

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

November 2024

New Limerick Gift Card is a Boost to Local Businesses

Wins for Riverfest, Tackling Vacancy and Dereliction and Limerick Migrant Forum at Chambers Ireland Awards

Opera Square Draws in Crowds with Open Viewing of Progress

E-Scooter Awareness Campaign Launched as Draft Bye Laws for Operators go on Public Display

Limerick community groups triumph at prestigious Pride of Place community awards

Christmas in Limerick Campaign Shines Light on Dozens of Events and Activities

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Some highlights for the month of November were:

- Attended the I.NY Johnny Sexton, A Munster Invitation event in the Limetree Theatre
- Attended the launch of The Cecilian Musical Society, The Wedding Singer the Musical in Gaelscoil an Ráithín, Drumderig, Munget
- Met with the new French Ambassador to Ireland, Celine Place and attended a reception to honor three Limerick residents with the insignia of Knight of the Order of Academic Palms in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick
- Attended the opening of the Honorary Consulate of Estonia, in Saint Mary's Cathedral and delivered a welcome speech
- Attended the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024 in the Crown Plaza Hotel, Dublin
- Attended the Limerick GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) medal presentation ceremony for the team's 'six in a row' winning Munster Senior Hurling Championship
- Attended the Indian Society in Shannon - Mid-West Indian Irish Association Annual Diwali Festival and delivered a speech in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick
- Attended the Forge Design Factory and Limerick School of Art and Design upcoming Dining and Design event

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

01 November

- Meetings regarding a new festival proposal for Limerick
- Attended the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Committee Meeting
- Attended the launch of ABC Start Right, Paul Partnership Limerick, an evaluation of the Child Development Homelessness Project and gave a welcome speech
- Meeting with senior team regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Meeting with Director of Service, Housing and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage officials to discuss SMART housing project
- Attended to correspondence and Mayoral Orders
- Attended a Special meeting of Limerick City and County Council
- Attended the I.NY Johnny Sexton, A Munster Invitation event in the Limetree Theatre

04 November

- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Attended Marketing Strategy 2023-2028 meeting
- Meeting with Adare / Rathkeale Business Owner
- Attended a meeting with the team overseeing the THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

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- Internal meeting with Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Attended the launch of The Cecilian Musical Society, The Wedding Singer the Musical in Gaelscoil an Ráithín, Drumderrig, Munget

05 November

- Meeting with Moyross Partners Group to discuss the design review of Pineview Gardens
- Meeting with Special Advisor and senior staff on Mayoral Programme
- Attended the SMART (short-term modular rental transition) Homes in Limerick working group weekly meeting
- Meeting with the Ambassador of Japan
- Attended the Local Community Development Committee meeting
- Attended the Local Action Group meeting regarding LEADER funding
- Met with the new French Ambassador to Ireland and attended a reception to honor three Limerick residents with the insignia of Knight of the Order of Academic Palms in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick

06 November

- Attended a private workshop on the draft budgetary plan
- Attended the opening of the Honorary Consulate of Estonia, in Saint Mary's Cathedral and delivered a welcome speech
- Internal meeting with Director of Service for Housing regarding Part 8 Planning
- Meeting with representatives from the University of Limerick

- Meeting with Director of Service, Finance, Economic Development and Digital Services

07 November

- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council senior finance team regarding the 2025 budget
- Attended the Limerick Comhairle na Nog Annual General Meeting, Limerick Youth Conference and delivered a welcome speech in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick
- Attended the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2024 in the Crown Plaza Hotel, Dublin

08 November

- Attended the November Ordinary Meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly in Waterford
- Attended the Limerick GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) medal presentation ceremony for the team's 'six in a row' winning Munster Senior Hurling Championship

10 November 2024

- Attended The Royal British Legion Republic of Ireland, Commemoration and Wreath Laying Ceremony and delivered an opening address
- Attended an afternoon tea celebration of Kate O'Brien in No. 1 Pery Square Hotel and Spa, Pery Square, Limerick

11 November

- Meeting with a local Football Club and Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Internal meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Attended the Colbert Quarter Steering Oversight Group (SOG) meeting

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- Hosted a meeting with the Ambassador of Pakistan
- Took part in a photoshoot to launch the new health magazine, Ecoslainte
- Preparation for the Christmas schedule
- Signing Mayoral Orders
- Attended a SMART Housing Programme workshop
- Attended a budget 2025 workshop

12 November

- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly, Open the European Urban Initiative Conference “Building the Future: Integrating New European Bauhaus Values and Principles in Heritage Regeneration under THRIVE”
- Signing Mayoral Orders
- Interview with Manon Gilbart, Irish Examiner journalist
- Took part in a video campaign with Limerick Chamber for the Limerick Gift Card Promotion

13 November

- Meeting with the Senior Executive Officer in the housing department regarding the homelessness and addiction task force.
- Meeting with Director of Service, Planning and Place-Making
- Meeting with Mayoral Programme Manager
- Meeting with Belltable sub-committee
- Meeting to discuss Merchant House, Kilmallock, a 16-century building
- Meeting with SISK to discuss SMART modular housing
- Attended the Southill community bingo 15-year celebrations

14 November

- Private briefing on the 2024 Annual Allocations of Development Contributions and briefing on proposed new Development Contribution Scheme
- Meeting with representative of Treaty United Football Club
- Attended a 2025 budget meeting
- Attended the Forge Design Factory and Limerick School of Art and Design upcoming Dining & Design event

15 November

- Attended the GOSSH Ireland (Gender, Orientation, Sexual Health and HIV) official photocall launch of the National LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual) election strategy
- Attended a breakfast briefing and ‘meet and greet’ with young people and staff in Limerick Youth Service
- Internal meeting with council colleagues regarding SMART Housing
- Meeting with Director of Service, Finance, Economic Development and Digital Services
- Meeting with Councillor Sean Hartigan and the River Shannon Protection Alliance
- Meeting with Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Attended the Limerick Chamber Annual President’s Dinner

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16 November

- Visited Effin Primary School and GAA Club (Gaelic Athletic Association)
- Attended the Indian Society in Shannon - Mid-West Indian Irish Association Annual Diwali Festival and delivered a speech in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick

17 November

- Attended the Limerick Jazz Society, Young Irish Jazz Musician 2024 and delivered a speech

18 November

- Update on the public consultation response on the Arthur's Quay Framework
- Attended Saint Camillus' Hospital for the official opening of the new Community Nursing Unit by the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly
- Meeting with Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly
- Meeting with representatives from the Beacon Hospital
- Meeting with Festivals and Events team on Christmas
- Meeting on the budget for 2025
- Presentation of a gift from Quimper Deputy Mayor Anna Vari Chapalain by the Limerick Quimper Twinning Committee
- Meeting with Tourism colleagues on the Tourism Strategy
- Attended a photoshoot for the Christmas Competition

19 November

- Meeting with hotel representative
- Meeting with Ballyhoura Development
- Visit to Merchant House, Kilmallock to view a 16th century building accompanied by Limerick City and County Council Executive Archaeologist and Conservation Architect, Office of Public Works
- Meeting with members of Kilmallock Tourism
- Meeting with Ballyhoura Heritage and Environment
- Meeting with the Corporate Policy Group
- Phone call with Special Advisor regarding Budget 2025

20 November

- Preparation and presentation to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) National Conference
- Meeting with John Shaw, Assistant Secretary General in the Department of the Taoiseach
- Meeting with finance team regarding Budget 2025
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services
- Attended the launch of the Christmas in Limerick Campaign and delivered a speech
- Meeting with Regional Film Manager, Limerick City and County Council and a representative from Wayfinders Production
- Meeting with Special Advisor regarding Budget 2025, staffing and delivery
- Review of budget books

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21 November

- Morning review of budget papers
- Meeting with representatives from the Health Service Executive Mid-West
- Budget meeting with Senior Executive staff
- Meeting with Ukrainian Community Leaders
- Budget meeting with Senior Executive staff
- Signing of Mayoral Orders
- Meeting with Administrative Officer, Mayoral Office
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services regarding council meeting agenda and Mayoral Questions
- Meeting with Special Advisor
- Review of budget 2025

22 November

- Meeting with a representative from MACX3 Investments and Consulting
- Attended the budget workshop for Plenary Council

23 November

- Attended The Man of the Year Awards 2024 in the Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Little Island, Cork

25 November

- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officer of Mayoral Programme

- Meeting with representative from the Arts Infrastructure Programme

- Attended November's council meeting

26 November

- Meeting with a representative from Rethink Ireland
- Attended the SMART Homes Limerick working group weekly meeting
- Attended a photoshoot for Foynes-Limerick Road: Archaeology outreach documentary
- Attended the Limerick Fairtrade 19th Birthday Party Celebrations and presentation of prizes to students for their entries in the schools Fairtrade Christmas Card Competition
- Meeting with representatives from the Centre for Implementation Research, University of Limerick
- Meeting with Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officer, Tourism department

27 November

- Attended the launch of the Limerick Gift Card in association with Limerick City and County Council and the Limerick Chamber in the Strand Hotel, Limerick
- Attended an Oscailt Network of DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) primary and post-primary school meeting with Oscailt principals in the Limerick Education Centre, Dooradoyle
- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Senior Planner on Arthur's Quay Framework and consultation on the Blue Green Ring Masterplan
- Attended the Northern Trust - Bring your Parents to Work Day in Northern Trust, Ballysimon, Limerick

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- Attended the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) Expert Group meeting
- Meeting with Director General and Director of Service, Housing
- Attended Jade O'Connor Art's debut exhibition in Oli and Farina Bistro, Little Catherine Street, Limerick

28 November

- Meeting with representative from Whole Village Hiring
- Meeting with Night-Time Economy Steering Group
- Follow up meeting with colleagues in Regeneration regarding Pineview Gardens
- Meeting with council colleagues and representatives from Irish Sustainable Homes
- Attended online briefing for University College Dublin's One Health Centre Conference
- Preparation for Budget 2025
- Visited the installation of 'The Limerick Show', a showcase of 38 artists working in the city and county in Ormston House, Patrick Street, Limerick

29 November

Attended the Statutory budget 2025 meeting

Attended the annual mass for the deceased members of Limerick City Fire Brigade and the Munster Regional Communications Centre in Saint John's Cathedral



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1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2024	
As at 30 November 2024	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	4,796,855
Accruals €	64,154,752 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	724,408
Writes offs/ Waivers €	3,242,205
Total for Collection €	64,984,994
Amount Collected €	58,612,152
Arrears €	6,372,842
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	735,352
% Collected	91.2%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 November 2024	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	295,007
Accruals €	1,609,277 *
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	1,904,284
Receipts €	1,775,923
Arrears €	128,361
% Collected	93%

* Accruals for November 2024 not processed

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

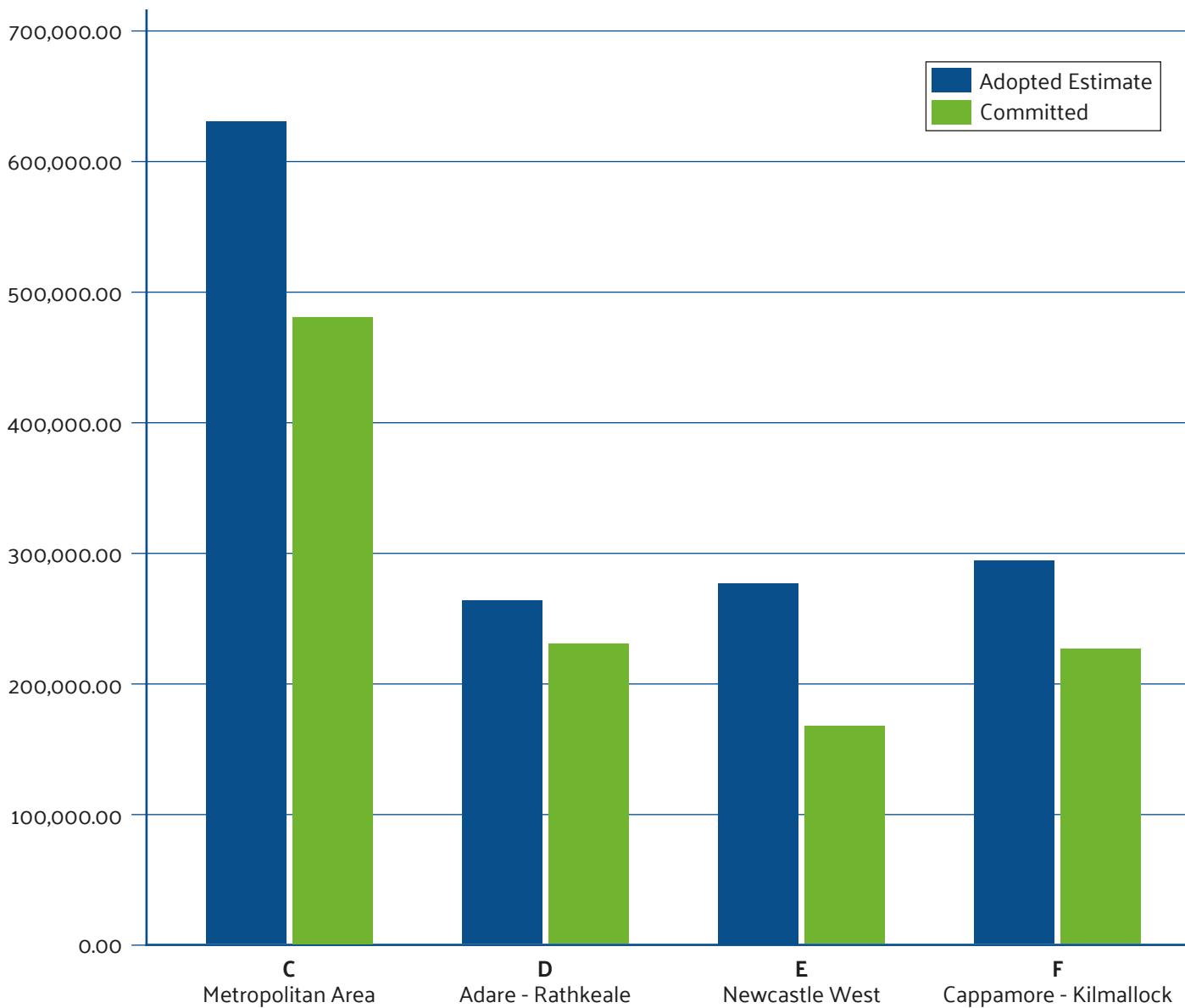
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General Municipal Allocation 2024 Adopted Estimate €1.463 Million

