



## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans are in place to support Our Lady of Lourdes, Childers Road, in the upgrade of their existing structure and facilities.

### **LCCC Response**

Following a recent meeting with Our Lady of Lourdes, a conditional assessment is being sought from their consultants after which Regeneration will review refurbishment and/or re-development options for their operations.

Signed: Declan White  
Declan White  
A/Senior Executive Officer  
Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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**Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on site acquisition for a new graveyard in the Castletroy area.

**Response**

In our reply to Question raised by Cllr Secas on this issue dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 the response stated:

'The Council have identified a number of sites for a new burial ground to serve the Castletroy area and have completed a desktop exercise in relation to same. Each of the sites require site investigation to determine ground conditions and general suitability of the site for a burial ground. This process is underway and a preferred site will be identified in due course.'

Since the date of our previous response, the Council have carried out further analytical assessments and discounted a number of the initial sites identified for various reasons i.e. not being either suitable or available. Of those remaining sites including one new location we are engaging with the property owners in order to obtain necessary permissions to carry out physical assessments of same.

**Aidan Finn**  
Senior Engineer.

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**



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### **Question submitted by Councillor Joe Pond:**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that following on from further recent acts of anti-social behaviour on Castletroy Greenway, can I have an update on the CCTV scheme that is proposed for the Castletroy Greenway.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council's Digital Services CCTV team submitted a Community CCTV application for the Castletroy Greenway to An Garda Síochána on Friday, 30th August 2024. Subsequently, on Friday, 11th October 2024, Limerick City and County Council, in collaboration with members of An Garda Síochána from the Limerick Division, made a presentation on this proposal to the Garda CCTV Advisory Committee for their consideration. This application is currently under review by the Garda Commissioner's team. We anticipate receiving the outcome of the application within the next few weeks.

Alan Dooley,  
**Head of I.S. - Digital Strategy – EU Programmes – CCTV - Telecoms**



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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick Council advise why people in receipt of the bin waiver have to pay a subsidy to their bin provider if they go over a certain weight. The weight allowance is very low if elderly people living alone have to pay fees towards the second half of the year.

**REPLY:**

The weight allowance for Household Waste Subsidy Scheme is 120kg per bin, i.e. 120kg General Waste, 120kg Mixed Dry Recyclables, 120kg Food Waste Recycling, a total of 360kg.

During 2022, Limerick City and County Council tendered for the establishment of four (4) Single Party Framework Agreements for the provision of Household Waste Collection Services for a subsidised scheme in four (4) lots as follows;

- Lot 1 Limerick Metropolitan District
- Lot 2 Newcastle West Municipal District
- Lot 3 Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District
- Lot 4 Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District

As the Council was aware that there were increases in the provisions of these services the tenderers were asked to submit costings for three (3) options as follows;

- Option 1: 180kg, Option 2: 160Kg, and Option 3: 120kg.

A full evaluation of all the tenders received was completed and based on the quality of the tenders and the available budget, Limerick City and County Council proceeded with option 3 i.e. 120kg per bin.

Seamus O'Connor  
LCDC Chief Officer  
Community Development Department  
Rural, Community & Culture Development Directorate.

**13th December, 2024.**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if road calming measures can be installed at the junction of Willow Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, Caherdavin Heights, as this junction has been flagged as dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists by local residents.

### Reply:

Active Travel will review road calming measures at the junction of Willow Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, Caherdavin Heights with Limerick City and County Council Travel & Transport Operations & Maintenance as part of NTA allocation for 2025.

Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,  
Active Travel Dept.,  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.



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

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has plans to improve footpaths on Caragh Avenue, Caragh Drive and Sheelin Road, Caherdavin, as part of their ongoing footpath improvement works in the Caherdavin area.

### Reply:

Footpath improvements in the Caherdavin area will be prioritised based on need, resource allocations and funding from the Department of Transport, the NTA and other sources of funding such as General Municipal Allocation. The locations described at Caragh Avenue, Caragh Drive and Sheelin Road, Caherdavin may be considered if deemed a priority over other footpaths in need of refurbishment throughout the Metropolitan North area.

Mike Richardson, S.E.E.  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,  
Travel & Transport Strategy,  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.



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**Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Mayor's Fund initiative that traditionally provides hampers from the Milk Market to Limerick families in need.

**REPLY:**

The Mayor's Christmas Coal tradition, once a gesture of goodwill, involved distributing a bag of coal to the needy in Limerick City. This was an unadvertised gesture, offering assistance to the very needy of Limerick city.

Over time, due to environmental concerns, the tradition was adapted, and the coal was replaced by a food hamper, but the scheme remained unadvertised, restricted to Limerick City, and without any clear process for the Mayor to identify the most needy citizens, or for them to apply.

I understand that funds to purchase the coal, and more recently hampers sourced at the Milk Market, came mostly from donations by the business community in Limerick City given to the Mayor to operate the scheme.

Currently, funds allocated by the exchequer to the Directly Elected Mayor are subject to strict public sector spending rules. These rules prohibit implementing such a scheme without a fair and transparent process, as this would risk creating a perception of patronage, given that the Mayor is directly elected and the beneficiaries, who are also voters, might appear to receive benefits solely through the Mayor's arbitrary discretion. Furthermore, it would be deemed inappropriate for a directly elected Mayor to solicit donations from the business community to fund the distribution of hampers to a group of people selected based on unadvertised criteria, while excluding those residing in the County.

I nonetheless recognise the value of the tradition, and would be happy in my role as Mayor to lend non-financial support to an initiative to continue the tradition in some more appropriate form – perhaps led by the Príomh Chomhairleoir or the Chair of the Metropolitan District or any group of Councillors. If so, I would suggest that the Councillors wishing to maintain the tradition come up with rigorous and fair criteria for choosing the recipients and funding the scheme.

In any case, I would advise anyone in need of support during the festive period to contact Citizens Information or other charities supported by Council funds for sources of assistance.

**John Moran**

**Mayor of Limerick**