



**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday 17th February 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor D. Butler

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the latest progress update following my passed motion for a sensory garden in the walled garden in Mungret over six months ago.

Response

The Council has held a number of discussions with internal departments in the Council in relation to the proposal of a Sensory Garden at the Walled Garden site in Mungret. The proposal has also been raised at the Senior Capital Group meeting. The matter is still under consideration as there is also a request from the Housing Department for residential use of this site.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

13th February 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the proposed bus route to Mungret Community College, Gaelscoil An Raithín and Limerick East Educate Together be implemented without further delay.

Reply:

The improvements as described are expected to be in place by 2027 under works provided in conjunction with NTA & Bus Eireann once the necessary facilities are in place including bus stop improvements, and the required resources to serve the increased buses and routes.

Hugh McGrath C.Eng | Senior Engineer
Head of Strategy & Delivery
Transport & Mobility Directorate
13th February 2025.



METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17.02.25

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will works start on the St. Enda's Building for the state of the art sports facility and will residents and community groups be permitted to use the facility.

REPLY:

A Call for Tenders for Design Team Services for the project was published in January 2025. Submissions from Design Teams are currently being assessed with a view to an appointment of a Design Team to progress the Sports and Educational Campus at Kilmallock Road. This follows the Stage 1 Approval received last year from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). Upon appointment of the Design Team, the Council intends to progress a Stage 2 DHLGH application, and upon receipt of Stage 2 Approval, a relevant Planning submission will be made. Progression to each Stage of the project's development is dependent on the appropriate DHLGH stage and associated funding approval.

Completed facilities will be accessible to residents and community groups on bookable / timetabled slots, costs of which will be determined at a later stage.

Fiona McCormack
Fiona McCormack,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate.



11th February, 2025

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17th February, 2025

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery:

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick Council advise why the CCTV is not working on the Old Cork Road and when will it be reinstated.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council's Digital Services CCTV team is responsible for the installation and operation of Community CCTV cameras, with the primary objective of maintaining public order and safety. Under Section 38 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005, the Garda Commissioner has the authority to approve the presence of such cameras, ensuring that each scheme or individual location is justified, proportionate, and necessary.

The CCTV infrastructure installed at the junction of Crossagalla and Bawnmore Road are not operational. Following the Data Protection Commissioner's review of CCTV in Limerick, Limerick City and County Council and An Garda Síochána reviewed over 400 cameras, including this location, to ensure compliance with An Garda Síochána Act, Data Protection Act, G.D.P.R and The Law Enforcement Directive. It was determined that cameras at this location did not meet the required criteria of being justified, proportionate, and necessary.

As a result, the CCTV at this location is not authorised for operation under An Garda Síochána Act.

Alan Dooley,
Head of I.S. - Digital Strategy – 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 the Roads Department advise if a drainage scheme is planned for under the bridge on the approach to the Old Cork Road, as it is constantly flooding.

Reply:

Cleaning, jetting and maintenance works to the drainage network of this area is ongoing by the Limerick City and County Council Road operational team. Additional drainage gullies will also be installed in this area where required once funding for this year's drainage grant is confirmed.

**Mike Richardson, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
13th February 2025.**



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if sites can be identified for the construction of new Community Centres for Raheen / Mungret / Dooradoyle, given the extent of new housing and the very significant population increase in these areas.

REPLY:

The Council owned land that currently accommodates Dooradoyle Men's Shed Group is being explored. As part of the overall project a community group/organisation needs to be identified which is prerequisite for the sustainability of any such centre. Provision has now been made under the Development Fund Allocations 2024 to support the pre development costs in certain areas including the Raheen/Mungret/Dooradoyle area which is essential to progress such projects.

**SEAMUS O'CONNOR
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed upgrade to the Mackey Roundabout and the timeline of these proposed works.

Reply:

The lands at the Mackey junction were purchased in partnership with the NTA to facilitate the development of the M7 J28 Mackey Junction Upgrade Scheme and a Park and Ride Scheme. Limerick City and County Council is working in conjunction with the NTA Park and Ride Design team to develop the project with the intention of applying for planning permission in 2025. The M7 J28 Mackey Junction Upgrade Scheme will be developed once funding is secured.