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



Municip (Code) + (Text)

- C Metropolitan Area
- D Adare - Rathkeale
- E Newcastle West
- F Cappamore - Kilmallock

Value Adopted Estimate (€)

628,000.00

Value Committed (€)

482,327

269,500.00

230,970

270,500.00

168,452

295,000.00

220,849

1,463,000.00

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2. Trade and Investment

Home Instead Limerick announced that it will create 50 new positions for “CAREGivers” throughout the county, providing home care and company for older people who need it most.

Home Instead CAREGivers provide a range of non-medical services to older people from companionship to specialised dementia and palliative care. As well as helping keep older people safe and well, such care services can also facilitate early hospital discharge, or they can help prevent hospitalisations in the first place.

A new Limerick Gift Card was launched on 27 November at the Strand Hotel, Limerick as part of efforts to support local businesses by locking in spending and attracting new spending to the county. Backed by Limerick City and County Council and Limerick Chamber, the gift card is available as either a physical card or an e-card that can be added to digital wallets. Cards can be spent in the city and surrounding towns, including Newcastle West, Adare, Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock and Rathkeale. Over 140 businesses, including independent businesses and well-known Irish brands accept the new Limerick Gift Card.

Night Time Economy (NTE):

- Themed round table discussions were scheduled over two days, covering five key priority areas identified during earlier stakeholder consultations. During these discussions priorities and solutions were considered with key stakeholders and members identified for inclusion in the NTE Steering Committee.
- The NTE Advisor joined with the An Garda Síochána in delivering a safety update briefing to the business, retail and hospitality sector. This was following an earlier presentation during the year. A specific section of the briefing related to planned developments for safety under the NTE Action Plan.
- The NTE stakeholder engagement project was finalised with the development of a data report capturing outputs of consultations and review of existing relevant data.

- The initial meeting of the NTE Steering Committee was held with Mayor of Limerick John Moran as Chair. The draft plan was reviewed with minor changes to be adapted.
- The NTE Advisor finalised payments of the NTE Innovation Grant Scheme and other NTE initiatives; and prepared an overview of outcomes to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, to draw down funds.
- The newly launched Limerick Gift card scheme was partially funded by the NTE seed fund and NTE messaging incorporated in the marketing material.
- The NTE Advisor collaboratively worked with the other NTE pilot locations to develop a presentation to the NTE Taskforce committee and attended a meeting with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and NTE Taskforce Representatives. The focus was on progress of the NTE initiative and discussion on the emerging topic of meanwhile use which will see additional national supports in due course.

3. Digital Services

This month, Limerick City and County Council scooped the top award for Public Space and Planning at the 2024 KPMG Property Industry Excellence Awards.

This EU project was delivered through Go Green Routes Horizon 2020, funded by the European Union with a focus on enhancing the physical and mental well-being of urban residents.

GoGreenRoutes (2020-2024) is a €10.5 million international EU project. The focus of the project is to enhance the physical and mental well-being of urban residents by increasing their connection to nature. Limerick City and County Council chose the Castletroy Greenway as a brown site blank canvas to deliver a sustainable, inclusive, co-created design for both the community and nature. The landscape has been reshaped to create mounds covered in wildflowers and swales at low points and along paths.

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The project provided the opportunity to create linkages between fragmented (sub)urban greenspaces and implement nature-based solutions that focus on contributing to green infrastructure in keeping with the principles of European Green Infrastructure Strategy. With a strong focus on natural play, the area has been remodelled to create a space of interest for young and old.

Limerick City and County Council's win highlights its role as a leader in sustainable urban planning and public space development. Congrats to all our staff involved on this exceptional EU Project.

4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- On 12 November, LEO Limerick hosted an Export Business Seminar Conversation with Richard Curran at the Castletroy Park Hotel. There were over 50 business leaders from across Limerick City and County in attendance on the day, where opportunities for Business owners to win new business both domestically and internationally, was the theme of the event.

- The Advanced Management Development Programme came to a close on 22 November, after 10 successful weeks at the Woodlands House Hotel in Adare. This intensive programme, which was delivered on behalf of LEO Limerick, focussed on helping established businesses to plan and chart a course to grow and expand their business.
- LEO Limerick ran 11 Training and Development programmes during November for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 264 people from across the City and County.
- LEO Limerick also approved Green and Energy Efficiency supports for seven businesses during the month as well as four Trading Online Vouchers to assist Limerick companies who want to trade online and one Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) grants to assist Limerick businesses with their exporting strategy.

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 November
No. of callouts 01.11.2024 – 26.11.2024	957	312	99.33	1169

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6. Innovate Limerick DAC

- 01-30 November, Film Production - One Night Only. The production was taking place in the Royal Theatre which is located right next door on Cecil St. Over 100 film crew members and extras used the building on a daily basis. The crew had access to the building 24/7, event space, meeting room and a food truck was situated in the car park of the Engine Building. The Engine Building was used for film rehearsals, make up, meetings etc.
- Film Crew Training, Film in Limerick in November on 01-03; 08-09 and 15-16.
- Kennedy Insight Consulting, used Engine for bi-monthly staff meetings for strategic planning on 05 and 11 November.
- Local Enterprise office Limerick used the meeting space for one board meeting, one evaluation meeting, six staff meetings and multiple client meetings on 05, 12, 14 and 26 November.
- Paul Partnership - Two all day staff meetings with 50-60 people on 05 and 06 November.
- Vitalograph HR meeting - 60 people on 07 November.
- Sportstech - One day small company meeting on 08 and 13 November
- Screenability, Adults with Complex Learning Needs, Film In Limerick in partnership with Avista, on 08 - 11 November.
- Land Development Agency (LDA) meeting on 13 and 28 November
- Enterprise Ireland "Office Hours" Drop In clinic on 28 November
- Hosting the Romanian Elections; eight dates throughout the month.



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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

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

The draft bye-laws have been placed on public display and submissions are invited from the public.

It is proposed to introduce Bye-Laws to manage and control the operation of Stationless On-Street Shared E-Scooter Hire Services in respect of the administrative area of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

The Draft Bye-Laws cover the issuing of Operators' licences and provide for a permit fee for each individual e-scooter, in addition to specifying certain minimum standards for operators and e-scooter users / customers, together with the ability for the Council to prescribe streets/areas where e-scooters should or should not be deployed.

Limerick Road Safety Working Together Group Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the Limerick Road Safety Working Together Group took place on 26 November. The annual review of the Limerick Road Safety Plan took place at the meeting.

The Road Safety Working Together Group is led and chaired by Limerick City and County Council and has representatives from An Garda Síochána, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Health Service Executive - Ambulance Service, Limerick City and County Council - Fire and Emergency Services, Limerick Cycling Campaign and Limerick Pedestrian Network.

E-Scooter Awareness Campaign

During November, the Limerick Road Safety Working Together Group, led by Limerick City and County Council ran a public campaign to call for 'Responsible Use of E-Scooters'. The aim was to raise public awareness about the new regulations governing e-scooter use across Ireland and to encourage safe and responsible use of e-scooters in Limerick.

Golf Links Road

The Oral Hearing for the Golf Links Road Scheme was held on 06 November. Limerick City & County Council await the determination from An Board Pleanála.

2. Active Travel

Projects on site:

Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Footpath construction continued. Kerbing at the Brookhaven Walk and The Hermitage junctions began. Drainage installation on the side-road adjacent to the Bishop's Field underway.

R510 Quinns Cross to Raheen, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Kerbing to footpaths from Raheen Roundabout to the Grange entrance completed. Landscaping works and installation of ducting ongoing.

Rósmor, Old Cork Road, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Remaining ladder tactiles installed at the entrance to the Rósmor Estate for enhanced pedestrian safety. 30 km/h slow zone signs and "Children at Play" signs reinstated to promote safer driving speeds and increased awareness of children in the area.

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Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick: Works continued to progress on site. Landscaping works finalised and minor updates to traffic signals and road markings carried out.

Caherconlish NS: Safe Routes to School works ongoing.

Other projects:

Crescent College Comprehensive, Dooradoyle, Limerick: Safe Routes to School works completed.

Roxboro Road, Limerick: Part 8 documents being prepared.

TUS to City Centre, Moylish, Limerick: Tender review and assessment ongoing. Public consultation concluded for Section 38 proposal for Thomondgate which is being reviewed.

Castletroy Urban Greenway to NTP (Holland Road): Non-statutory consultation process submissions being reviewed.

St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeefe Roundabout: Tender drawings completed.



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Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

1. Rural

Rural Development

THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme is a programme co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Government of Ireland and managed by the Southern Regional Assembly (the Managing Authority). With funding awarded to Limerick City and County Council to develop an Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West and pipeline of town centre revitalisation projects, the Team in the Rural Development Department are pro-actively working with local stakeholders and people in Newcastle West. The purpose is to engage with them in co-creation of the strategy and identification of potential town projects. During the month, the engagement process involved promotion of participation in the online town survey, workshop-based consultations in locations in the centre of the town, one-to-one stakeholder meetings, and consultation workshop with young people in a school setting, a local multi-stakeholder meeting to feedback on key findings of the consultation/engagement process to date and gain additional insights and opinions. This was followed by hosting an online Think Tank meeting – again engaging with a wider group of local stakeholders from the public, business, community and voluntary sector including sport and arts and the creative sector and private individuals – and facilitated by an international team of consultants and Council staff. This process will continue to build up participation in co-creation of a vision of Newcastle West and guide the preparation and delivery to town centre projects.

2. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum, and Arts Office

Library

City Library at Barrow House

Limerick City Library and Europe Direct Centre hosted the Limerick Regional Europe Direct Soapbox Public Speaking Competition on 13 November. Each entrant spoke for three minutes for, or against the motion, 'A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) is not a threat to humanity'. Historian and writer Dr. Pádraig Ó Ruairc, Engineer and AI enthusiast Dr Rajkumar Sarma and best-selling author Róisín Meaney adjudicated. There were two age categories, 16 years and under and 17 years and over. The prize for each category winner was an Apple iPad sponsored by the European Commission Representation in Ireland. Forty-four speakers participated and their talent, intelligence and public speaking skills were highly commended by the judging panel. A student from Laurel Hill Secondary School was the overall winner of the 16-and-under age category, and a student from Nenagh, Co. Tipperary won the 17-and-over age group. Both went on to compete in the National Soapbox final in Dublin on 26 November.

- Artificial Intelligence was also the theme of a talk entitled 'A.I Demystified' on 21 November by Europe Direct Limerick, and Lero, the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Software. Experts in AI and Machine Learning. Dr. Juan Albarracín, Dr. Ehsan Namjoo, and Dr. Clare McInerney presented, followed by an engaging panel discussion.

