

Location: Ballyclough.

Cost of project: €60,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

Description of project: Newgarden Drainage Scheme (complete)

Location: Lisnagry.

Cost of project: €35,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

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

Location: Castleconnell.

Cost of project: €75,000.

Contractor: Neville Civil Works.

Description of project: Active Travel Footpath Improvement Scheme - Walnut Drive

Location: Walnut Drive, Caherdavin.

Cost of project: €90,000.

Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited.

Description of project: Castleconnell River Steps Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Location: Castleconnell playground.

Cost of project: €30,000.

Contractor: William Enright and Bill Enright Ltd.

Description of project: Belgard Grove Road Improvement Scheme

Location: Belgard Grove, Patrickswell.

Cost of project: €30,000.

Contractor: Tallybrooke.

Description of project: City Centre Footpath Pavement Repairs and Painting of Railings, Bollards and Upstands along the City Quays

Location: City Centre.

Cost of project: €10,000.

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team.

Description of project: Arthur's Quay Park Railings, Pavement and Drainage Investigation Works

Location: Arthur's Quay, City Centre.

Cost of project: €15,000.

Contractor: English Tar (Maramba).

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The September Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 03 September in Áras Seán Finn, Rathkeale.

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

- 106 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 95 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Road Reconstruction Works

- Macadam Overlay Works at TULLOVIN, Croom.

Local Improvement Scheme

- Local Improvement Scheme Works carried out at Ballyhahill, Rathkeale and Ballingarry.

Drainage Schemes

- Office of Public Works Minor Works Drainage Scheme carried out at Kilbraden, Shanagolden.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Work

- Low Cost Safety Improvement Works carried out at Kilcolman, Ardagh.

Footpath Construction

- New Footpath Construction completed on N21 Western approach to Adare.

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Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

September Municipal District Meetings/Workshops

The September Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 19 September at 3pm in Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock. Presentations were made to the Elected Members on an Amendment of Speed Limits on Local Roads and the Mayor's report to extend the life of the Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019-2025.

A Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 05 September to discuss a proposed disposal of property at Foxhall, Colmanswell, Co. Limerick.

Workshops on the following were also held in September:

- 16 September at 12 Noon – Workshop to discuss the Caherconlish National School Safe Routes to School project.
- 19 September at 13:30 – Workshop to provide an update on Athenaceay Graveyard.
- 19 September at 14:15 – Workshop to discuss the Draft Mayoral Programme.

Housing and Road Maintenance

- 118 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 91 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Housing Grants

- Eight Private Housing Grants were paid in September, totalling €46,546.90. Eight Private Housing Grants were approved in September.

- 26 initial inspections, one re-inspection and 14 final inspections were undertaken in relation to Private Housing Grants.
- Two Disabled Persons Grants were completed in September.

Road Works

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

Drainage Works

- L1537 - Garrouse, Bruree.
- R512 - Bruff Main Street.

Restoration Improvement

- R515 - Fairyfield, Kilmallock.
- L5087 - Caherelly National School, Ballybricken.

Community Involvement Scheme

- L1525 - Barna Galbally x 2.
- L8614 - Athlacca.
- L50882 - Caherelly East, Ballybricken.

General Municipal Allocation Works

- Bank Place Estate Footpaths, Hospital.
- Bank Place Estate Surfacing, Hospital.
- Ballybricken GAA Entrance.

Speed Limit Revision Works

- R512 - Holycross.
- R512 - Kilmallock.
- L1572 - Kilfinane.
- L51217 - Ballinlee, Bruff.
- L1532 - Ardpatick.
- R513 - Knocklong.
- L5087 - Caherelly National School, Ballybricken.

Local Improvement Scheme

- Local Improvement Scheme at Portnard, Cappamore.

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Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 11 September - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Housing Grants

- 18 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €117,331.75.
- Payments of €51,166.90 were made to 11 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €60,189.00 were made to nine applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.
- Payment of €2,300 were made to one applicant who completed works under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme.

Housing Maintenance

- 113 Dynamics CRM (customer relationship management) cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 100 Dynamics CRM cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- During the month, the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,215 routine transactions generating an income of €194,681.