Natasha McGarry

Senior Executive Engineer

Transportation & Mobility Directorate

12th February 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on behalf of the Residents of Ballinacurra Gardens, where the entrance stone to Baggott Estate, erected back in 2014, has disappeared to and can it be reinstated immediately.

Response

The Council has investigated the missing stone plaque at Baggott Estate and wish to advise that the plaque has not been removed by the Council as part of any works undertaken in Baggott Estate. The Council were not aware that the plaque had been removed.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

13th February 2025



11th February, 2025

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17th February, 2025

Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale:

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the rollout of CCTV in Garryowen.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council's Digital Services CCTV team submitted a Community CCTV application for the City Centre East (Garryowen, Killalee, Johnsgate) area to An Garda Síochána on Friday, 30th August 2024.

Subsequently, on Friday, 11th October 2024, Limerick City and County Council's Head of Digital Strategy and the Data Protection Officer, plus the Chief Superintendent of the Limerick Division of An Garda and one of his team, made a presentation on this proposal to the Garda CCTV Advisory Committee for their consideration seeking authorisation under An Garda Síochána Act 2005.

The application is currently under review by the Garda Commissioner's team and are awaiting a response.

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



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Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of presentations to the homeless action team for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and for the number of available beds for the same period.

REPLY:

Below is a record by year for new presentations to the Homeless Action Team along with a summary of the placement and bed spaces previously provided and set out in the Director General's monthly reports for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

There will be a variance between new presentations and existing placements accounting for previous presentations already being placed and also there will be exits from placements throughout the year.

New Presentations Placed in Emergency Accommodation		
Year	Singles	Families
2022	118	131
2023	147	87
2024	137	116

Below is a summary of the number of Families and Singles placed in December of 2022, 2023 and 2024 as per the Executive Reports which are published monthly by Limerick City and County Council.

This is a demand led service and as such the Homeless Action team regularly review the demand and the supply of beds for singles and families who are in need of and eligible for a service. During periods of high demand such as winter we work closely with our NGO partners to increase capacity in Hostels across the City to cater for increased demand.

December 10/12/2024		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	37
Oak Lodge	Adults accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	77
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
St Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	66
TEP Edenvilla	Mixed low threshold night by night accommodation	17
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for singles	10
Total		238

December 10/12/2024		
Families		
Location	Description	No. of Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency Accommodation	5
Hotel/ B&B	Families	82
Twin Oaks Hub	Family Hub	10
Total		97

December 08/12/2023		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	29
Oak Lodge	Adults accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	67
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
St Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	4
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	34
TEP Edenvilla	Mixed low threshold night by night accommodation	16
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for singles	11
Total		184

December 08/12/2023		
Families		
Location	Description	No. of Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency Accommodation	6
Hotel/ B&B	Families	54
Twin Oaks Hub	Family Hub	10
Total		70

December 01/12/2022		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	36
Oak Lodge	Adults accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	58

Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	6
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	17
TEP Edenvilla	Mixed low threshold night by night accommodation	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for singles	10
Total		164

December 01/12/2022		
Families		
Location	Description	No. of Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency Accommodation	6
Hotel/ B&B	Families	60
Twin Oaks Hub	Family Hub	10
Total		76

Mary Hayes

Mary Hayes
 Senior Executive Officer
 Housing Support Services
 14th February 2025



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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17th February, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on a motion that was passed on 8 July 2019 with reference to a safety barrier and footpath that were to be put in place between Brick Lodge and the roundabout on the N69 at Clarina Village, where there have been numerous fatalities at this location over the years.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council is awaiting confirmation from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to proceed with the design and associated funding applications for this project. The contract is expected to go to tender once all land agreements have been secured by the Council and funding has been granted by TII. We will continue to monitor the progress of this scheme and provide updates as they become available.

John Gannon,

Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 12/02/2025



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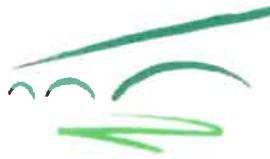
Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the provision of bodycams for traffic wardens given a motion on same was passed unanimously.

