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MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

will ask at the next Meeting (a) what remains as the outstanding balance on the loan provided to the Dublin Bike-Hire Company, (b) are repayments on schedule and (c) when is full and final repayment due.

Reply:

- (a) €116,044.20.
- (b) All repayments due to date have been made in full.
- (c) June 2026.

Signed:

Gordon Daly,
Deputy Director General.



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlon

I will ask at the next Meeting what areas have been identified as priorities by our Authority and what progress has been made in terms of the introduction of Average Speed Cameras countywide.

Reply:

The current tranche of Fixed Spot and Average Speed camera sites were chosen by An Garda Síochána. Each is at a high collision site with injury collisions.

A site on N69 east of Askeaton in Ballyhomin was chosen for a Fixed Spot camera and this will be in operation early in 2025.

Following monitoring of these pilot sites the programme will go on to install further cameras. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) expects that at least one Average Speed site will be in County Limerick. The location of this will be determined in consultation with the Local Authority and TII.

Seamas O'Reilly, S.E.E.,

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing – Central Services.

Transportation & Mobility Directorate

Date: 18/11/2024



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the verbal commitment given to examine the possibility of a community hedge cutting scheme and its inclusion in the budget.

Reply:

Subject to final endorsement of the draft budget 2025, provision has been made for the promotion of a hedge cutting grant scheme. If approved the procedure of how such a scheme will be administered has to be developed.

**John Gannon, Senior Engineer,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation & Mobility Directorate
20/11/2024**

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting can the Council give a timeframe on how long it takes after reporting a bulb gone on a street light to have the bulb replaced.

Reply:

As per previous correspondence Limerick City & County Council entered into a new public lighting maintenance contract with Electric Skyline LTD (ESL) on 1st November 2024. Interim cover was in place, between 24th July 2024 and the 1st November 2024 to deal with emergencies and major outages as they arose.

Limerick City and County Council is aware of a backlog of public lighting faults which have built up in that time and the Council is working with ESL to clear this backlog. We are aiming to have the backlog under control by mid-December 2024 and ESL have provided additional resources to assist in this target.

Once the backlog is under control, we will be implementing the performance criteria which is outlined within the contract where ESL have 10 working days to repair a reported fault. If the fault is not repaired in 10 working days, ESL shall incur a penalty where the repair is within their control (e.g. non infrastructure related).

Matthew Clark, E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate
20th November 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting why did Limerick City and County Council not provide an in-person ceremony to switch on the Christmas lights in Limerick City.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council have programmed a number of Christmas events, throughout December, organised for Limerick for Christmas 2024 including LUXE Christmas Procession on 1 December 2024, Cruises Street seasonal street shows, Christmas Couture in the Castle and many other events. It was decided that there would be no switch on event for Christmas 2024.

Signed:

Date: 21 November 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the procurement and installation of specific dog waste bins across Limerick as I have been asked about this on numerous occasions by residents.

Reply:

The Cleansing Section operates a system of any bag any bin for dog waste in Limerick City, meaning bagged dog waste can be placed in any general litter bin. Requests for litter bins at specific locations are considered following an assessment of the area in question.

Prior to bin installation consideration is given to:

- The proximity of existing litter bins
- Suitable locations where a bin can be serviced by Cleansing Section bin collection vehicles
- The observed need for a litter bin based on the presence of litter
- The likelihood of increased litter in the vicinity of a bin arising from misuse of bins e.g. dumping of domestic waste in or adjacent to litter bins (this will also be reassessed after any new bins are installed)
- The need to provide bins to cater for a significant demand to dispose of dog waste on routes where dog walking is prevalent.

Liam Browne, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate
Date: 20/11/2024



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting what the projected budget for Riverfest 2025 is and what percentage of the overall Festival and Events 2025 budget Riverfest will absorb.

REPLY:

The projected budget for Riverfest 2025 is subject to approval by the members at their budget meeting and therefore no accurate budget figures are currently available.

Signed:

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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting what policies, personnel and resources are in place to deal with the dereliction and vacancy across Limerick City and Limerick County.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council takes a pro-active, place-based approach to identifying and activating derelict sites and vacant homes in local communities for more beneficial uses. The Council operates this activation programme under a number of Government policies, in particular: Housing For All, Town Centre First, Our Rural Future, and statutory legislation of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and the Housing Act 1966.

Key local plans guiding the approach include the Limerick Development Plan 2022–2028 and the Mayoral Programme: More for Limerick 2024-2029.

The multi-disciplinary Vacancy and Dereliction unit is located in the Property Management Services Department of the Rural, Culture, Community & Tourism Development Directorate and comprises 11 staff in total – six administration and five technical.

The unit deals with derelict sites, vacant homes and vacant sites across all the municipal districts. It advises and guides owners of unproductive properties on the various supports available to bring their properties back to more beneficial uses.



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The Council operates the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) – Call 3 fund of €9 million in the Limerick City Centre and €1 million in Newcastle West town area which supports a programme of building acquisition by the Council to return them to use through the market with new private owners to accelerate the provision of residential accommodation.

Also administered by the unit is the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant which enables owners of derelict and vacant properties to benefit from grants of up to €70,000 to refurbish them for occupation as a principal private residence or to make available to the private rental market.

Jayne Leahy
Head of Department
Property Management Services

19th November 2024