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Planning & Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- The Elected Members of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock at their Meeting on 19 September, decided by resolution to extend the duration of the Kilmallock Local Area Plan for a further period of five years.
- Under Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning Authority issued a Mayor's Two-Year Progress Report to the Elected Members on the progress made in securing the policies and objectives of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 in the two years since the making of the Development Plan.
- Forward Planning took part in the first Regional Stakeholder Group meeting for PROXIMITIES, New EU Project for the Southern Region. PROXIMITIES - Promoting Accessible Services, Livable Spaces, and Sustainable Connections in Peripheral Urban Territories - an ambitious project focused on transforming peripheral urban areas across Europe into thriving, sustainable communities. The Southern Regional Assembly is a project Partner, and will focus on peripheral urban areas of Limerick City, Waterford City and Cork City in consultation with the Local Authority.
- Public Engagement events for the THRIVE enhancement of the King's Island Walled Town Framework continued throughout September and included an engagement event with Sixth Class students from St. Mary's National School, Second Year students from the School of Architecture and the Nicholas Street Story tellers on Culture Night.

A submission was made on the 'Draft First Revision of the National Planning Framework' to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Archaeology

- A contractor was appointed for Conservation Works to Galbally Church, funded under the Community Monuments Fund 2024.
- On 12 September, another outreach meeting was held in Kilmallock for the Visualising Heritage Project (Bradford University/University College Cork). A short presentation was given outlining the research work to date and showing some of the digital imagery that will become available on Open Source.
- Contract documents were issued for Ballynoe Tower House, Bruree, funded under the Community Monuments Fund 2024.
- Contributed an article on Kilmallock for the Walled Towns Walled Town Crier ezine.

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2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 101 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	2
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	67
Agricultural Developments	8
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	9
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	2
Other Developments	11

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the remodelling and extension to the Adare Heritage Centre at Main Street, Adare.
- Construction of 30 dwellings at Pallas, Pallaskenry.
- Construction of a storage and distribution warehouse building (8,157.7 sq. metres) with associated two-storey administrative block which accommodates office, reception and staff welfare areas at Loughmore Avenue, Raheen Business Park, Ballycummin.

Place Making

Limerick Wayfinding and Orientation Signage Project

- P&D Lydon continued to install signage throughout the city.

Cruises Street Urban Enhancements

- Site visit with the contractor for the installation and maintenance of lighting on Cruises Street, Todd's Bow and Chapel Street.
- Ground murals completed on both Chapel Street and Cruises Street.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Approval Gate 2 (AG2) Pre-Tender Submission for the Living Limerick City Centre Initiative, Living Georgian City Programme for 33 and 34 Thomas Street project sent to the URDF.
- Emergency stabilisation works at 33 and 34 Thomas Street completed.
- Detail design for 33 and 34 Thomas Street redevelopment continued.
- Suitability Assessment Questionnaire for works contractor received and under review.

Strand 3 - Pedestrian Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- Addendum to Preliminary Business Case with the URDF and National Transport Authority.

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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.
- A Briefing for Elected Members was held on 23 September.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrade

- The Non-Statutory Public Consultation was launched on MyPoint on 12 September, going live for six weeks. A Public Consultation Event was held at the Citizen's Observatory on 24 September and was very well attended with lots of valuable suggestions received.
- A series of Stakeholders meetings with groups in the Market Quarter was held.
- Kick-off meeting held with the Project Supervisor Design Process.
- Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Consultant appointed.
- The Preliminary Business Case was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Capital Projects

O'Connell Street Phase 1

- Project progressed through its defects liability period.
- Principal contractor's final account report issued.

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

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

The King's Island Flood Relief Scheme primarily consists of:

- 2,200 metres of 2.5-metre-high earthen flood embankment involving importation of 97,300m³ of Class 2F core fill and 55,400m³ of Class 4 Landscape fill with 3-metre-wide footpath/cycleway and public lighting.
- Flood defence upgrades to existing quay walls involving:
 - Deconstruction of existing quay walls and parapets.
 - Lime mortar repointing, lime grouting and stonework repair to 870 metres of existing quay walls, approximately four metres high.
 - Construction of:
 - 290 metres of flood defence walls with glass panels.
 - 810 metres of stone clad reinforced concrete flood defence walls.
- The contract was awarded to Ward and Burke Construction Ltd. in the sum of €31,973,715.86, excluding VAT.
- Contract signing with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, took place in King's Island Community Centre on 30 September.
- The contract has a programme duration of twenty-four months.