Reply:

Body worn cameras have now been purchased. Training on the use of this equipment is scheduled to take place in the coming days after which a 6 month pilot on their use by Traffic Wardens will commence.

Liam Brown, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
12th February 2025.



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Question submitted by Councillor S.Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit for O'Connell Street be completed and made available to Elected Members of this Council.

Reply:

The O'Connell Street Road Safety Audit Stage 3 is currently in 'draft working form'.

The Council Engineering team are currently reviewing the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit Report with the Scheme Design Team (ARUP) to address the items highlighted by the Road Safety Audit Team.

It is expected that this will be concluded over the next couple of months and a final report agreed.

Vincent Murray

Director of Services

Planning and Placemaking

13th February 2025



REPLY TO QUESTION

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what projects have been submitted by Limerick City and County Council to the Department under the Historic Structures Fund.

Response

Limerick City and County Council's Conservation section have submitted the maximum number of projects to the Department for consideration under the Historic Structure Fund.

- 3 Public Projects.
 - a. Mortuary Chapel, Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.
 - b. Former Garda Station, Mary Street.
 - c. 1916 Memorial, Sarsfield Bridge.
- 3 Private Projects.
 - d. Adare Village Hall.
 - e. Former Fever Hospital, Adare.
 - f. Croom Railway Shed.

All projects relate to Protected Structures, and have engaged competent and accredited conservation professionals. All of the projects were considered to meet the criteria for H.S.F. applications, as set out in the guidance circular, issued by the Department, which is as follows:

- a) Significance of the Structure.
- b) Efficacy of the Grant in Achieving the Aims of the Historic Structures Fund.
- c) Quality of the Methodology and Technical Merit of the Works Proposed.
- d) Contribution of the Proposed Works to Keeping the Structure in Use, or Bringing it Back to Use.
- e) Broader public or community benefit of the project.

Maria Woods
Senior Planner



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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 Community Liaison Committee due to be established for the Mungret/Raheen/Dooradoyle area as stipulated in the planning conditions in respect to Irish Cement.

REPLY:

As stipulated in the decision under PL91.248285 of An Bord Pleanála in respect to Irish Cement Ltd. a Community Liaison Committee is to be set up to manage and operate a community gain fund for the benefit of the community in the general catchment area. The stipulation provides for two no. Elected Members to be on the committee and this will be considered at a Local Area Briefing of the City West Electoral Area.

**SEAMUS O'CONNOR
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**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
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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 all environmental remedial work carried out in the Loughmore Canal and Common in last year and what ongoing remediation works will be completed in 2025.

Response

Limerick City and County Council received a complaint in June 2021 alleging pollution of the Loughmore Canal, which initiated a comprehensive investigation under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977.

Initial investigations revealed elevated readings of Zinc and Phosphorus.

Over the past several years, LCCC has undertaken a variety of detailed investigations to understand the source and nature of these elevated readings. These actions have included site surveys, dye testing, water quality sampling, flow monitoring, and CCTV surveys. In 2024, LCCC remained proactive in tackling the issue, continuing their investigations and introducing new measures to improve the sampling process.

The Council has continued to undertake monthly water quality sampling at two key locations along the canal: at the outfall and downstream. In November & December 2024, the sampling procedure was upgraded from grab samples to composite samples in order to get an accurate reflection of the water quality entering and leaving the canal. This change is expected to provide a more representative understanding of the water quality.

The water quality monitoring results from November and December 2024 showed an improvement with no elevated levels of Phosphorus and Zinc, indicating a positive trend that may reflect the effectiveness of the Council's ongoing efforts.

Additionally, LCCC has been actively engaging with businesses both internal and external to the business park linked to the storm sewer system. The Council has been issuing notices under the Water Pollution Act 1977 when necessary. In 2024, 77 inspections of businesses were conducted, and 26 notices were issued. The primary issues identified included the improper discharge of wastewater from activities like power washing vehicles on-site, discharges from ventilation equipment to the storm sewer, and other minor misconnections.



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The EPA has also been involved engaging directly with the licensed sites in Raheen Industrial estate regarding their discharges into the storm sewer. The EPA are currently preparing a report on their findings which we hope will be completed in the next few weeks.