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- Europe Direct Limerick also hosted a talk about saving energy in the home on 30 November with Sarah O'Connell, Limerick Mentor for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Sustainable Energy Communities Programme, Development Officer with Ballyhoura Development CLG, and an experienced retrofit engineer.
- A digital skills training session took place on 05 November with volunteers from Age Action.
- There were ten book club meetings across the month for adults and children.
- The University of the Third Age's (U3A) Irish and Spanish Language Conversation Groups and Crafting group continued to meet.
- The Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival Organising Committee met on 19 November and the Writepace writers' group on 16 November.
- Groups of English Language students from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the Student Campus visited the Library during the month.
- Children's Book Festival continued with two Book Cover Design workshops from illustrator Celina Buckley on 18 November with classes from Scoil Iosagáin, CBS Primary School.
- On 01 November, the Library hosted a booked-out mid-term break arts and crafts session
- Róisín Meaney held her regular monthly story time on 16 November while the branch's own weekly story times continued during the month.
- Fighting Words workshop on the 15 November with classes from St. Mary's National School.
- The Library welcomed class visits from St. John the Baptist and Bohermore National Schools. St. Michael's, Presentation Primary, St. Patrick's Girls, Scoil Iosagáin and St. John's Boys school.

Kilmallock Library

- 12 November: Bee Bot Workshop with 38 Junior Infant students from Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilmallock National School as part of the Limerick Festival of Science.
- 13 November: Author and illustrator Alan Nolan provided two interactive workshops with 44 students from Scoil Mocheallóg engaging them with stories, history and illustration. Alan also visited Cappamore Library.
- 19 November: Arran Towers delighted 48 students from Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilmallock National School and Kilbehenny National School with the wonderful "Tallest Smallest Circus", a delightful interactive show. As ringmaster extraordinaire, he recruited an array of talented children who showed off their remarkable circus abilities.
- 22 November: Installation of The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Photo exhibition produced by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, supplied courtesy of the Embassy of Japan in Ireland.
- 23 November: Rhyme and Sign Storytime with Claire Glynn of "Clever Little Handies" suitable for parents with little ones from ages zero-five years. Claire introduced Irish Sign Language baby sign, followed by a tutorial on the signs repeated in the story, so everyone could sign along as she read. Claire was funded by Limerick Arts Office and Creative Ireland and held similar workshops in Rathkeale, Watch House Cross, Kilmallock and Abbeyfeale libraries.
- A new community adult choir met on 05 November. The choir is supported by Kilmallock and District Mental Health Association and is facilitated by Music Therapist Sara Dopazo.
- Kilmallock Library's Irish Conversation Circle met on 05 and 19 November whether you are fluent or have a cúpla focal, all welcomed.

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- “Walk and Talk” group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library each Wednesday morning during the month with an average of 22 participants.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued during the month.
- Bridge classes continued during the month with an average of 12 participants at each session.

Newcastle West Library

- Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 13 continued to meet in the library.
- Ongoing use of Sensory Space.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Headway Ireland meeting weekly.
- Knitting Club continued weekly.
- Adult Book Club continued during the month.
- On 14 November staff were thrilled to welcome prize winning author Donal Ryan to Newcastle West Library for an evening of readings and chat about his books including his latest publication “Heart be at Peace”

On the 26 November the girls from first class in Scoil Iosaf arrived to decorate the Christmas tree, they sang some festive songs and officially turned on the lights for 2024.

Dooradoyle Library

- Helium Arts, the national children’s art and health charity began a six-week series of workshops entitled ‘Winter Saturdays’ on 02 November. The aim of these free creative art workshops is to help children with lifelong physical health conditions live life to the full.

- A four-week course entitled ‘Discover Diabetes - Type 2’ commenced on 08 November. Sinead Mulcahy, Senior Community Dietitian with the Health Service Executive delivered the course.
- Dooradoyle Library’s latest exhibition, ‘Art in Harmony’ is a collection of paintings by Inis Artists, a group of local artists based in and around County Clare.
- On 12 November, Arran Towers of Tallest Smallest Theatre entertained third class pupils from Monaleen National School and Limerick East Educate Together NS.
- A series of weekly Baby Massage classes started on 19 November.
- On 20 November the Limerick branch of the Irish Countrywomen’s Association (ICA) held their monthly meeting.
- The annual Inter-Schools Quiz took place on 27 November. Fifth and sixth class students from Kildimo N.S. and Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough participated. Each winning team member received a trophy and a book token.
- The latest edition of the Old Limerick Journal, (Issue 59, Winter 2024) was launched by Tom O’Donovan and Denis O’Shaughnessy on 22 November. Many of the contributors were in attendance as well as the editorial committee.
- Dooradoyle Book Club held their monthly meeting.
- Weekly Himalayan meditation sessions continued.
- Class visits from Scoil Mháthair Dé and Red Hill School continued.

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Watch House Cross

- Pop up Lego Club for children on 01 November.
- In partnership with Limerick City and County Council's Biodiversity Officer well known biologist, environmental consultant, radio presenter and author, Eanna Ni Lamhna visited Watch House Cross, Cappamore, Kilmallock, Adare and Newcastle West libraries. At each location, she gave an illustrated talk on biodiversity to local schools groups.
- Fighting Words held their last creative writing workshop for 2024 with 30 children from First Class from Corpus Christi Primary School.
- Age Action completed a second five-week programme with seven seniors availing of the free digital literacy programme that focuses on helping people to get online, or use their smart device with confidence.
- Storyteller, Simone Schuemelfeder held two sessions in the library combining sensory storytelling with a sock puppet workshop. Children from Corpus Christi Primary School attended.
- Irish artist, author and illustrator, Celina Buckley, held two workshops with third and fourth classes from Thomond Primary School. The children were delighted to learn how to design their own unique book cover.
- Munget Community College fifth year history class with 21 students came to see local studies section and to learn about the online resources available through the new local studies website.
- Mairead O'Keeffe, Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Grief Centre for Bereaved Children Awareness Week 18 -22 November gave a short presentation on grief and loss and how it impacts on children.
- A Literacy Awareness Training Day was held as part of the Adult Literacy for Life Strategy. The training day was facilitated by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (ETB) and attended by staff from Clare Libraries, Limerick Libraries and Limerick and Clare

ETB. The aim of the training is to increase awareness of unmet literacy needs, make library services more literacy friendly and increase awareness of what tuition options are available to those who may have unmet literacy needs.

- Two adult book clubs had their monthly meetings, both reading The Well of Saint Nobody by Neil Jordan
- Parent and toddler morning and Storytime continued weekly.
- Class visits to the library included pre-school groups from Little Seeds Childcare and Northside Family Resource Centre.
- Crafty Saturday had 135 participants during November.
- The Sensory room has a total of 70 bookings and 260 users

Local Studies

- There were 42 onsite visits, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection.
- There were 32 remote queries.
- The department's Centenaries publication for 2024, Limerick After the Civil War, 1923-1930: A Documentary History was published and distribution of copies commenced.
- There was one class visit to the department and a workshop on the history of Limerick's Jewish community was provided to a Limerick Youth Theatre group.
- A number of new acquisitions were added to stock.

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Abbeyfeale

- Craft Group continued to meeting monthly.
- Two Storytimes with Simone and Michael from Storygate and the students from St Mary's Boys National School took place 15 November.
- Clever Little Handies Storytimes with Claire Glynn on 23 November.

Adare

- Adare Library welcomed the circus magic of the Tallest Smallest Theatre, enchanting 65 pupils from Our Lady's Abbey NS with two captivating performances.
- Over 40 pupils from St. Nicholas National School participated in two creative workshops led by Celina Buckley, where they learned to design and illustrate book covers.
- Adare Library was honoured to welcome local borrower and Limerick athlete Emma Griffin, who won gold at the Princess Charlene Swim Meet in Monaco. A dedicated display was also created to celebrate her remarkable achievement.
- The 2020 Book Club convened for its monthly meeting.
- The Parent, Baby, and Toddler Group met weekly, offering a welcoming space for families to bond while participating in songs, rhymes, and storytime.

Other Branches

- On 15 November, Cappamore Library celebrated Science Week with three performances of Rosie's Animal Magic Show. This event was funded by the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Department in Mary Immaculate College.
- Glin Library –the weekly Community Singing Groups, and monthly book club were well attended.

- On 26 November, Limerick Libraries Outreach Programme facilitated Christmas themed glass painting workshops at two nursing homes, St. Michael's Nursing Home, Caherconlish and Abbot Close Nursing Home, Askeaton.
- Library staff attended a workshop in De Valera Library in Ennis on 27 November as part of the ongoing partnership between Limerick City and County Library service and Clare Libraries. This programme promotes library literacy champions in conjunction with the Limerick and Clare Educational Training Board and is funded by CIF (Collaboration and Innovation Fund) under the he Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) programme

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The exhibition Spontaneous Self by Vivienne Bogan finished on 10 November.
- LCGA opened two new Limerick based exhibitions on 21 November:
 - CLAY LINES: 50 Years of Ceramics at Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD). This extraordinary exhibition marks the first-ever public display of a historic collection of final year student works from the renowned ceramics programme at LSAD. Spanning five decades, the exhibition offers an invaluable record of the ceramic programme's creative legacy and an inspiration for future generations of ceramicists. The exhibition features over 400 pieces created by final year students of the Ceramics Programme since its inception. CLAY LINES displays the diversity of vision and technique that defines the LSAD/TUS Limerick School of Art and Design Technological University of the Shannon Ceramics programme. From intricate, functional pottery to bold, experimental sculptures, and covering a wide range of conceptual concerns, these works speak of the evolution of ceramic practice within the country and the college. Many of these LSAD graduates became celebrated ceramicists, educators, and artists. The collection not only honours the talent fostered within Ceramics at LSAD, but also preserves a legacy of innovation, technique, and creative exploration. This

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is a landmark moment, says the curator of CLAY LINES. Many of these pieces have never been seen by the public and bringing them together in this exhibition allows us to celebrate both the history of the ceramics programme and the students whose creativity has helped shape it. As a curated archive, CLAY LINES will serve as an invaluable resource to study, learn from, and draw inspiration.

- Also opened on the 21 November was 'RISK/REWARD, Limerick Printmakers at 25', an exhibition celebrating the 25th anniversary of the setup of the Limerick Printmakers, featuring local artists: Dietrich Blodau, Dylan Buckley, Ugljesa Buzakovic, Anne-Marie Flannery, Caoilfhinn Geary, Lara Grufferty, Joe Lane, Nicola Long, Kate MacDonald, Des MacMahon, Ultan McAvinue, Tony O'Loughlin, Suzannah O'Reilly, Fiona Quill, Rowena Quill, Clodagh Twomey, Isabella Walsh; with collaborations from Pamela Dunne and Melissa O'Brien, Dylan Ryan and Laura O'Loughlin, and Verona Stellet and Carol Kennedy.
- 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 continued to work and accommodate research visits and displays of the Michael O'Connor Poster Collection to the Limerick School of Art and Design students and staff.
- Visitor numbers for the month exceeded 6500.
- LCGA continued to collaborate and facilitate meetings and workshops with U3A (University of the Third Age) throughout the month.
- LCGA had the first assessment meeting with the Heritage Council MSPI (Museum Standards Programme for Ireland) assessors in relation to LCGA's application for Museum Standards.

- In collaboration with local groups LCGA hosted:
 - The Contemporary Harpsichord Concert/Musical event by Yonit Kosovske and Janet Oates on 09 November.
 - A seminar by Dance Limerick on 'Creating A Climate for Change in Limerick on 22 November.
- The Director/Curator attended a function at the National Gallery of Ireland to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland (FNCI) on 26 November. Over the past 70 years the FNCI have assisted with the acquisition of work or have donated to the Permanent collection.
- On 27 November, the Director/Curator attended the opening of the AIB Portrait Award at the National Gallery of Ireland. There was also an opportunity to see the RDS Young Artists exhibition at the Royal Hibernian Academy.

Limerick Museum

- 'On 07 November, Limerick Museum hosted the opening of "*Within the hour of the slowest clock*" an exhibition of recent paintings by Maurice Quillinan. A native of Limerick, Maurice Quillinan studied at the Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD), the Royal College of Art, London (RCA), the Ecole Nationale Supérieur des Beaux-Arts, Paris and the University of Limerick (UL). He has represented Ireland in exhibitions in many countries, both in one person and group events, at home and internationally. His works are held in public and private collections in thirty-four countries.
- On 08 November, Limerick Museum took a major step forward in its progress through the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) programme when two MSPI assessors carried out their first on-site visit to the Museum and its offsite storage facility. The purpose of the MSPI is to benchmark and promote professional standards in collections care and to recognise the achievement of those standards within the Irish museum sector. The programme recognises the achievement of those standards through accreditation.