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Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

- A steering group meeting was held on 25 September to monitor and assess project progress.
- Negotiations with affected landowners underway.
- Detailed Site investigation work underway.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on 24 September to monitor and assess the project progress.
- The final flood defence option has been selected, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report advancing well.
- The first draft of the Options Report has been received and currently under review.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 12 September to assess and monitor the project's progress.
- Optioneering has commenced for key areas, including the City Centre (both Northern and Southern sides of the Shannon), UL/Castletroy, and Dock Road, focusing on flood defences and public realm enhancements.
- Four separate geotechnical contractors have been appointed to carry out detailed ground investigation works, ensuring a thorough understanding of site conditions for detailed design stage.
- Geophysical surveys across the scheme area nearing completion, providing crucial data for optioneering.
- Ecology surveys progressing well to support the environmental assessments.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Cost Benefit Analysis have both been received and being reviewed.
- The first draft of the Options Report also under review.

4. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) DAC

Opera Square

Project Update

- One Opera Square – The concrete frame was progressed to the sixth and final floor.
- Remainder of Basement – Basement slab for Contract C and D progressed well in September and now largely complete, with only the basement slab under Contract E remaining.
- ESB Works on Rutland Street and Patrick Street complete.
- Existing Buildings – Remedial works to the damage in 1, Patrick Street, progressed well in September and largely complete.

Project Media Engagement

- **Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) Site Visit:** The Director of ISIF and the ISIF leadership group visited Opera Square on 02 September and received an in-depth progress briefing by Limerick Twenty Thirty Project Team.
- **Sisk and O'Connell Quarries:** A post with aerial shots of Opera Square was shared on social media platforms thanking Sisk and O'Connell Quarries for their continued work on Opera Square.

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- **Treaty Stone Partnership DAC:** Commenced marketing One Opera Square and has completed its marketing brochure.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Project Update

Heritage Works

- Design and investigations underway for the stabilisation works.
- Environmental Impact Assessment – The Executive issued a tender for the role of Environmental Impact Assessment Report Coordinator for the full site.

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Cleeves Riverside Quarter Campus

- The Design Team has commenced Stage 1 design, in collaboration with TUS, on its requirement for 10,000m² education space within the Flaxmill and an adjacent new building.

St. Michael's Rowing Club

- St. Michael's Rowing Club and LTT in discussions regarding the Boat Club during the development of Cleeves Riverside Quarter.

Project Media Engagement

- Works commenced on set-up for Scare Factory at Cleeves Riverside Quarter in September.

Other Projects

Progress Update

Gardens International

Whoop Announcement: A joint announcement with Whoop was shared on social media platforms announcing their tenancy at Gardens International. This received national coverage and was well received.

Kilogarm: Kilogarm held a pop-up shop in the retail unit of Gardens International to support eco-friendly fashion, selling vintage and sustainable clothes. Details were shared on social media platforms.

Project Media Engagement

- **Bisnow Conference:** LTT shared a post to social media for tickets to the upcoming Bisnow conference 'Ireland's Residential Investment and Development.'
- **Construction Industry Awards:** Limerick Twenty Thirty was shortlisted for the Irish Construction Awards 2024 in the 'Excellence in Sustainability' category.

Askeaton Pool Update

Limerick Twenty Thirty is project managing and monitoring progress the construction stage of the works on behalf of Limerick City and County Council/Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC.

Mungret Housing

Phase 1 – 250 Units

- The Design Team is novated to the Land Development Agency to complete the construction on Mungret Housing development. LTT has no further involvement in the delivery of the scheme.

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Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Thomondgate

- Full planning has now been received for the Thomondgate development following an appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Emergency Accommodation Project

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



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 54,416 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of September.
- A weekly average of 162 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2024.
- The September landlord payment run was €53.554 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of September was €3.082 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €118.37 million in differential rent to end of September.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of September was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,303 HAP debt reminder letters in September.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of callouts 01.09.2024 – 30.09.2024	91	68	159
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	68%	46%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	24%	44%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	8%	10%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications September	16	13	0	17	13
Disability Access Cert Applications September	12	12	0	6	12
Licensing Applications September	8	11			
Commencement Notice September	49	42	5	0	42
Completion Certificate September	16	10	0		10
Planning Referrals September	13				17

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following activity took place in September:

- All retained firefighters completed Positive Pressure Ventilation Training.
- Eight firefighters completed Chainsaw Operator Refresher Training.
- An officer from Limerick City Fire Station attended a National Hazardous Materials training course delivered in Cork by Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Limerick City and County Council.
- Fire Prevention and Building Control staff attended a Building Control Management System training day.
- On-station training continued as usual.

Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in September:

- Emergency Services Day Parade, Limerick City – Participation.
- Emergency Services Day Parade – Medical Cover.
- Island Swim 2024, Limerick City – Medical Cover and provision of the Decontamination Shower.
- Visit by Irish Coast Guard, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, to the Limerick Civil Defence Headquarters, Dock Road, Limerick.
- Dash of the Derg (Cycle Race), Killaloe, Co. Clare – Medical Cover.
- Limerick Tunnel Training Exercise, Co. Limerick.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - August	September	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	6	0	6
Municipal Districts	16	1	17

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - August	September	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	45	8	53
Municipal Districts	40	9	49

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action

Community Climate Action Programme

In September, Limerick City and County Council's Climate Action Team was delighted to announce the allocation of more than €750,000 to 19 Limerick projects under the Community Climate Action Programme. The funds are

supporting Limerick community groups and organisations to deliver projects in areas such as biodiversity, energy conservation and waste disposal. Limericks projects are outlined below

Applicant Organisation	Location	Summary of the project to be funded	Funding Amount
Killeedy Eco Park Group	Killeedy	Rainwater Harvesting, Composting and Energy Projects	€19,500.00
Bruff Tidy Towns	Bruff	Water Refill Station, Rainwater Harvesting, Edible Gardens	€6,000.00
Herbertstown Hub CLG	Herbertstown	Development of a Community Garden	€13,742.73
Ballyneety Golf Club and Ballyneety Men's Shed	Ballyneety	Mini Forest and Community Garden	€18,783.00
St. Mary's RFC	Limerick City	Installation of Solar Panels	€19,949.00
Young Munster RFC	Limerick City	Installation of Solar Panels	€19,480.00
Adare Men's Shed	Adare	Installation of Solar Panels	€10,125.00
Rathbane Golf Course	Rathbane	Creation of four Biodiversity Havens and a Permaculture Community Orchard	€49,259.00
Thomondgate Residents' Association	Thomondgate	Creation of a mini forest and biodiversity area	€38,000.00
Askeaton Ballysteen Natural Heritage	Askeaton	Creation of a Nature/Biodiversity Parklet	€23,295.00
Anglesboro Community Centre	Anglesboro	Installation of Solar Panels and Infrared Heaters	€29,057.00
Dóchas Midwest Autism Support	Limerick City	Installation of Solar Panels	€39,725.00

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Applicant Organisation	Location	Summary of the project to be funded	Funding Amount
Abbeyfeale Community Council	Abbeyfeale	Upgrading Biodiversity park to include solar panels and additional materials	€22,811.50
Shanagolden & District Community Council	Shanagolden	Installation of Solar Panels, LED Lighting Upgrade and Cycle Parking	€49,364.00
Manor Fields Adare	Adare	Installation of Solar Panels and Mini Orchard	€89,608.00
Ballyhoura Rural Services (Doon)	Doon	Development of a Wetland Area	€51,447.00
PAUL Partnership	Limerick City	Food Waste Initiative	€59,598.00
Limerick Youth Service	Limerick City	Installation of Solar Panels	€93,000.00
Patrickswell Community Council	Patrickswell	Installation of Solar Panels and Biodiversity Park	€100,000.00

Citizen Innovation Lab

This September, the work of the Citizen Innovation Lab was highlighted at the 79th United Nations General Assembly Science Summit in New York. A team from University of Limerick and Limerick City and County Council was invited to the Summit to share the Lab's success in bringing together citizens, researchers and Local Government towards innovative climate action in the city. The Lab team participated in a session with representatives from the Office of the UN Secretary General and the New York Civic Engagement Commission. As a member of the European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL), the team joined an ENoLL delegation showcasing the work of prominent European living labs specialising in climate action. The team discussed the legacy and current activities of the Lab at the Science Summit and shared lessons learned from projects including:

- SMARTLAB - a living lab project currently working with participants from 70 Limerick city buildings with energy and environmental sensors installed.
- Síolta Glasá - a project using creative arts to engage communities in climate-focused activity.

- Clean Air Together Limerick City - a citizen science project in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recruiting 400 participants to record air quality in their local areas.
- City Studio - a new laboratory for citizens, Local Government and University collaboration. The studio is focused on the future of the city and the importance of design as a catalyst for Limerick's Climate Action Plan.

The Citizen Innovation Lab had a busy month in September hosting more than 40 events, including the Public consultation for the Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm, Friends of Lace, a group showing how to upskill and upcycle clothing and the Royal Institute of Architects Regional Meeting.