Furthermore, landowners have submitted an independent report, prepared by Tetra Tech, to assess the impact of the storm discharge on the Loughmore Canal and surrounding lands. To ensure a thorough evaluation of this report, LCCC has appointed consultants to review the Tetra Tech report, with the aim of assessing its findings and determining the appropriate next steps for further action.

Looking ahead to 2025 we plan to continue the monthly sampling program, reviewing the results regularly and adapting the approach as necessary. We will also be reviewing the report from the EPA once it is received and will take appropriate actions based on its findings. Additionally, with the completion of the review report from the appointed consultants, LCCC will implement any necessary actions recommended.

LCCC remains committed to liaising with businesses discharging into the canal, ensuring that they adhere to best practices. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and adjust its approaches as needed.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

13th February 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many presentation of bins warnings and fines have been given in Limerick city centre in the last 5 years.

Response

In the last 5 years 114 warnings and 172 fines have been issued for Presentation of Waste offences in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of Metropolitan Council that this Council provide a status report on the 2GoCup scheme and whether there is any plan to extend it in 2025.

Response

The current 2GoCup scheme is part of a wider National project i.e. MyWaste Green hub - Phase 2. There is a further MyWaste Green Hub planned for Phase 3 in Limerick City Centre.

The objective of the MyWaste Green Hub projects is to –

- (1) Promote the FREE www.mywaste.ie/business toolkit which assists the business community to properly separate their waste and so promote the circular economy
- (2) Minimise waste and encourage a move to reusable items instead of single use again to promote the circular economy.

The MyWaste project is ongoing and progressing steadily with businesses being visited on an individual basis by a waste advisor. A number of coffee outlets in Limerick have decided independently to move to reusables in support of sustainability. This initiative is supported by the ongoing distribution to the public of reusable coffee cups by Limerick City and County Council throughout Limerick city and county.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

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Question submitted by Councillor Shane Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on any public art works that have been approved and are scheduled for completion in 2025.

REPLY:

A three year biodiversity mural project in Limerick city and county has been approved for funding from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This project is being developed and delivered in partnership with Draw Out Limerick, Planning and Placemaking and Limerick's biodiversity officer. Work is continuing on identifying suitable locations and by the end of 2025 it is anticipated that a number of biodiversity murals in Limerick city centre will have been completed. This public art project aims to create high impact, true to life, high quality biodiversity artworks.

Etain McCooey
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Coordinator



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the motion passed at the May 2023 Metropolitan District meeting "that this Council draft a maintenance plan for Patrickswell Village and put the resource in place to action this plan once Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme is completed later this year."

Reply:

The Council's Operational Departments are currently finalising plans for the future maintenance of the Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme once the contract maintenance period expires this year.

**John Gannon, S.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
13th February 2025.**

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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed new City Centre Library to include most up to date quantity surveyor costings and details on any funding applications submitted.

Reply:

In June 2015, Limerick City and County Council submitted an application to the Department of Community and Rural Development for funding of €5m, which was the maximum grant allowable, under the **Libraries Capital Programme 2016-2021** for a new city library for Limerick on the Opera site.

In February 2016, an initial sum of funding of €2m was approved and ring-fenced by the Department for the design and development of the project.

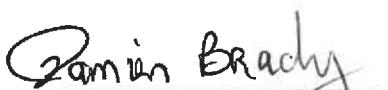
In July 2018, Stage 1 Approval in Principle application was submitted to the Department and subsequently approved in February 2019.

In May 2023, a comprehensive Stage 2 application for the planned Limerick City Library was submitted to the Department under the **Libraries Capital Programme 2023 – 2027**.

In April 2024, the Department announced the approval of 11 capital projects for funding. However, Limerick was not included on this list.

We were informed that, while the Stage 2 Design Plan submitted for the new Limerick City Library was approved, the project was placed on a waiting list for future funding due to the limited availability of current Library Capital Funding.

In November 2024, Limerick 2030 issued the tender for the New City Library and the adjoining office development. As this is a live tender process the projected costs for this project are commercially sensitive.



Damien Brady
City and County Librarian
Date: 12th February 2025