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## MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2025.

### **Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

I will ask at the next Meeting what the Council's supplies of salt were at the start of the cold period earlier this month and if all those supplies have been exhausted.

#### **REPLY:**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Limerick City & County Council had a total of 2200 tons of salt stock in our depots. During the cold period from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 multiple surface treatments were carried out using a total of 2150 tons of salt. During this period salts stocks were also replenished.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January there was 1170 tons of salt in stock, with additional deliveries expected shortly.

John Gannon,

Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 22/01/2025



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## **COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

### **Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

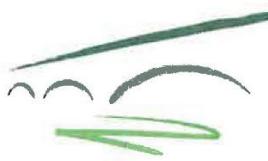
I will ask at the next Meeting can you detail how Limerick City and County Council has liaised with Clare County Council and UL regarding plans for the upgrade of the Black Bridge in Plassey, in the context of the Plassey Bank Project, and outline the timeline for the commencement and completion of these works.

### **Reply:**

The Limerick to Scariff Greenway project is being managed by Waterways Ireland, which is currently at the route selection stage and The Black Bridge is being considered as part of that process. Limerick City & County Council is part of a project steering group for the project and has engaged with other key stakeholders, including Clare County Council, as part of that group. Should The Black Bridge be identified as being on the emerging preferred route for the project, then further assessment will follow, and this will be driven by Waterways Ireland who are managing the scheme for TII.

**David E. Leahy,**  
**Senior Executive Engineer,**  
**Mid West National Road Design Office,**  
**Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**

**Date: 23/01/2025**



**MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL to be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will ask at the next meeting for the official monthly head count of rough sleepers for the past 6 months.

**REPLY:**

The Homeless Action Team report our rough sleeper numbers quarterly to the Department.

Below is a snapshot of the most recent submission covering July 2024 to December 2024.

It should be noted that individual persons can be counted in each 4 categories of the return as there is a lot of crossover between the individuals on each line and many of them are counted on all 4 lines of the return throughout the quarter.

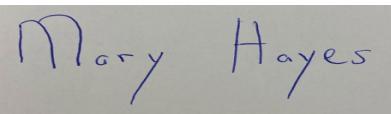
At our annual rough sleeper count which took place in December we counted 21 rough sleepers which is close to the figure from our quarter 4 return.

Our Outreach Team from Ana-Liffey have worked extremely hard throughout the year building relationships with many of the people who are rough sleeping and have encouraged them to contact the Homeless Action Team in an effort to get them to avail of services. Many of the people rough sleeping have serious challenges around addiction and mental health and the Outreach Team find it takes time to build the level of trust before they will engage.

The Outreach Team will also signpost rough sleepers to other services that are available for instance the Drop In Centre managed by St. Vincent de Paul or towards the HSE for health issues and they will continue to engage with them in an effort to ultimately get them into accommodation services.

**Table 10: Number of persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging in contact with Outreach Team – Limerick Only**

Persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging in contact with Outreach Team	During the Quarter (Q3 2024)	During the Quarter (Q4 2024)
Number of persons in contact with Outreach Team Bedded Down	61	25
Number of Persons in contact with Outreach team Not Bedded Down	68	55
Total Individuals in contact with Outreach Team	80	61
Number of persons who also used Emergency Accommodation	47	35



Mary Hayes  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Support Services  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2025.**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting for resources available to Limerick Council for complaints of animal welfare issues, including horses, during the recent freezing weather.

Animal Health and Welfare functions as set out under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 lie within the remit of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Where the Council receive complaints of suspected animal cruelty or welfare issues they are reported to the DAFM Vets unit on the ground in Limerick.

The Council Horse Control team operate under the Control of Horses Act 1996. Under the Act the Council has the power to seize and detain any horse found straying on public lands. Horses are detained at the Council contracted Pound for five days to allow any horse owner to make themselves known to the Council and reclaim them. If its owner does not reclaim the horse after five days, it is re-homed to a horse charity. Seizures of stray horses are scheduled regularly, in response complaints, where Garda support is available



Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.



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Regeneration, Sport & Recreation Directorate  
Limerick City and County Council

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## MEETING OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

### **Question submitted by Councillor J Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) How much has been spent in years 2023, 2024 and 2025 on renewal and maintenance works to Askeaton Swimming Pool, and (b) what subvention was given towards the Pool's operation in each of its last 5 years trading.

### **REPLY:**

Breakdown of expenditure on renewal and maintenance works are listed as follows: -

<b>Renewal &amp; Maintenance Costs Breakdown</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Value</b>
2023	€510,190.81
2024	€1,585,293.75
2025	€381,105.31

Subvention for the pool's operation in each of the last 5 years trading are listed as follows: -

<b>Subvention</b>	
2018	€ 100,000.00
2019	€ 110,000.00
2020	€ 140,000.00
2021	€ 140,000.00
2022	€ 140,000.00

*Louise Magner*

Louise Magner,  
Administrative Officer,  
Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate.



## **COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on any additional resources given by Government for Limerick winter maintenance programme in 2025 and will additional resources be required if needed later in year.

### **Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council has been collating the costs associated with the last cold weather event and will be making funding submissions to the Dept. of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) shortly.

We have ongoing communication with the Department of Transport and TII in relation to Winter Maintenance and throughout if additional resources are required, we will be making funding submissions to them as needed.

**John Gannon, S.E.,**  
**Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,**  
**Transportation & Mobility Directorate**  
**Date: 23/01/2025**



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## **COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting that this Council provide a breakdown of the current number of legally registered short-term lets (e.g. Airbnb's) for each of the Limerick City and County Local Electoral Areas.

### **Reply:**

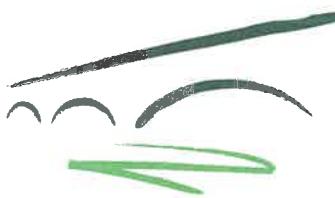
It is not permitted to rent an entire property for short term letting (less than 14 days); as all of Limerick City and County Council's administrative area has been a Rent Pressure Zone since 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Consequently, the Planning Authority does not have a breakdown of legally registered short-term lettings.

The Planning Authority investigates cases of potential short-term letting notified to it under the enforcement provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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**Nuala O'Connell,  
Senior Planner,  
Planning & Place-Making.**

**Date: 23/01/2025**



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**MEETING OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

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

I will ask at the next Meeting can Limerick Library Headquarters please provide a full annual breakdown of the number of service users, and the number of library loans issued, at each location serviced by the Mobile Library over the past 5 years since January 2020.

**REPLY:**

All 31 library authorities in Ireland use a single unified library management system, hosted by Dublin City Public Library, which tracks service users and loans across all library branches and mobile libraries nationwide. This system offers significant benefits, including

- Cost-Effectiveness and Efficiencies
- Shared expertise
- Innovations such as the facility for patrons to use their local library card to borrow and return their books at any branch library or mobile across the country.
- The system also allows patrons access to a total of 13 million stock items held in the Irish Public Library system.

The National Library Management System does not record statistics for individual mobile library stops as it treats each mobile library service as a single entity. Therefore a breakdown of statistics for individual mobile stops is not recorded by the library management system.

Damien Brady  
Limerick City & County Librarian  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025