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Síolta Glasa

The Climate Action Team, in partnership with Limerick Arts Office and the University of Limerick, hosted the first Storytelling Workshop of the project on 26 September. The purpose of these workshops is to help the community groups and creative partners to share and amplify their stories, to inspire other communities, to create content that can be used to amplify their projects locally, nationally and internationally and to build capacity for communities, creatives and project stakeholders with a focus on grabbing attention and communicating the project and mediating appropriately and effectively.

Energy Management Team

The Energy Management Team held its quarterly meeting on 04 September.

Energy Audits are ongoing on three building at present and the first draft report has been received.

Culture Night

The Climate Action Unit participated in the “We are what we build” event in the Rugby Museum.

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Officer attended Climate Actions Work Engagement Fund 2024 (webinar) on 06 September and the Climate Action Coordinator and Officer (National) Network Meeting on 24 September.

Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter (three were of restricted breed)	12
No. of stray horses seized	3

In September, staff from the Dog Control Team attended training regarding the forthcoming ban on XL Bully Dogs. The training introduced the Regulations to Local Authority Staff and focused on the identification of XL Bully dogs as set out under the new Regulations.

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
Cases received (MS Dynamics)	43
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	41
Warnings issued	2
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory Notices issued	3
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed	3

DOMESTIC WASTE AND LITTER TEAM	
Cases received (MS Dynamics)	103
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	583
Warnings issued	40
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	8
Statutory Notices issued	7
Prosecutions initiated	5
Fines issued	18

Two large clean-ups were completed under the Anti-Dumping Initiative:

- Church Street, Glin, Co. Limerick.
- Riverview, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

Litter Enforcement staff met the University of Limerick Community Liaison Team in an effort to increase collaboration around engagement with the student population in Castletroy around litter and waste.

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Parks

Works Completed

Location	Description of Works
Shelbourne Park Carpark	Repairs to tarmacadam
Castleconnell Community Park	Fencing works to secure neighbouring lands and topsoil reinstatement
Clare Glens	The main contractor, Triur Construction, progressed with the replacement of the two pedestrian bridges

Highlights of Events which took place in Parks

Location and Date	Description of Event
Mungret Playground – 15 September	St. Gabriel's School, Dooradoyle - picnic and playday.
Mungret Park - four mornings	Soccer Camp for older adults organised by the Limerick Sports Partnership
Mungret Park - 22 September	Memory Walk organised by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland
The People's Park - 21 September	Parkinson's Ireland Walk

Cemeteries

Works Completed

Location	Description of Works
Clonagh Graveyard, Rathkeale	Horticultural Works
St. Mary's Graveyard, Patrickswell	Plastering of External Boundary Wall
Killonan Graveyard	Boundary Wall Repairs
Mt. St. Oliver Cemetery	Boundary Wall Repairs

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries

Mount St. Lawrence	14
Mount St. Oliver	8
Castlemungret	16
Kilmurry	1

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Environmental Awareness

Limerick Going for Gold – Environmental Improvement Grant and Competition

The 2024 judging process for Limerick Going for Gold was successfully completed during September. Just under 80 Tidy Towns Groups and Residents' Associations were visited by the two judges who travelled the length and breadth of Limerick. As a result, 10 wildcards were chosen to join the five locations already voted through on the Live 95 public vote for the grand finale.

Consultations continued during September with communities and staff located in the Moyross, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary's Park and Southill areas of Limerick in relation to the Limerick Going for Gold Service Level Agreements.

Ballyhoura Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended this event in Croom Civic Centre on 18 September which was sponsored by Limerick City and County Council. Over the last 34 years, the Ballyhoura Tidy Towns Awards have evolved to focus on biodiversity and sustainability, while still supporting communities across the region. This shift has been instrumental in encouraging 39 communities from the Ballyhoura region, including a new Limerick group from Granagh, to participate in the competition.

Awardees received plaques and a pear tree for community planting.

- **Overall Development Approach** - Bruff Tidy Towns and Glenroe Tidy Towns.
- **Built Environment and Landscaping** - Garrienderk Tidy Towns.
- **Litter Control, Waste, Tidiness and Housing Areas** - Galbally Tidy Towns and Cappamore Tidy Towns.