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- On 04 November, the Curator appeared on the Ireland's Hidden Treasures documentary series on RTE One television, discussing the 4.6-billion-year-old Limerick Meteorite, the largest meteorite that ever fell in Ireland. Limerick Museum has a piece of this meteorite on display.
- On 30 November, the Curator attended the launch of the book, *A River Runs through It* by Keith Kelly in the People's Museum, Pery Square. The book, which was partly funded by Limerick Museum, features artistic photos of musicians holding their favourite albums alongside famous Limerick landmarks such as King John's Castle, People's Park and the Sailor's House. Artists featured include Mick Hanly, Noel Hogan of the Cranberries, Emma Langford, Barry Murphy of Hermitage Green, Johnny Duhan of Granny's Intentions amongst many more. All proceeds go towards Limerick Civic Trust and the Learning Hub Limerick.
- The Limerick Museum exhibition *200 Years of Achievement: The Dunraven Family and Limerick*, continued in Saint Mary's Cathedral throughout November.
- The pop-up exhibition, Objects of the Revolution in East Limerick, continued in the Museum throughout November.

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Ireland Programmes

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2024

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2024 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to support the maximising of the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. In November four letters of support were issued. Funding to three applicants was approved by Council in November. The total award of €9,000 facilitated leveraging of €90,000 of Arts Council funding into Limerick City and County.

Contemporary Cities Project

Work continued in November under a new partnership between Limerick Arts Office and Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble, Belfast, with funding provided by Creative Ireland. Hard Rain is an excellent group of musicians dedicated to the performance of modern and contemporary music. The new 'Contemporary Cities' project aims to create partnership music projects between Limerick and Belfast.

On 15 and 16 November, the ensemble delivered workshops on contemporary music score reading, performance and composition, to students and teachers in Limerick School of Music. This project is funded under the Creative Ireland Creative Communities programme.

Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series (2024)

The Castleconnell Autumn Concert series takes place in All Saints Church in Castleconnell and 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 final 2024 concert took place on 26 November with Banbha String Quartet, under the National String Quartet Foundation. It was recorded for a future broadcast on RTE Lyric FM, The Full Score Programme with Liz Nolan.

Sing Cois Féile, Abbeyfeale

Plans to establish a community singing group in Abbeyfeale progressed in November, with the first 'taster' workshop on 26 November in St Ita's Community Hall under musician Fiona Walshe. Eighteen members of the Abbeyfeale community attended. This project is a long-term aim of Jim Dennison from Abbeyfeale and is being funded by the Creative Ireland Creative Communities Programme, and supported by West Limerick Resources and Limerick Arts Office.

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3. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	147
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	18
Derelict Sites Cases opened	18
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	23
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	10
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	5
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	16

4. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee

The Local Community Development Committee was held on 05 November in Council Chamber, Dooradoyle and Online.

Public Participation Network

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and stands at 231. The membership registration form is on the PPNL website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- The Secretariat continues to fulfil its functions with a meeting held this month.

- PPNL continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.
- On 28 November, PPNL launched their election process, seeking nominations from Members in the Community/ Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Sector for the 24 available Representative seats on the five Limerick City and County Council Strategic Policy Committees.

Integration Supports

The Chambers Ireland, Excellence in Local Government awards took place last week, with the Community Development Directorate winning the national award in the Diversity and Inclusion category for the establishment of the Limerick Migrant Forum. The Limerick Migrant Forum was established by Limerick City and County Council as part of the EU INTEgreat Project in partnership with Doras. The Forum aims to empower migrant communities in Limerick to promote social inclusion, integration and active participation in key decision-making bodies and networks in the region. The Forum boasts over 40 members from over 20 diverse backgrounds, each contributing to the rich cultural tapestry of Limerick.

The EU INTEgreat Project is coming to an end. The final consortium meeting took place in Italy in late November. The two-year programme saw Limerick City and County Council partner with DORAS to engage with other migrant support groups from across Europe, with one of the key initiatives for Limerick being the establishment of the Migrant Forum.

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) continues to visit accommodation centres across Limerick to provide support and guidance to migrant residents. The LAIT also continues to produce a weekly newsletter that is circulated to all accommodation centres in Limerick City and County. It informs residents on courses, employment and volunteering opportunities.

In mid-November the LAIT presented on its work to Limerick CYPSC (Children and Young Peoples Services Committee).

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Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Throughout the month, Sláintecare Healthy Communities continued to address health inequalities and support well-being through a range of targeted programmes. These activities supported physical and mental health, community connection, and sustainable practices, demonstrating the programme's commitment to addressing the social determinants of health.

MoveWell Programme

- 7 November: Breathe Well sessions began at Ballynatty Community Hall, providing physical activity for individuals managing stable Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).
- 8 November: Move Steady sessions started at Moyross Community Centre, focusing on strength, balance, and fall prevention.
- 17 November: Weekly Breathe Well and Move Steady sessions continued at Ballynatty Community Hall and Moyross Community Centre, respectively.
- 24 November: Weekly sessions for both Breathe Well and Move Steady saw continued participation and engagement.
- 30 November: The final November session of Breathe Well was delivered, focusing on lung and heart health for participants.

Limerick Growing Communities

- 7 November: CWELL Community Growing Consultation held at UL City Centre Campus, engaging the community in discussions on sustainable gardening solutions.
- 9 November: Winter Jobs in the Garden and Growing in Small Spaces Workshop conducted at Tait House in Southill, teaching practical small-scale gardening strategies.

- 12 November: Designing Our Community Garden Workshop at St. Mary's Park Community Garden encouraged participants to create sustainable, productive gardens.
- 13 November: Fermenting and Storing Our Garden Produce Workshop at The Learning Hub, empowering participants with food preservation techniques.
- 19 November: Winter Jobs and Projects Webinar by Colm O'Driscoll provided practical gardening solutions for the winter months.

Venture Out Programme

COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) SingStrong Groups:

Moyross: Weekly sessions with 11 attendees, supporting vocal therapy and connection.

King's Island: Weekly sessions welcomed seven new participants.

Weston: Weekly sessions continued with seven participants supported.

Well-being Through Art Programme: Concluded successfully during the month, with strong attendance and meaningful engagement from participants.

Healthy Limerick

World Health Organisation (WHO) European Healthy Cities Network

Healthy Limerick is now commencing the formal application process to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network, Phase VII on foot of recommendations from the Department of Health, as part of the Healthy Ireland programme.

This follows a meeting between, Mayor of Limerick John Moran and Minister of State Colm Burke T.D, Kira Fortune, WHO Lead for the European Healthy Cities Network, Sandra Broderick, HSE's Regional Executive Officer, and

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representatives from the Department of Health and Limerick City and County Council in September. At that meeting, the benefits of joining the European Healthy Cities Network were discussed in detail. The first steps of the application process requires the submission of a completed Expression of Interest including a supporting letter from the Mayor of Limerick.

Migrant Health and Wellbeing:

Community music classes have been taking place in Hospital National School to support the integration of children attending that school. Community music programmes can provide numerous benefits to both refugee and local children, particularly in terms of integration including social inclusion, cultural exchanges, language development, emotional and psychological benefits to name just a few of the benefits. This project is a collaboration between Hospital N.S, Music Generation and Mid-West Simon and is funded by Healthy Limerick.

The Healthy Limerick Coordinator presented on food security: stakeholder engagement and a collaborative approach at a recent Community Food and Food Poverty Symposium in Dublin. The event was organised by the Community Food and Food Poverty Network and provided an overview of the work carried out by the Sláintecare Community Food and Nutrition workers at community level.

The Healthy Limerick Coordinator attended a seminar organised locally by ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services “Supporting Survivors of Domestic Abuse/Coercive Control by understanding Complex Trauma.”

Pride of Place

Limerick community groups triumphed at the prestigious Pride of Place community awards on 02 November at a gala ceremony hosted by Monaghan County Council in the Hillgrove Hotel and Spa, Monaghan.

- Johnsgate Residents Association First Place Winner - Urban Neighbourhood under 3000.
- Dromcollogher and District Care Centres and Housing for Older Persons Runners Up - Age Friendly

- The Butterfly Club Special Award - Inclusive Communities
- Rockhill/Bruree Community Council, received a nomination but were to come away empty handed on the night.

The purpose of the competition is to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities all over the island of Ireland, recognising endeavours of local people to create civic pride and make their communities great places to live. The competition focus is about people coming together to change and improve the daily lives of people in their communities.

Age Friendly

The Limerick 50 plus show

Age friendly Limerick were delighted to attend the Limerick 50 Plus show over two days early in the month. This show was very well attended and provided a great opportunity to increase the profile of the Age Friendly Limerick programme. It was also an ideal opportunity to gather expressions of Interest from people to join our Older Persons Executive. Both objectives were achieved.

Age Friendly Ireland Achievement and Recognition awards

A number of initiatives from Limerick were submitted to the Age Friendly Ireland Achievement and Recognition awards. Think Before You Park was submitted by Step Forward Disability Group situated in Hospital Resource Centre.

Think Before You Park is an initiative of Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with Step Forward Disability Group, An Garda Síochána, Irish Wheelchair Association, MS Limerick and Disability Advocacy. The initiative was shortlisted for the awards. The ceremony took place in Dublin on 07 November.

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5. Tourism

Tourism General

- As part of the Consultation Process for Limerick City and County Council's new Tourism Strategy 2025-2030 with Repucon Consulting (Consultant for new Strategy), an Internal Stakeholder Engagement Session was held on 05 November, a Limerick City and County Council Elected Members Workshop on 18 November and a Stakeholder Visioning Session with Terry Stevens (International Tourism Consultant/Associate with Repucon Consulting) on 27 November.

Ballyhoura Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)

- The first meeting of the working group for the Ballyhoura DEDP took place on 06 November at the Charleville Park Hotel. The process is being led by Fáilte Ireland's, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, Cork County Council, Ballyhoura Development and significant stakeholders. Repucon Consulting have been appointed as consultants to deliver a Destination Experience Development Plan for the Ballyhoura Region.

Limerick Greenway

- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout November and included the following:
 - Article in the Business Plus Magazine on 17 November Edition promoting Limerick Greenway and the local and nearby West Limerick towns/villages and businesses, following Editor Ben Haugh's visit.
 - Article in the Sunday World newspaper on 24 November promoting Wickham Way, Curraghchase Garden Centre and Limerick Greenway along with the local and nearby West Limerick towns/villages and businesses, following Journalist Saoirse Hanley's visit in early November.
- Articles from various media outlets promoting the upcoming *Santa's Greenway Fancy Dress Cycle* in December, including in the Limerick Leader on 28 November.
- 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 on 05 November.
 - Town Spotlight Post for November, which included Griston Bog.
 - A post highlighting the scenic views along Limerick Greenway, including the Allaghaun River, on 07 November.
 - An appreciation post for Business Plus Magazine's feature on Limerick Greenway, on 11 November.
 - A video post on 12 November highlighting the beautiful Tullig Wood, which is home to a diverse array of trees, plants and fauna.
 - A post encouraging Limerick Greenway users to do Limerick Greenway their way and to share their experiences by tagging the Facebook and Instagram pages and their experiences would be re-shared on the pages.
 - A post celebrating World Hello Day 2024, on 21 November, encouraging the public to visit Limerick Greenway and meet the people that make Limerick Greenway and its surrounding towns and villages in West Limerick unique and so welcoming.
 - Taste of West Limerick* Barnagh Greenway Hub 22 November event, Promotional and Acknowledgment posts on 15 and 27 November.
 - Santa's Greenway Fancy Dress Cycle promotional post on 26 November.

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- *Breakfast with Santa* events at Barnagh Greenway Hub over December, promotional post on 28 November.
- Various posts from 23 to 30 November letting the public know of the works done to clean up Limerick Greenway after the adverse weather conditions.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01 - 30 November:

Facebook

Reach: 26,834
Profile Visits: 600
New Page Followers: 22

Instagram

Reach: 5,604
Profile Visits: 146
New Page Followers: 49

Social Media Ads (Facebook and Instagram advertising stats combined)

Accounts reached 21,532
Post Engagements: 23,315
Link clicks (to the website): 32

Google Ads

Clicks: 1.12K
Impressions: 20.8K

Festivals and Events

The *Un-BUG-liveable Biodiversity Festival* took place up until the 21 November. The festival launched with a day of special events with a Bug Hotel Workshop, Biodiversity Lunchtime Lecture and Unveiling of the Community Garden Sculpture. Lunchtime Lectures took place on 07 and 14 November. On 07 November, Elizabeth Gabbett, a Limerick-based zoologist and ecologist, spoke on the importance of insects that are vital bio-indicators. On 14 November, Aine Flaherty spoke about Ireland's indigenous wild plants and wild pollinator species. The final event was the Limerick City and County Council Biodiversity Public Consultation that took place on 21 November. This festival coincided with the Hunt Museum's Creepy Crawlies Love/Hate Exhibition that brought attention to the crucial roles bugs play in biodiversity and our daily lives.