My Waste Green Hub – Adare

Steady progress was reported during September on business waste management and by Adare Tidy Towns in relation to the reusable coffee cup rental project. This was relayed at the National Green Hubs meeting on 13 September.

www.cleanairtogether.ie – Limerick City

The Environmental Awareness Officer supported the recruitment phase of this Environmental Protection Agency project. The assistance and support of community groups, schools and the business community ensured that the target number of 400 sign-ups was reached.

National Waste Segregation Campaign

The National Waste Segregation Campaign briefing was held on 24 September, with the campaign itself launched on 26 September -[Take a minute, before you bin it! - My Waste](#). The aim is to support the circular economy by assisting the public to correctly separate their waste at home and in their workplaces into the three bin waste system – Organic, Dry Recycling and Landfill.

www.re-turn.ie (Deposit and Return Scheme)

Engagement continued during the month with www.re-turn.ie, the Southern Regional Waste Management Planning Office, the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities and Planning Development Limerick City and County Council to support communities, workplaces and large events in separating in scope drinks cans and bottles from the general dry recycling fraction of waste. This ensures a higher level of recycling.

GAA Green Club Programme

A further meeting was held for the Local Authority contacts to support this partnership between the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association), LGFA (Ladies Gaelic Football Association), the Camogie Association and Local Authorities following the launch of Phase 2 [Green Clubs Programme \(gaa.ie\)](#). Part of the available supports includes waste management toolkit for clubs [Implement waste actions in your sports club - My Waste](#)

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Environment Strategy

Activity Tracker for September

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
Farm Re-Inspections	15	Follow-up to see programmed works completed.
Cases received (MS Dynamics)	4	Respond / Follow-up to Complaints from members of Public
Invasive Species Site visits	2	Site visits
Invasive Species letter	1	Wrote to private landowner outlining responsibilities
Invasive Species website	4	Checked website for new reports of invasive species.
Planning Files	5	Review agricultural planning applications and comment back to planning.
Other Referrals	2	Land reclamation/contouring referred to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
Farm File Reviews	36	Review farm files, Farmyard Management Plans and write out advisory/warning letters accordingly.
Forestry Referrals	10	Assessment of forestry applications referred from forestry service.
Forestry Inspections	1	Onsite inspections of forestry with Coillte.
Local Catchment Assessment	4	River monitoring and inspection.
National Agricultural Inspections Programme (NAIP) Farm Inspection Risk assessment.	20	Desktop review of farms to prioritise high risk farms for inclusion in NAIP inspections.
NAIP Workshop	1	Launch of NAIP programmes of measures and maps.



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Support Services

1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2024	
As at 30 September 2024	
Opening Balance - 01 Jan €	4,796,855
Accruals €	64,371,730 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	381,533
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,955,848
Total for Collection €	65,831,204
Amount Collected €	52,856,082
Arrears €	12,975,122
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	960,235
% Collected	81.5%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 September 2024	
Opening Balance - 01 Jan €	295,007
Accruals €	1,285,604 *
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	1,580,611
Receipts €	1,458,983
Arrears €	121,628
% Collected	92%