The *Prima Volta Weekender* is now in its tenth year. The three-day music and art festival took place from 22 - 24 November. The focus of this festival is to bring attention to emerging Irish talent, focusing on hip-hop, jazz and beat-driven music. The weekend got underway with a free show at Wickham Way with a performance by Broken Funk followed by a late-night event at the Record Room with performance by Hazey Haze and Negro Impacto. On 23 November creative workshops took place at the Starling Gallery with Irish rapper Celaviedmai on her creative process and composer and sound designer Wastefellow on music production workflow. The night concluded with performances from Peter Curtin and "Cooks But We're Chefs". The Final day was a free event at Wickham Way with acts Eva Keyes, Frankie Downbeat and Macca with special guest Jonezy.

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6. Discover Limerick DAC

CIE Tours visited King John's Castle as part of a "Familiarisation Trip" on 07 November. Darren Whelan, Private Drive and FIT Supervisor and his colleagues met with the Sales and Marketing Manager of Discover Limerick DAC who showed them around the castle. A positive discussion was held on the possibility of more CIE "Private Drive" customers frequenting the castle in 2025.

Discover Limerick DAC attended the Tourism Ireland "Ireland Meets Germany" industry event from the 12-14 November in Frankfurt, Germany. The Sales and Marketing Manager met with 25 tour operators and travel agents from the region, showcasing the Discover Limerick DAC sites to the German audience. Feedback was positive and new leads were generated from a business development perspective. Some of these new leads have already converted into new bookings for King John's Castle for the Summer of 2025, a testament to the importance of having a presence at these types of industry events.

RTE Primetime did a live outside broadcast from King John's Castle on the 14 November. The entire show, covering topical pre-election issues was broadcast from the castle courtyard, attracting prime national television airtime for the castle. Presented by Fran McNulty, the show interviewed Minister for Justice Helen McEntee, Teachta Dála Donnchadh Ó'Laoghaire and Teachta Dála Jim O'Callaghan to name just a few. The castle was referenced multiple times throughout the broadcast and presenter Fran McNulty praised the staff for the warm welcome they received. This was fantastic exposure for the castle and the wider Limerick City region on national television.

A group of *Fáilte Ireland* employees visited the castle as part of a "Familiarisation Trip" on 29 November. Over 20 delegates from the regional directorate, made up of the *Brand Experience and Visitor Engagement Teams*, were guided around King John's Castle and also treated to a "storytelling experience" by members of the castle's animation team. Feedback was positive with some mentioning they had never been to the castle before, but that they would definitely return with their families.



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

1. Regeneration and Sports

Economic Regeneration

- The fourth Jobs Fair of the year was held in Southill Hub on 21 November. Over 20 employers, educational and training bodies had information stands and demonstration equipment available for members of the public to engage with. New employer representatives included Glanmore Foods and the Pharmacy Store. These events are key actions delivered under the Outreach to Employment Programme, aimed at assisting individuals to identify education and training opportunities suitable to their needs and assist employers to talk directly to potential employees.

Members of the Defence Forces were there to offer advice on how to enter the Defence Forces recruitment pathway. Staff from Southill Hub, Afterschool's and Tait House took the opportunity to raise awareness of vacant posts within their service areas.

- On the 6 November, staff from the Regeneration, Sports and Recreation Directorate, accompanied by representatives from Limerick Youth Service, visited TUS (Technical University of Shannon) Moylish Limerick Campus to learn more about the Access to Apprenticeship courses delivered on site. This programme supports young people (16–24-year-olds) from disadvantaged background transition to an apprenticeship scheme.
- A further visit took place to the Moyross Youth Academy to learn about the range of courses in place and to see the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) campus delivering the Pathways to Construction Course.

- On the 13 November the Outreach to Employment Co-Ordinator visited the Probation and Linkage in Limerick Scheme (PALLS) building, located in Unit Two, Docklands Business Park. PALLS is an education and training centre which provides a supportive space for people (23 years and over) who are involved with the Probation Service and the criminal justice system. It aims to assist individuals to make positive changes in their lives by establishing connections and access pathways to employment and training.
- Staff from Moyross Community Enterprise Centre, Limerick Youth Service and Limerick City and County Council visited the Opera Site on the 22 November to get a first-hand understanding of the scale of the project.

Social Regeneration

King's Island

- On 14 November, Rebecca Hussey delivered the Community Garden Design Workshop as part of Limerick Growing Communities.
- The afternoon Tea Dance was held on 19 November. The Rogues provided music with attendees availing of refreshments after enjoying the music, dancing and socialising.
- As part of International Men's Day, 30 men attended the Community Centre to undertake health checks, therapies and meet with a physio. This was in conjunction the Body Tree.
- Weekly events held at King's Island Community Centre, including Crafty Mondays, Family Learning and Lego Club continued throughout the month.

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Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre held a welcome event on the 28 November for new residents to the area. Panto characters and local stakeholders were in attendance to share information on the various services and community resources available on their doorstep. Residents were treated to some spot prizes and entertainment, with the Moyross Choir singing some festive songs giving a festive feel to the evening.
- Regular classes including Good2Go, Boxercise and Functional Fitness were among the classes run at Moyross Community Enterprise Centre and Moyross Youth Academy
- Tuesdays in November saw Men's Social Soccer hosted on the Moyross Astro Turf.
- A Nutrition, Sleep and Hydration Talk was held at Moyross Community Enterprise Centre on 12 November. This was a free event, held during Science Week and was run in conjunction with Tara Mannix, from Limerick Sports Partnership.

Southill

- Craft and Gardening classes, under the Community Education programme supported by LCETB, took place at Tait House.
- Digital Literacy training was provided at Tait House, to clients of MidWest Simon. The support came from the Adult Literacy for Life initiative through LCETB and Solas.
- Tait House, in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, hosted visitors from Clare County Council. The group is interested in replicating the Relove Paint project. This project was launched in 2022, and helps provide affordable, high-quality paint for re-use in the local community.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions organised a festive trip, with 40 people from the Ballinacurra Weston community enjoying a trip to the Galway Christmas Markets. This fostered social connections and shared experiences for those who travelled. This initiative was delivered in partnership with Paul Partnership.
- Samantha Hannon, who is an Afterschool's Practitioner, graduated in Community and Addiction Studies. Sam continues to make a hugely positive impact with the Afterschool's Programme, which enhances the lives of the children who attend the Afterschool's Club.
- The Men's Group, hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group, are working towards finishing creations for the upcoming grotto. These activities are encouraging community engagement ahead of the Christmas period.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on the infill housing at Carew Park and in Moyross. The works are for a total of 24 rapid build units at Carew Park, Southill and Delmege Park/ Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Construction works are now complete on the final 27 units (Block E and F) of the Dalgaish Park / Cosgrave Park development.
- Construction works progressed on Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield, Southill (Phase 2).
- Design works progressed towards lodgement of a planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development in Moyross.

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- A public consultation was opened on the 16 November for changes to existing planning at Carew Park to include the construction of an additional two units. And opened for a four-week period. Plans and particulars are available for inspection on <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/>.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) is nearing completion with snagging in progress.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 123 (53 houses in Southill) is progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 125 (26 house in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 126 (52 houses in Southill) is nearing completion with snagging in progress.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston) is currently with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for Stage 3 approval.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments – Nine Properties

- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 – the remaining six houses in Lot 4a are progressing towards substantial completion at the end of November.

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments – 11 Properties

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 1 (three houses) is progressing on site.

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) is progressing on site.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 3 (three houses) has received Stage 1 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Work is ongoing to enable the project advance to the next approval level.

Minor Refurbishments

- Contractors continued to progress the refurbishment of three properties during November
- The refurbished homes at 16 Maigue Way and 6 Donoughmore Crescent, both in Carew Park, are ready to be allocated to tenants following conclusion of the works during the month.
- Snagging at properties 9 St. Senan's Street, St. Mary's Park and 2 De Vere Court, Carew Park were completed.
- Tendering for the refurbishment of four additional properties was commenced this month.

House Demolitions

- Property at 164 St. Munchin's Street was demolished.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued the detailed design of the scheme.

Colivet Court Apartments

- Pedestrian lift within the apartment block was installed – installation of a GSM kit is awaited before making lift operational.

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Kings Island Community Centre

- The Design Team, in conjunction with the Working Group, are progressing the design of the Kings Island Community Centre.

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick Sports Partnership's Boxing Clever Programme, which supports individuals on a recovery path from addiction, was featured on the Virgin Media Morning show. Excellent testimonials were provided by participants on how the programme has helped with their recovery. On completion of the programme participants secure a QQI Level 5 Health Related Fitness qualification and a QQI Level 5 Community Addiction studies qualification.
- Three past participants from the programme graduated from Technological University of the Shannon with a QQI Level 7 diploma in Community Addiction Studies.
- The LSP Team delivered over 80 different programmes, initiatives and education opportunities to over 1,100 registered participants throughout the City and County.
- The LSP Physical Activity for Health Officer, in partnership with the Community Healthcare Networks (CHN) Physiotherapists, has created a signposting opportunity for individuals with chronic conditions to engage in community based physical activity. This collaboration has seen a growth in engagement by over 20% from traditional medical signposting. This will lead to greater engagement and a reduction in repeat visits to the primary care centres.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- Sarah Lavin, two-time Olympian and Limerick native, visited the track on the 06 November. Sarah engaged with young members of West Limerick Athletics Club (A.C.) and assisted with training the children in different running and hurdling techniques. The event ended with Sarah signing autographs and participating in photographs with the athletes.
- There were 53 new registered users of the track, during November.
- Approximately 80 juvenile members of St. Mary's A.C. trained weekly.
- West Limerick A.C. continued to attend the facility, with an average of 80 Juvenile Members and 60 adults, completing their weekly skills training.
- The 'Couch to 5km' programme, run by West Limerick A.C., continued, having commenced earlier in the Autumn. A total of 100 participants attended each Thursday.

Rathbane Golf Course

- Rathbane Golf Course won the All-Ireland Business Federation Public Golf Course of the Year award, for the fifth consecutive year.
- There were 1,350 rounds of golf played during the month, approximately 66% were undertaken by course members.
- Members have engaged in volunteering at the course to assist key maintenance tasks, including raking of bunkers and painting of markers.
- Six competitions were run for ladies during the month and there were four events for male players, all of which were well attended.

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Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Works on the new gym area continued.
- 13 local primary and secondary schools completed swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre.
- Five local swimming clubs continued to use the amenity for their members.
- In partnership with Limerick Sports Partnership, Grove Island Leisure centre has introduced an Autism Hour, which is proving to be a welcomed addition.

Other Sporting Facilities

- Discussions with a number of clubs continued in relation to the Licensing or Leasing of playing facilities, in both the city and county.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Civil works for the Flood Relief and Mechanical and Electrical Upgrade continued throughout the month.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2778
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	441

Closed Housing Applications

	November	Year to Date
Closed Applications	64	890

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 November	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	2	16
Newcastle West	3	30
Metropolitan District	28	286
Cappamore-Kilmallock	4	44
Total	37	376

Refusals

	No. of Units November	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	4	33
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	8
Total	4	41

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2024 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
279	155	99	25

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	631
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	602
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	2

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,929 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	16
No. of Amendments	347
No. of Cessations	30

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€6,731,013	€20,191,169	€26,922,182	€18,858,837	€8,063,345	70 %

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Home Improvement Schemes

November 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	1	0	4	2	7
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€8,050.00	€0.00	€8,050.00
	No. Paid	0	0	2	0	2
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	3	5	16	2	26
	HAG Expenditure	€113,996.44	€59,317.29	€164,673.78	€0.00	€337,987.51
	No. Paid	14	8	18	0	40
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	7	13	83	3	106
	HOP Expenditure	€88,314.75	€144,729.80	€76,951.67	€44,895.00	€354,891.22
	No. Paid	23	30	23	10	86
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€20,203.00	€49,940.00	€287,641.80	€21,008.85	€378,793.65
	No. Paid	2	1	20	2	25

Total No. Approved	139
Total Monies Paid	€1,079,722.38
Total No. Paid	153

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - November 2024		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	8	7	36	5	56
	MAG Expenditure	€24,879.00	€16,750.00	€126,871.43	€14,106.48	€182,606.91
	No. Paid	8	7	33	4	52
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	49	70	213	37	369
	HAG Expenditure	€345,194.31	€491,156.49	€1,819,370.65	€340,790.96	€2,996,512.41
	No. Paid	44	71	199	43	354
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	111	162	382	93	748
	HOP Expenditure	€372,098.51	€673,568.94	€1,384,806.37	€360,036.39	€2,790,510.21
	No. Paid	94	152	340	82	668
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€39,537.73	€62,521.78	€676,515.26	€118,575.16	€897,149.93
	No. Paid	5	3	43	12	63

YTD Total No. Approved	1,173
YTD Total Monies Paid	€6,866,779.46
YTD Total No. Paid	1,137

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	November	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	47	340

Repossessions

	November	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	11	117

House Visits

	November	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	207	2,951

Garda Checks

	November	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	91	1,183

Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	November	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	293	293
Cases closed during month	186	968

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

Date: 14.10.2024		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	35
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	64
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	68
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		224

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	121	135	78
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	16	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		138	159	94

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	November	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	5	71
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	7	44
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	3	57
Loan Applications: No. approved	1	19
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	18	184
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	5	58
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	3	36
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	2	43
Title		
Title Deeds Received/ Requested	11	147
Title Rectifications Received	2	10
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	118	3,333

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	2
Ombudsman Query Cases	6
Data Access Requests	0

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered November	0
Year to Date	19

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

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits November	29
Year to Date	243

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns November	
Total	10

House Returns November By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	0
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	7
Total	10

During November, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of zero house returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, Three in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, zero in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and seven in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in November	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Major Refurbishments	2	65
Tenant in Situ Works	3	48
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	10	69
Major Refurbishments	3	42
Regeneration Team		
Major Refurbishments	1	21
Minor Refurbishments	27	22
Total	46	267
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	15

- In November, work on five properties was completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, work on 13 properties was completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and Work on 28 properties was completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of November, the Local Authority Construction team is in the progress of completing works on 113 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 111 properties and the Regeneration team are working on 43 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process 15 properties.