* Accruals for September 2024 not processed

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

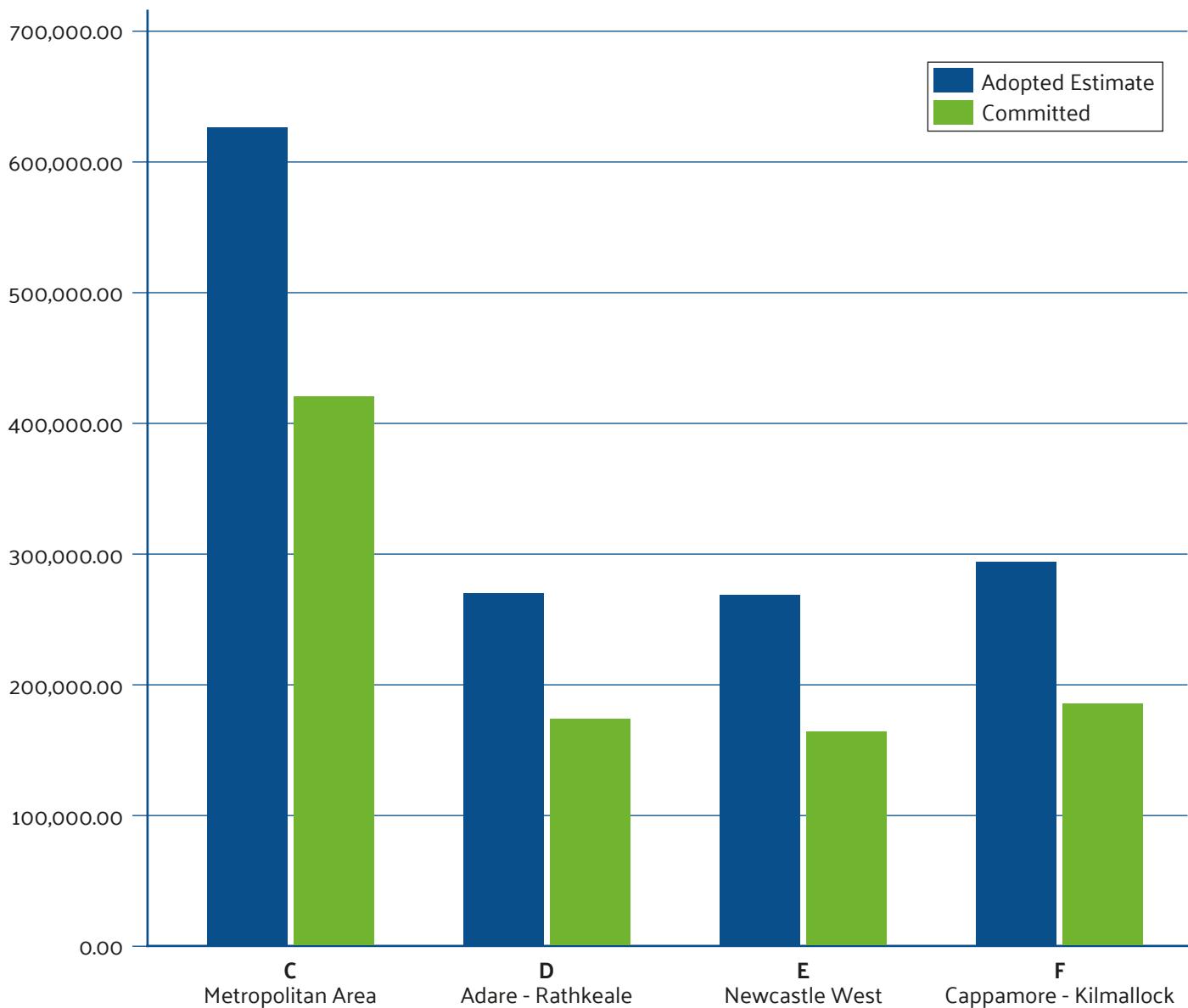
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General Municipal Allocation 2024 Adopted Estimate €1.463 Million

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



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	628,000.00	419,509
D Adare - Rathkeale	269,500.00	174,159
E Newcastle West	270,500.00	165,554
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	295,000.00	186,836
	1,463,000.00	

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2. Business Improvement

- Staff Liaison Network Meeting was held on 18 September.
- Business Improvement assisted Discover Limerick DAC (on behalf of Limerick City and County Council) to launch the “Part 8 - Remodelling and Extension of Adare Heritage Centre” consultation on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement worked with HAP SSC to create the “HAP SSC Weekly Report Survey and Feedback” survey on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement assisted Development Management and Place-Making to roll out a non-statutory public consultation regarding “Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrades” on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement aided Forward Planning to build a “King’s Island Walled Town Framework Survey” on MyPoint.
- A total of 918 active users now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 714.

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 September:

New Procurement References set up	26
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	15

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 September:

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
September	1,390	231	1,621

- Approved requisitions accounted for 86% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 14% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

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

Rejection Reason	September
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – Omitted/Insufficient detail	63
Procurement Reference Omitted/ Incorrect	47
Quotes - Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	30
Approved Officer's Order - Omitted/ Incorrect copy provided	21
Award Notice - Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	19

Register of Electors

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

- Additions to the Electoral Register – 155
- Deletions from the Electoral Register – 354
- Modifications to the Electoral Register – 129

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
First Aid Response	2
Safe Pass	12
Fire Warden Training	5
Drivers CPC (Certificates of Professional Competence)	15
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Telescopic Handler	12
Abrasive Wheels	2
Total Staff Trained	48

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Schedule of Meetings for September

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	23/09/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings		
Limerick City East	03/09/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	03/09/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	04/09/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of		
Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	03/09/2024	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Special Meeting Monthly Meeting	05/09/2024 19/09/2024	Online Kilmallock and Online
Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	11/09/2024	Newcastle West and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick		
Monthly Meeting	16/09/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	03/09/2024 10/09/2024	Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Meeting	05/09/2024	Adare Heritage Centre
Party Leaders' Meeting	09/09/2024 19/09/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	16/09/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	19/09/2024	Online

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Access to Information

	September	2024 (January to September)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	16	174
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	3	15
Information Commissioner Appeals	2	5
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	35
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	2	16

Customer Services

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

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 11,012 calls. This represents an average of 524 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 664. A total of 77% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 4,195 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.
- 3,275 cases were created on Dynamics, with 900 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. 3,093 cases were closed, with 755 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.