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Project Updates

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property at St Munchins Terrace, Bruree.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at three properties at Drominbeg Rhebogue, Sheelin Road Caherdavin and O Donoghue Avenue Janesboro.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at William Street and Churchview, Askeaton.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at Lelia Place, Clare Street.
- Contractor appointed for opening up works at property at Clancy Strand.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property at Lelia Place Clare Street.
- Stage 4 application form submitted to the Department of Housing for nine no. units at Church Glen, Ballylanders.
- Stage 1 – 3 application form submitted to Department of Housing for refurbishment works at two properties in Askeaton.
- Stage 4 approval received from the Department of Housing for 11 no. units at Cluain Dara, Broadford.
- Stage 1 approval received from the Department of Housing for nine no. units at Quarry Road, Thomondgate Park.
- Contractor appointed for construction of 11 no. units at Cluain Dara, Broadford.

Finance

Applications for funding totalling €4,261,906 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Limerick City and County Council recouped €2,468,008 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Complaints dealt with during November

Housing Maintenance Cases - November		Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.11.2024
Metropolitan District of Limerick		1017	861	1295
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale		88	88	463
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock		163	151	480
Municipal District of Newcastle West		121	91	678
TOTAL		1389	1191	2916

Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	0	3
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	2	17	2	15	36
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	38	0	2	40
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	3	3	8
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	2	60	5	20	87

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	0	4
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	8	0	3	11
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	12	1	12	25
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	1	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	25	1	16	42

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

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	1	0	9	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	19	23
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	3	3
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	6	0	31	37

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

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	4	0	5	9
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	27	34
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	1	1
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	12	0	33	45

HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - November - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	1
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	12
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	4
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	17
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	8

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered November	5
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) November	6
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	3
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	1
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	43

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Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects Ongoing – November	
1	Oak Lodge Roof Repairs
2	Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Convent Street Apartments, Limerick.
3	Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Pairc Luachra Apartments, Abbeyfeale.
4	Roof Repairs and New Smoke Ventilation Systems in Vizes Court, Limerick.

4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2024

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.11.2024 is as follows:

As at 31.11.2024 (01.01.2024 – 30.11.2024)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2024 Delivery Target
Build	93	272	365	513
Buy *	102	5	107	100
Lease	13	1	14	44
TOTAL	208	278	486	

*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 November and Cumulative to date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in November	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council before the Council engages with the landlord. It moves to ‘Proposal’ stage once the landlord consents to engaging with Limerick City and County Council to purchase	2	7
Proposals being reviewed	4	55
Sale Agreed	0	24
Purchase Completed	11	146
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	15	418
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	51
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	2	61
Grand Total	34	762

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Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Repair and Lease Scheme (RLS)	Approval for 7 units at Church Street, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Affordable Housing	Approval for the delivery of 51 affordable units in Newcastle West	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Affordable Housing	Approval for the delivery of 181 affordable units in Mungret	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Approval for the Turnkey delivery of 3 units in Roches Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	AHB CALF Turnkey submission for 86 no. units at Greenpark, Dock Road- Cluid Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Repair and Lease Scheme (RLS)	Submission for seven units at Church Street, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Submission for the leasing of one no. unit in Fr. Russell Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Affordable Housing – For Sale	Affordable Housing Fund application submitted to the Department for the delivery of nine no. affordable units in Newcastle West	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the CAS Renewal delivery of 1no. unit at Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 1 submission for the construction delivery of 6no. units at Cecil Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the acquisition delivery of 1no. Unit at Askeaton, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Communal Facility funding submission in relation to an ongoing construction project at Kilfinane, Co Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
SHIP Turnkey	Approval for the Acquisition of three no. Unit in Bridge Street, Knocklong, Co Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
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)	Project meeting held with National Development Finance Agency team and Lot seven Public Private Partnership Social housing participants. Governance policy reviewed and Limerick City and County Council representatives nominated. Design team procurement continued with tenders under evaluation. Site Investigation tender was advanced and under evaluation.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Design team meetings held and ongoing.</p> <p>Additional site surveys were conducted to include extended Fosse area. Bird and bat survey completed.</p> <p>Archaeological lab testing under review.</p> <p>Site investigation procurement completed and winning tenderer appointed.</p> <p>Preplanning design ongoing. Conceptual work for the community functions and public realm for the “Fosse” linear park was advanced.</p> <p>3D model and materiality were advanced for upcoming councillor workshop.</p> <p>Preplanning meeting held with Limerick City and County Council flooding representative on the draft Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification test.</p> <p>Preplanning meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Limerick City and County Council Roads on principle for streetscape and access.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison with Limerick City and County Council Archaeologist on design evolution.</p> <p>Meetings held regarding possible EU funding sources for the Fosse Linear SUDS park – Interreg North West Europe Call 5 proposal with Amsterdam City Council was advanced.</p>

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	Working group meeting was held and latest design iterations are under review.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification test Tender was advanced throughout November.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the preplanning design. Several design solutions progressed to establish optimal plan for accessing upper floors. The team are 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 November. Site investigations took place to prepare for the construction phase. Starting on site shortly.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	22	Judicial Review in progress. Project on hold.
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 November. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Approval was received from the Department on the 08 November. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
The Mills, Castletroy	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	100	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.



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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
Cloncanane	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	38	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Bru na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout November 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 November with Quantity Surveyor costings.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Croom	7	Currently in planning system at Further Information Stage.
	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 November for Phase 1 of the Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West Affordable Purchase scheme.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Approval was received from the Department on the 08 November. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	9	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November with valuations and Quantity Surveyor costings.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 7	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy	36	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November with Quantity Surveyor costings.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Castlecourt Kilmallock Co. Limerick	5	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
	Municipal District of Cappamore Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	28	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
	Municipal District of Cappamore Killmallock	Affordable Purchase in Knocklong	6	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Knockhill, Ennis Rd, Limerick	5	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.

Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €14,742,855 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in November.
- Claims totaling €11,053,493 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in November.

Conferences and Workshops

- Staff attended a Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) presentation by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage at the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick on 13 November. Two staff members from Housing Maintenance attended the National Retrofitting Conference 2024 on 28 November in Dunboyne Castle Hotel, Co. Meath.

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5. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meetings

The November Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 18 November.

Briefings/Workshops

A Briefing was held during November for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as follows:

- Briefing on THRIVE - King's Island Walled Town Framework;

Operational Area Briefings

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

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

Description of project: Norwood Park Footpath Improvement Scheme (complete)

Location: Ballysimon
Cost of project: €25,000
Contractor: Lynkeo

Description of project: Stradbally North Footpath Improvement Scheme

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

Description of project: St. Mary's Park Footpath and Road Upgrade Scheme

Location: Arthurs Quay City Centre
Cost of project: €50,000
Contractor: English Tar (Maramba)

Description of project: Inis Mor Fencing Scheme

Location: Ballykeefe
Cost of project: €14,000
Contractor: Liam Herlihy Fencing

Description of project: Active Travel Footpath Improvement Scheme - Fairgreen

Location: Fairgreen
Cost of project: €100,000
Contractor: Tallybrooke

Description of project: Active Travel New Footpath Scheme Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh

Location: R511 Roxborough
Cost of project: €125,000
Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited

Description of project: City Centre Footpath Pavement Repairs and Roads Maintenance

Location: City Centre
Cost of project: €10,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team

Description of project: Catherine Street / Glentworth Street Laneway Road Surface Upgrade (complete)

Location: Arthurs Quay City Centre
Cost of project: €100,000
Contractor: English Tar (Maramba) and Roadstone (Tarstone)

Description of project: Arthurs Quay Tourist Office Upgrade

Location: City Centre
Cost of project: €6,000
Contractor: English Tar (Maramba)

Description of project: Hartstonge Street Footpath Upgrade

Location: City Centre
Cost of project: €10,000
Contractor: English Tar (Maramba)

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Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The monthly meeting of the Municipal District took place on 12 November in Áras Sean Finn, Rathkeale.

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

- 81 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance team in November.
- 92 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance team in November.

Drainage Schemes

- Drainage works completed at Cahernessy, Ballingarry.

Office of Public Works (OPW) Minor Improvement Works

- OPW Minor Improvement Works completed at Ballyellinan, Askeaton.

Active Travel Schemes

- Active Travel Scheme completed at Ballyhahill which included drainage, new footpath and public lighting together with safety works adjacent the National School.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

The Municipal District meeting was held on 21 November in Aras Mainchin Seoighe, Killmallock. The new Standing Orders were unanimously agreed by all Councillors at this Meeting.

Home Improvement Schemes November:

Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptons:

- **No. of Inspections:**
 - Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme - 4
 - Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme - 11
 - Housing Aid for Older Person Grant Scheme: 25
 - Disabled Persons Grant: 2

Housing and Road Maintenance

- 93 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance team to 30 November
- 46 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance team to 30 November

Housing Grants:

Mobility Aid Grants:

- Approved : 2
- Paid: 0

Housing Adaptation Grants:

- Approved : 2
- Paid : 0

Housing Aid for Older People:

- Approved: 3
- Paid : 10
- Total Amount Paid: €44,895.00

Disabled Person's Grants:

- Approved: 0
- Paid: 2
- Total Amount Paid: €21,008.85

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Road Works

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

National Transport Authority Schemes:

- Herbertstown Bus Shelter
- Galbally Bus Shelter
- Main Street, Cappamore Bus Shelter

Low Cost Safety Schemes:

- R513 Knocklong to Mitchelstown Road Safety Barrier Works
- R515 Emmet Street Junction Works, Kilmallock
- R517 Kilfinane Road Safety Barrier Works
- Kilfinane Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 6 November - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West
- 6 November - Private Workshop on the Community Initiative Scheme
- 6 November - Private Workshop on the Budget 2025

Housing Grants

- 18 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €89,855.83
- Payments of €144,729.80 were made to 30 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €59,317.29 were made to eight 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

- 122 Microsoft Dynamics cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 173 Microsoft Dynamics cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- During the month of November the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 902 routine transactions generating an income of €145,645.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- The Judicial Review of the Limerick Development Plan was held over three days in the Four Courts.
- The preparation of a new Development Contribution Scheme is underway, and a briefing meeting was held with the Elected Members.
- Work continues on the King's Island Walled Town Framework Plan under Strand 1 THRIVE project and the preparation of site proposals commenced for the 'Fireplace Site', Nicholas Street in advance of the proposed application under THRIVE 2.
- The European Urban Initiative (EUI) held a two-day conference in Limerick on the 12-13 November, "Building the Future: Integrating NEB Values and Principles in Heritage Regeneration under THRIVE". The conference focused on the principle of the New European Bauhaus (NEB) and the applications of the Small Project Checklist and the NEB Toolbox. The team provided and narrated a walking tour of Limerick City to showcase examples of NEB in recent developments and in how the city operates.
- Under the Living City Initiative, seven no. final inspections and two no. certification of completion issued.

Heritage

As part of Heritage out-reach, the Heritage Officer gave lectures on heritage and planning legislation to courses in the Atlantic Technical University in Galway.

Conservation

- An integrated Design team was appointed for a structural assessment, asbestos assessment and cost plan for JD Daly's, which is on the Record of Protected Structures in Abbeyfeale.

Archaeology

- The Archaeologist Judged the Ancient Graveyards Category for Burial Ground Awards Ceremony and give a presentation at the Burial Ground Awards.
- The drawdown of the Irish Walled Towns Network Capital Grant for works to the City Wall on Island Road was completed.
- The recoupment of funding for the following was completed:
 - Stream 1 Community Monuments Grant for Galbally Church.
 - Stream 2 Community Monuments Grants for advance studies for Mahoonagh Church and a Conservation Management Plan for Croom Castle.
 - Stream 3 Community Monuments Fund Grant for Ballingarry Castle.
 - Recoupment also for 1 Stream Community Monuments Grant for Ballynoe Tower House.
- A presentation was given to St. Mary's Adult Education Centre on the City Walls as part of the Irish Walled Towns Network project.
- Doon Historical Society were given a lecture on Limerick City and County Council's work in Graveyards.
- A public presentation in Kilmallock of the Visualising Heritage Project was undertaken.

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2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

Planning Applications

A total of 96 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	2
Housing Developments	5
Domestic Developments	62
Agricultural Developments	4
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	14
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	6
Other Developments	3

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of extensions, modifications, alterations and new structures to a previously permitted and partly built Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Campus with a proposed total additional floor area of approximately 67,997 square metres at IDA Business and Technology Park, Raheen County Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) accompany this planning application.
- Construction of a residential development comprising 58 no. apartments in two no. five storey blocks, change of use and renovation of Loughmore House, which is a protected structure to a community building, demolition of fire damaged workshop building and all ancillary site development works at Baunacloka,

Raheen, Co. Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies this planning application.

- Construction of a residential development comprising 42 no. residential units and all ancillary site development works at Junction of Rhebogue road and Plassey Walk, Rhebogue.
- Construction of a residential development comprising 27 no. residential units and outline permission sought for 10 no. serviced site together with estate road, footpaths and associated site works at Bottle Hill, Doon, Co. Limerick.

Place Making

Limerick Wayfinding and Orientation Signage Project

- P&D Lydon completed the installation of signage throughout the city.

Cruises Street Urban Enhancements

- Todd's Bow Archway mural continued.
- Catenary support system for festoon lighting installed on Cruises Street and Chapel Street and on Todd's Bow.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Tenders sought from shortlisted contractors on 07 November for 33 and 34 Thomas Street project.
- Site visits held for tendering contractors.

Strand 3 - Pedestrian Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- An update to the Preliminary Business Case is with the URDF and National Transport Authority.

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Arthurs Quay Area Framework Plan

- Architects, Metropolitan Workshop, are leading a Multi-Disciplinary Team preparing the Arthur's Quay Area Framework Plan. Draft Report on the Non-statutory Public Consultation on an Options Report prepared

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Preliminary Business Case – Approval Gate 1 – Approval in Principle received on 07 November.
- Stakeholder meetings continued with businesses in the Market Quarter area.
- Developed Design stage continued.
- Conservation Architect procured.
- Access Consultant procured.
- Air Quality Monitors were installed in Market Quarter Area

Food Hub at the Milk Market

- Re-valuations received for four of the Milk Market units.

Capital Projects

O'Connell Street Phase 1

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

Abbeyfeale Public Realm Scheme Phase 1

- Eight tenders returned for prequalification of suitable contractors and are currently being assessed

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

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

- Ward and Burke contractor commenced contract on 11 November.
- Area A2 St. Ita's Road**
 - Stripping topsoil and stoning access road
- Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club and Lee Estate**
 - Erection of site fencing
 - Demolition of existing boundary wall to Athlunkard Boat Club in advance of piling works

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- The Castleconnell FRS was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 27 November under Section 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended). The FRS will comprise a series of walls and embankments along the banks of the River Shannon in Castleconnell, along with demountable flood barriers, road raising works, and removal of vegetation and alterations of a culvert on the Cedarwood Stream, a tributary of the River Shannon in the northern part of Castleconnell. The scheme will provide protection against fluvial flooding to the 1%AEP (1 in 100-year event) standard and will provide protection to 50 properties within Castleconnell. Further information is available via the scheme website at <https://www.castleconnellfrs.ie>.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on the 18 November to monitor and assess the project progress.

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Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on the 04 November to assess and monitor the project's progress. This was followed by a site walkover in the City Centre area.
- Optioneering 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.
- Ground investigation works continued. This work will ensure a thorough understanding of site conditions for details design stage.
- Geophysical surveys across the scheme area are progressing, providing crucial data for optioneering.
- The draft Hydraulic Report is still under review, following input from Limerick City and County Council and Office of Public Works.
- Ecology surveys continue to and will support the environmental assessments.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Cost Benefit Analysis were received and are being reviewed.
- The first draft of the Options Report is also still under review.

4. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) DAC

Opera Square

Progress Update

- Topping out was completed on One Opera Square.
- Mechanical and Electrical fit-out works progressed in One Opera Square
- Remainder of Basement – The basement beneath Contract D (14 storey) and the attenuation tanks on Bank Place are now complete.
- ESB ducting works on Rutland St and Patrick St complete.
- Existing Buildings – Remedial works to the damage in 1 Patrick Street progressed well and are largely complete.

Project Media Engagement

Open Viewing at Opera Square: LTT held an open viewing at Opera Square on 09 November. Two paper advertisements, along with a press release and social media posts issued notifying the public. Spots filled up immediately via an online booking system, and LTT and Sisk welcomed 262 visitors on the day. Coverage was shared across social media platforms.

Irish Construction Industry Awards (ICIA) 2024: Opera Square was shortlisted in the Excellence in Sustainability category at the ICIA. The ceremony was held in the Royal Convention Centre on 07 November and four representatives from LTT attended. Posts were shared across social media platforms.

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Cleeves Riverside Quarter (CRQ)

Progress Update

Heritage works

- Surveys and investigations progressing to inform designs. Stage 2A1 Outline Designs completed and outline cost plan completed.
- Phase 1-Public Realm and Residential Zones:** Stage 2A1 Outline Designs completed and outline cost plan completed. Specialist consultants appointed for a Home Performance Index Assessment, including daylight sunlight assessments etc. Stakeholder engagements progressing. Meetings held with Limerick City and County Council (Planning and Traffic etc.).
- Environmental Assessment:** Specialists appointed to carry out environmental studies (Archaeologist, Ecologist, Traffic Surveys etc.)

TUS CRQ City Campus:

- Options Appraisal progressed. Second user group workshop held.

Project Media Engagement

Heritage Works:

- On 06 November, a film shoot was held at Cleeves Riverside Quarter to capture video footage of the Flaxmill Building prior to scaffolding being erected. This initiative is part of the Heritage Works with Conservation Architect James Sibson. He spoke in detail about the history of the building. LTT worked on video content to showcase the history of the building.

Other Projects

Progress Update

Gardens International

- Walking Tour:** The tour held on 12 November, was organised by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council and LTT. The tour aimed to showcase Limerick City and included LTT sites. Participants were given a briefing at Cleeves Riverside Quarter, followed by a detailed presentation and overview by the CEO in Gardens International. The tour concluded with a site visit to Opera Square. Approximately 90 people attended the tour.

Project Media Engagement

- An Garda Síochána:** held a Public Speaking Workshop in the Vault of Gardens International for twelve attendees on 12 November. Details were shared across social media platforms.
- Bisnow:** LTT provided the opening presentation at the Bisnow Ireland Residential Investment and Development Conference at the Aviva Stadium on 21 November. The update was well received, and a post was shared to LTT social media.

Expressions of Interest Sites

Thomondgate

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

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

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





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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 53,977 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAPSSC at the end of November.
- A weekly average of 160 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2024.
- The November landlord payment run was €53.398 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of November, 2024 was €3.094 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €144.572 million in differential rent to end of November.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of November was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 7,480 HAP debt reminder letters in November.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of callouts 01.11.2024 – 26.11.2024	65	75	140
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	74%	35%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	22%	46%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	4%	19%	

	No. Received/Assigned	No. Validated/Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications November 2024	19	15	1	24	
Disability Access Cert Applications November 2024	12	12	0	8	
Licensing Applications November 2024	7	7			
Commencement Notice	41	37	4	0	
November 2024	22	13	0	0	
Completion Certificate	19	10			

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following activity took place in November:

- 20 fire fighters and officers completed Swiftwater First Responder Training in the River Shannon
- Three new recruits from Cappamore, Rathkeale and Kilmallock completed three-week Fire Fighting Skills course in Bandon Fire Station, Co. Cork.
- 16 fire fighters completed refresher training in the 'Bronto' high reach appliance
- A Senior Officer attended a Media Skills course in Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
- Rostered Senior Officers attend a one-day seminar in Tullamore, Co. Offaly
- An officer from Abbeyfeale completed a Managing Fire Service Incidents - Module Two course in Bray, Co. Wicklow.
- Rathkeale Fire Station delivered another hugely successful Transition year course, bringing in transition year students from surrounding schools and training them for a week in the practices of the Fire Service.

Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in November:

- Patient Transfer – patient residence to University Hospital Limerick return
- Run in the Dark - University of Limerick, Limerick
- Regional Exercise - Hosted by Clare Civil Defence.
- Medical Cover - Light Up Coolcappa, Ardagh, Co. Limerick

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - November	November	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	6	7	13
Municipal Districts	17	0	17

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - November	November	Total 2024
Metropolitan District	64	6	70
Municipal Districts	51	1	52

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action

Climate Action Team

- St. Marys RFC (Rugby Football Club) completed their Community Climate Action Project by installing 36 435-watt solar panels on the Club roof.
- Ballyneety Men's Shed also installed six raised beds as part of their Community Climate Action Project.
- The Community Climate Action Officer attended two climate action events and completed the A-Z of local government course.
- The Community Climate Action Officer and Climate Action Officer delivered a programme on Climate Change in Salesian's Primary School to two groups of fifth class students.
- The Climate Action Officer attended the following -
 - 05 November Local Authority Climate Forum - Agents for Change Conference, Portlaoise.
 - 20 November EPA Green Public Procurement Webinar.
 - 20 November Empowering Irish local authorities in effectively communicating climate action organised by Tipperary Energy Agency under the European Union funded *OwnYourSECAP* (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan) Project.
 - 27 November Local Authority Climate Forum.

Energy Management

- The third quarterly meeting for the year of the Energy Management Team was held on the 21 November.

- The Energy Reports for the three Significant Energy Users Buildings, Merchants Quay, Dooradoyle Office and Lissanalta House were presented recently, with substantial Lists of Opportunities developed for each building.

Veterinary Services

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	18
Number of horses seized	23
Food Safety Authority of Ireland Samples tested	1

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	31
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	47
Warnings issued	0
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory Notices issued	0
Prosecutions initiated	2
Fines issued	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed	5
DOMESTIC WASTE AND LITTER TEAM	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	105
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	442
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	5
Statutory Notices issued	11
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	34

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Clean ups

One large clean -up of illegal dumping was completed during the month, in Banogue, Co Limerick.

Parks

Works Undertaken in November

Location	Description of works
Westfields Wetlands	Bulrush removal for the year is now complete at this location.
Baggot Estate Dog Park	Construction of a new dog park at this location is now nearing completion.
Lough Gur	Works are now well under way on a wheelchair set down area. These works consist of removal and re-use of existing stone to build a new stub wall to enclose the set down area and use of new Liscannor Stone on the ground.
Clare Glens	Installation of the two new pedestrian bridges is now complete, and these are open to the public.
Playgrounds at Munget, Kilmallock and Askeaton	Wet pour surfacing repairs were completed at these 3 locations.
The Ferry Playground, Castleconnell	An inclusive roundabout has been installed.

Contracts progressed in November

Location	Description of works
Cappamore and Kilmallock Playgrounds (redevelopment project)	Tender redesign layout and installation of playground equipment and soft play areas is now at tender assessment stage.
Cappamore and Kilmallock Multi-Use Games Areas (redevelopment project)	Tender re design, supply and installation of Multi-Use Games Areas to include fencing and synthetic surfacing is now at tender assessment stage.

Ballynancy Landscape Projects

The landscape contractor has commenced works at the Monabraher Road site and the Ballygrennan Road site which includes installation of walkways and tree and shrub planting. On 19 November an information evening was held in Ballynancy Community Hall to provide the community with details of plans and give an opportunity for the community to have their say regarding future planting on these green spaces.

GoGreen Routes

On 20 November Limerick City and County Council together with A Playful City hosted a fun and play event on the Castletroy Greenway for children and adults. This event was enjoyed by approximately 200 primary school children and 25 adults and included an opportunity to learn about the Go green Routes project, funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Innovation Action Programme, and to take part in traditional games from countries across Europe as well as a nature scavenger hunt.