- Of the 3,275 cases created, 69% were logged by the Customer Services team.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 151 cases being logged during the month. Of these, 138 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests and, throughout September, 98% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Limerick Metropolitan District were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay offices.
- A total of 112 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 117 were applied for and 65 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,591 customers at the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

4. Marketing & Communications

Marketing

Limerick Student City Campaign

- Launched multi-platform campaign to promote Limerick Student City to new and existing third level and further education students, with the objective of encouraging them to engage with Limerick city and enjoy and experience life beyond the lecture hall.
- Created dedicated Limerick Student City merchandise for on-campus distribution, as well as promotional display signage.

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- On-campus promotion was undertaken at the University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College, Technological University of the Shannon, Moylish, and Limerick School of Art and Design to distribute Limerick Student City map and guide and increase social media engagement through iPad student giveaway.
- Attended the TUS Global induction event at Thomond Park Stadium to engage with Technological University of the Shannon's international student population, which hails from over 100 countries.
- Distributed Limerick Student City collateral including Z card map and guides to our Tertiary Education partners and institutes.
- Continued collaboration with Third Level partners in the promotion of Limerick as a destination of choice for study.

Halloween in Limerick Campaign

- Commenced the collation of content and asset creation for a Halloween in Limerick marketing campaign, including a dedicated digital and print event guide, social asset creation, out of home asset creation, Flag creation English and Irish radio advertisement preparation, all with the aim of promoting events, activities and short breaks during Halloween in Limerick.

Other Marketing Activity

- Our 'Limerick. A Different Kind of Energy' brand proposition was announced as a finalist in the prestigious City Nation Place Awards 2024 under the Best Communications Strategy Place Brand award category.
- Space secured for Brand Limerick advertising hoarding at Thomond Park Stadium for the forthcoming season.
- Invest Limerick video edits and cutdowns in the final grading stages.

- Attended the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation Conference 2024 in Dublin.
- Engaged a videographer for Culture Night 2024 to create a round-up video and footage for further future promotion as well as posting across social media in both the lead-up to and following the event.
- Submitted our The Place Brand Observer Yearbook 2025 submission.
- Assisted our Tourism colleagues with a pitch for Nationwide for Limerick Greenway, our Finance colleagues with presentation slides.

Social Media

- Management of Marketing and 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 is now as follows:
 - Limerick.ie Facebook:** 35,221
 - Limerick.ie X:** 21,609
 - Limerick.ie Instagram:** 33,137
 - Limerick.ie TikTok:** 2,782
 - Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,831
 - Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 13,443
 - Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 1,314

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Limerick.ie

In September, there were 167,179* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 1% increase on the same period in 2023. (*Fathom Analytics)

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

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

Content Report: 82 articles and 299 events were added to Limerick.ie in September.

- We have 1,314 followers.
- During the month of September we promoted a number of campaigns which include:
 1. Culture Night
 2. We're Breastfeeding Limerick
 3. Not Around Us campaign
 4. 'This or That'
 5. Irish Sign Language Week
 6. Going For Gold Limerick
 7. 'Have you even been to Limerick if...'
 8. Limerick Student City
 9. Active Travel Ros Mór project
 10. Intreo Employer Roadshow
 11. Clean Air Together
 12. Active Travel- Improving Limerick's walking and cycling network
 13. King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

Communications

- Issued 27 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 14 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Produced and distributed the monthly Council Connect staff e-newsletter.
- Posted 158 times on Limerick City and County Council's X account, @limerickcouncil, with total followers now 18,830. Our tweets earned 107,706 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- 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.
- We created and shared three videos on Instagram, which had 4,474 views altogether. This included a video for the launch of the Ballynatty 'Not Around Us' Campaign, the 'Clean Air Together Campaign, and Limerick Student City.

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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 September
No. of callouts 01.09.2024 – 30.09.2024	1,100	257	102.75	1,357