On 28 November Limerick City and County Council took home the award for Public Space and Planning at the 2024 KPMG Property Industry Excellence Awards for their transformation of a brown site on the Castletroy Greenway into a sustainable play space. These Awards, in association with the Irish Independent, celebrate the best in leadership, innovation and sustainability in the Irish property sector.

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Music in Castletroy Neighbourhood Park

On 17 November the Redemptorist Centre of Music and St. John's Brass and Reed Band were kind enough to entertain the public with a music recital under the bandstand.

Cemeteries

Burial Ground Awards 2024

On 13 November, the Annual Burial Grounds Community Awards were held in Knockaderry Community Centre. There was a large community attendance on the night. Cllr. Jerome Scanlon represented the Mayor of Limerick at the event. 25 Community Groups were awarded prizes ranging from €500 to €1,500 per group. This represented a 300% increase in prize fund from previous years. The Overall Winner in the Ancient Category was Crecora Old Burial Ground and the Overall Winner in the Modern Category was Springfield Burial Ground, Broadford. In addition, there was a new category of "Most Improved Burial Ground" this year, which was awarded to Fanningstown Burial Ground.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in November

Mount St. Lawrence	19
Mount St. Oliver	16
Castlemungret	13
Kilmurry	1

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
Farm Re-Inspections	11	Follow-up to see programmed works completed.
Microsoft Dynamics Complaints	8	Respond / Follow-up to Complaints from members of Public
Invasive Species website	4	Checked website for new reports of invasive species.
Planning Files	13	Review agricultural planning applications and comment back to planning.
Farm File Reviews	13	Review farm files, Farmyard Management Plans and write out advisory/warning letters accordingly.
Forestry Referrals	7	Assessment of forestry applications referred from forestry service.
Training	4	Local Authority Water Programme Plenary; Managing Irelands Water in a Changing Climate
National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) Farm Inspection Risk assessment	4	Desktop review of farms to prioritise high risk farms for inclusion in NAIP inspections.
Poultry Docket Review	100	Review of poultry dockets
Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Inspections	1	Review of Department and Local Authority GAP Inspections scheduled for 2025 to ensure no duplication
NAIP Inspections	14	National Agricultural Inspection Programme inspections carried out
Meeting with Internal Agency	2	Meeting with Climate Action
Meeting with External Agency	6	Assessment of Hydrometric Stations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Pesticides Meeting, National Biodiversity (Invasive Species)

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Environmental Awareness

Re-love paint

A collaborative meeting was held in Mungret Recycling Centre/Unit 17 Galvone Industrial Estate with the Rediscovery Centre, Clare County Council, Tait House Social Enterprise and the Environmental Awareness Officer Limerick City and County Council in order to progress the Limerick/Clare Re-love paint project in early 2025.

Tidy Towns

Limerick City and County Council had 51 entries in the 2024 National Tidy Towns competition. This included one new entrant from Granagh. The 2024 results were published on 02 November and there was much delight at the achievements of groups across Limerick City and County. We were very pleased for Limerick City Tidy Towns who moved from a Bronze to a Silver Medal in Category H. Further information available at www.tidytowns.ie.

Limerick Results in National Tidy Towns Competition 2024

A	Under 200	E	5,001 to 10,000
B	201 to 1,000	F	10,001 to 15,000
C	1,001 to 2,500	G	15,001 to 25,000
D	2,501 to 5,000	H	25,001 and over

Category A		
Ardpatrick - Ard Pádraig	371	Bronze Medal
Templeglantine - Teampall an Ghleannán	349	
Kilmeedy - Cill Míde	338	
Tournafulla - Tuar na Fola	319	
Kilteely - Cill Tíle	318	
Glenbrohane - Gleann Bruacháin	308	
Glenosheen - Gleann Oisín	304	
Feenagh - Fíonach	300	
Glenroe - An Gleann Rua	290	
Kilcornan - Cill Churnáin	285	
Garrienderk - Garraí na Déirce	284	
Ballyhahill - Baile Átha Dhá Thuile	275	
Elton - Eiltiún	264	

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Category B		
Galbally - An Gallbhaile	376	County Second & Silver Medal
Broadford - Ath Leathan	355	
Glin - An Gleann	355	
Bruff - Bru na nDeise	347	
Athea - Áth an tSléibhe	345	
Doon - Dun Bleisce	333	
Kilfinane - Cill Fhíonáin	331	
Anglesboro - Gleann na gCreabhar	330	
Mountcollins - Cnoc Uí Choileáin	328	
Knocklong - Cnoc Loinge	324	
Patrickswell - Tobar Phadraig	321	Endeavour Award
Ballysteen - Baile Stiabhna	299	
Cappamore - An Cheapach Mhór	294	
Rockhill-Bruree-Village - Cnoc na Carraige - Bru	277	
Woodlawn - Plásóig na Coille	277	
Dromcollogher - Dromcollchoille	273	
Gouldavoher - Gabhal an Dá Bhóthar	271	
Meadowbrook Corbally-Sruthá na Cluana	269	
Ballingarry - Baile an Gharraí	265	
Oola - Ubhla	261	
Granagh - Greanach	252	
Pallaskenry - Pailís Chaonraí	246	

Category C		
Adare - Áth Dara	381	County First & Gold Medal
Kilmallock - Cill Mocheallóg	356	
Askeaton - Eas Géitine	349	
Croom - Cromadh	346	
Murroe - Maigh Rua	333	
Ballyneety - Baile an Fhaoitigh	331	
Hospital - An tOspidéal	322	
Rathkeale - Ráth Caola	311	
Annacotty - Áthnacoite	304	
Caherdavin - Cathair Dhaibhín	296	
Caherconlish - Cathair Cinn Lish	284	
Moyross - Maigh Ruis	278	
Southill - Cnoc Theas	273	

Category D		
Castleconnell - Caisleán O gConaing	372	County Third & Silver Medal

Category E		
Newcastle West - Caisleán Nua Thiar	358	Bronze Medal

Category H		
Limerick City - Cathair Luimních	358	Silver Medal



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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Business Improvement

- A total of 915 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 714
- Business Improvement assisted Planning and Place Making in a non-statutory public consultation regarding the proposed Blue Green Ring Masterplan on My Point.
- Business Improvement worked with Rural Development to launch three Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) grants – the “Measure 2/3 Expression of Interest” form, the “Project Development Measure Expression of Interest” form and the “Measure 1 Expression of Interest” form.
- Limerick City and County Council won three awards at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.
 - Riverfest Limerick won Festival of the Year 2024.
 - Living Again: Vacancy, Dereliction and Reuse initiative won the Local Authority Innovation Award
 - The Limerick Migrant Forum won in the Diversity and Inclusion category.

2. 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 November.

New Procurement References set up	35
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	9

The Unit continues to work with staff of all departments to ensure procurement to pay cycle is 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 stats apply for November.

- Approved requisitions account for 82% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions account for 18% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

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Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
November	1,720	381	2,101

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

Rejection Reason	November
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – omitted/insufficient detail	79
Request for Quotes - omitted	70
Quotes - omitted/incorrect copy provided	57
Procurement Reference omitted/incorrect	49
Documentation attached omitted/incorrect	47

Register of Electors

Staff from the Register of Electors team processed the following during the month of November.

- Additions to the Electoral Register - 4,507
- Deletions from the Electoral Register - 967
- Modifications to the Electoral Register - 1,199

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Chemical Awareness	2
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	15
Fire Warden	5
First Aid	4
IOSH Safety Health and Environment for Construction Site Training	8
Manual Handling	5
Safe Pass	11
Total Staff Trained	50

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Schedule of Meetings for November

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	01/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	25/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Statutory Budget 2025 Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	29/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	05/11/2024 05/11/2024 06/11/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	06/11/2024	Newcastle West and Online
Adare/Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	12/11/2024	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore/Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	21/11/2024	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	18/11/2024	Merchant's Quay and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	05/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	05/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	19/11/2024	Online
Party Leaders' Meeting	22/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	22/11/2024	Dooradoyle and Online

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Access to Information

	November	2024 (January to November)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	17	218
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	0	17
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	6
Total Ombudsman Requests	5	51
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	25

Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support our 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 November:

- Customer Services call centre answered 11,540 calls. This represents an average of 550 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 664. A total of 78% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 4,127 emails processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 3,588 cases were created on Dynamics CRM, with 953 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. 3,439 cases were closed, with 836 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.

- Of the 3,588 cases created, 66% were logged by the Customer Services team.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 356 cases being logged. Of these, 341 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests, and throughout the month, 97% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Limerick Metropolitan area were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay offices.
- A total of 127 out of hours cases being created.
- Customer Services continued to provide other frontline services to the general public, such as processing applications for Residential Parking Permits, of which 95 were applied for and 71 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,282 customers at our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

3. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

- Christmas in Limerick Marketing Campaign
- Launched a five-week, multi-media campaign for 'Christmas in Limerick 2024', across social media, digital, TV, radio and print media channels.
- Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, officially launched the campaign at a media event at the Limerick Strand Hotel on the 20 December.
- The campaign launch highlighted some of our talented local producers including Treaty City Brewery, Ballyhoura Ceramics and SOS Cookies.

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- Developed a dedicated online campaign hub in Limerick.ie/Christmas, the official online guide to Christmas in Limerick, promoting a full seasonal event and activity schedule.
- The campaign includes a five-week paid and organic social media schedule, including live content capture, social media influencer engagement to increase reach, social media competitions to increase engagement and the creation of dedicated Christmas in Limerick content and graphic creation.
- Produced a comprehensive Christmas in Limerick event guide, in digital print.
- Print flyers and table top tent card, complete with a QR code directing individuals to Limerickie/Christmas were distributed to businesses throughout the city and county.
- Christmas in Limerick flags were created and erected on the bridges throughout the city.
- Print and digital adverts are scheduled in local press including the Limerick Leader and Limerick Post. The campaign includes digital display advertising and sponsored content creation.
- Radio ads have been produced in English and Irish languages and are scheduled at regular intervals across Live 95, Clare FM and Spin SouthWest.
- Videography and photography services have been engaged, so as to capture the atmosphere and vibrancy of the Christmas in Limerick offering and to ensure all communications reflect this for both the 2024 campaign and future campaigns.
- Created a one-minute Christmas in Limerick 2024 campaign video, which was rolled out extensively across social media and launched at the Christmas in Limerick 2024 launch event at the Limerick Strand Hotel on the 20 Dec.
- The video was also translated into Irish and will be broadcast at regular intervals in the lead up to Christmas on Irish language station TG4.
- Dedicated e-newsletters and press releases coinciding with event content are released on a weekly basis throughout the campaign.

Other Marketing Activity

- Brand Limerick's development has been shortlisted for the Brand Impact Story Awards 2025.
- A submission has been made to the LAMA 2025 awards under the Best Communication / Innovation category for Limerick, A Different Kind of Energy
- Ongoing preparation and content creation for our
- Limerick on Foot 2025 marketing and communications campaign, ahead launch in January 2025.
- Brenda Barry, a local social media influencer has been engaged to create content with a Shop Local theme to roll out on Limerick.ie social media across November and December.
- Marketing support provided to colleagues in Limerick City & County Council as well as external stakeholders including The Bedford Townhouse and The Limerick Strand Hotel.
- MarComms also presented to Limerick City & County Council's new inductees during December, detailing the function of the department.

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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 seven main social media platforms now as follows:
 - Limerick.ie Facebook: 35,579
 - Limerick.ie X: 21,428
 - Limerick.ie Instagram: 34,758
 - Limerick.ie TikTok: 2,990
 - Limerick City and County Council X: 18,745
 - Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 1,673
 - Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 14,037

Limerick.ie

In November, there were 184,133* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 13% increase on the same period in 2023. (*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in November 2024 were:

- www.limerick.ie
- www.limerick.ie/christmas
- www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
- www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs
- www.limerick.ie/council

Content Report: 82 articles and 275 events were added to Limerick.ie in November.

Communications

- Issued 31 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 25 speeches for the Office of the Mayor
- Posted 269 times across Limerick City and County Council's three social media account, with total followers now 34,455. Our tweets earned 334,770 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.
- Social posts to promote:
 - Options Report for Arthur's Quay Framework Plan
 - IPB Pride of Place Awards 2024
 - Town Centre Strategy for Newcastle West
 - Turnkey Acquisition Campaign
 - Limerick Regional Athletics Hub
 - Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
 - Recruitment Opportunities
 - Christmas in Limerick 2024 Launch
 - Active Travel Schemes
 - Affordable Housing Scheme in Castletroy
 - Excellence in Local Government Awards
 - Christmas Merry and Bright Challenge

